

**Glory Only in Christ**  
**1 Corinthians 1:25-31**

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**I. The person God calls. 1 Corinthians 1:25-26**

*"Salvation is not the achievement of human wisdom; it is the embrace of God's \_\_\_\_\_, unexpected act of love at Calvary". (Guzik)*

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of sin does not matter when compared to God's perfection. **James 2:10**
2. \_\_\_\_\_ person ever born has committed a sin against God.
3. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ for the sin we have committed.
4. There is a way to \_\_\_\_\_ the cost of our sin.

**II. No boasting in the natural man. 1 Corinthians 1:27-29**

The Lord uses the foolish things of the world, to show the wise they need the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, in order to obtain a right standing before Him.

- The Law of Moses shows us our sin problem, but the Law does not provide the cure to our sin problem; only \_\_\_\_\_ can save us from our sin problem. **Romans 8:3**

*"If we glory in men, even godly men like Peter and Paul and Apollos, we are \_\_\_\_\_ God of the glory that He alone deserves." (Wiersbe)*

**III. In Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:30**

We add nothing to our salvation because we are in Christ and He is the fullness of God; and we are \_\_\_\_\_ in Him. **Colossians 2:10**

1. **Wisdom** according to vine's dictionary is a "\_\_\_\_\_ intelligence, such as belongs to God, to Christ".
2. \_\_\_\_\_ according to vine's dictionary is "The state of him who is as he ought to be, righteousness, the condition acceptable to God".
3. **Sanctification** according to vine's means "To be **sanctified** is to be purified, "\_\_\_\_\_ ", holy, or consecrated".
4. **Redemption** according to vine's means "Deliverance liberation procured by the payment of a \_\_\_\_\_".

**IV. Glory in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 1:31**

The word used for **glory** can be translated as \_\_\_\_\_; which seems to contradict the clear teaching of the Bible, to not **boast**.

- When something of \_\_\_\_\_ value happens through one of Christ's servants, Christ alone deserves the glory.

**Small Group Discussion**

*Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?*

1. Read **1 Corinthians 1:25-29**. How does Paul advance his argument regarding God's purpose or reason for the folly of the cross?
2. Discuss the four Biblical truths from point I. of the sermon note sheet.  
**2 Corinthians 13:5, James 2:10, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23**
3. *What purpose of God is accomplished through the gospel according to 1 Corinthians 1:29? Why is there no room for the natural man to boast about their salvation?*  
**Isaiah 55:8-9, 1 John 2:16-17, Romans 8:3, Galatians 3:24-25, Ephesians 2:8-10, 1 Corinthians 3:20-21**
4. *What do the words, "In Christ" mean?*  
**John 17:20-23, Colossians 1:26-27, Colossians 2:10, 2 Corinthians 2:14, 2 Corinthians 5:15, Ephesians 2:13**
5. Read **1 Corinthians 1:30**. Discuss the four attributes, qualities, truths and realities that Christ has become to us.  
**John 3:16-17, Proverbs 1:7, 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 1:2, Colossians 1:14**
6. Read **1 Corinthians 1:31**. *Why is Jesus the One who deserves the glory?*  
**James 1:16-17, 2 Timothy 3:1-2, Jeremiah 9:23-24, Isaiah 42:8**