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¹ **Paul called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ** / translators often are challenged how best to state words clearly in the proper syntax of the new language; Dr. Gene Scott pointed out what this Greek phrase says... as well as due to the precision of the language... what it is hoping to tell us:

Paulos, **kletos**, **apostolos** **Christou** **Iesou** = if you call me **Paul**, then call me **Called**, and call me **Apostled** ... **from Christ**, **from Jesus**.

Paul, Called, Apostled of Christ Jesus / the Messiah through the will of God / not my will; not your will... His will be done, right? **and Sosthenes our brother**,



² **to the assenbly of God that is at Corinth** / in Greek: ekklesia, this word was used only 3 times in the gospels, solely by Jesus... when He said: I will build My Church. There is only one church... His!

to those set apart in Christ Jesus, called saints, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours / in Greek: **hagiazō**... set apart for God's purposes. The night Jesus was betrayed, He prayed... Father, sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth. / **hagios**, closely related to **hagiazō**... words, that seem to have lost their meaning, especially since most people think saints are dead! But Paul writes to living saints, in a very broken world; Jesus is their Lord:

³ **Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ** / the **Messiah** / God is no longer angry with us! That's good news!

⁴ **I always thank my God for you, for the grace of God given you in Jesus Christ** / this grace power is a gift, generously given;

⁵ **that in every way, in all speech, in all knowledge** / Philips translated this: from the words of your lips, to the understanding in your hearts; **you are enriched in Him**.

⁶ **even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you** / the powerful message of Messiah putting His life on the line... like the hardening of a foundation... established and solidified in you:

⁷ **so that you do not lack any spiritual gift as you wait for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ** / clearly, God has not shorted you in the gift of His Spirit:

⁸ **He will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ** / He will see that you remain, established, firmly founded... and spotless until He comes in great power and glory.

⁹ **God is faithful** / Paul will write at the end of this letter: You be faithful, too,

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He called you into the fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord / the word is: **koinonia**... the valuable community; this great gathering... like the jar full of different coins: pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters...this great edifice He is building, where only 2 or 3 gather in His Name!

¹⁰ **Now I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you speak the same thing** / Paul says, Can you get on the same page?

and there are no divisions among you / to the Ephesians Paul wrote: [there is one Lord, one faith, one birth](#). Dr. Dallas Willard USC, reminds us the world recognizes one geometry... how unfortunate they can't recognize the one church our Lord is building;

but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose / joined together; [have this same mind that was in Christ Jesus](#); learn how Jesus thinks; learn what He has to say.

¹¹ **For it has been reported to me of you, my brothers and sisters, by those of Chloe's house, that there are contentions among you** / Paul had heard some crazy rivalries were going on in the church at Corinth. There are people who love to argue... things in the church haven't changed much.

¹² **This is what I hear, that one of you says, I am of Paul; or I am of Apollos; or I am of Cephas; or I belong to Christ** / notice how Jesus, the Lord of glory gets pulled down to the level of these people; like Peter did with Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration... when a voice from heaven... had enough and said: [Shut up Peter! This is My beloved Son; listen to Him!](#)

¹³ **Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were you baptized in the name of Paul?** / during his famous **table talks**, Martin Luther noticed his students, who tended to lean on his every word... so occasionally, he humorously chided them, if he needed to repeat anything! Paul says...

¹⁴ **I thank God that I baptized none of you** but Crispus and Gaius; / which is sort of abrupt, isn't it? I mean, baptism, is like Holy Communion, isn't it? Where are the words: Holy Communion, or Holy Land, or Trinity, or Christmas found in the bible? They are all interesting concepts, we make void the word of God by our hocus pocus, don't we? Baptism by water, is not baptism by fire and the Spirit,

¹⁵ **so that no one can say they were baptized in my name** / and it seems as if Paul while writing thinks of a few more folks and say: Oh, yeah...

¹⁶ **and I baptized the household of Stephanas: but besides them, I do not recall baptizing another.**

¹⁷ **For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel** / the Messiah sent Paul to do what He did; to preach His Good News: **not with elegant words of wisdom**, so that **the cross of Christ be made void** / be emptied of its effect; Paul said, not with clever speech; canceling what happened on the cross. As Daniel said, [it was not his wisdom; there is a God in heaven who reveals... and makes known](#),

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¹⁸ **for the preaching of the cross** / the: **it is finished** work of Jesus Christ the Messiah; the cross where Jesus shouted: Paid in full!; not a fictitious cross preached by some self-righteous, condemnation folk... who would love to nail you and me to their invented cross; Jesus + **something**. No! the one Jesus died on and shouted, It is finished! That cross! And it eloquently speaks volumes.

is **foolishness** to those who are perishing / **moria**, ... the cross is silliness and stupidity;

but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹ For it is written, **I will destroy the wisdom of the wise**, and will set aside the intelligence of the intelligent / the Lord says, [I will render useless the discernment of the discerning](#) -- **Isaiah 19:14**.

²⁰ **Where is the wise** / the great philosophers?

where is the scribe / the great literati? / who do you consider wise? a highly educated professional?

where is the debater of this world? / the great orators; usually critics with the loudest mouths;

hasn't God not made foolish the wisdom of this world?

²¹ **For since in God's wisdom...** the world did not know God through its **wisdom** / well there you have it! So for millennia; all the stupidity peddled in graduate classes, lots of monkey business going on. But God knew; He's not surprised at man's stupidity; none of their human genius is required,

So it pleased God / God is getting on man's page: speaking from their ridiculous, silly point of view. **by the foolishness of preaching of the cross of Christ... to save them who believe** / those who act and trust God... and take Him at His word; especially with regard to what happened on that cross.

²² **For the chosen Jewish people require a sign/** although none would be given, [except the 3 days and 3 night of Jonah](#).

and the Greeks / the Hellenists **seek after wisdom** / closely related to father Israel, Paul would tell us today: those hard heads who still put God on trial, who ignore His word, while wanting to be dazzled: brilliant Hellenists; they love to hear what is new! They gave the world the Septuagint, the Greek bible, the KJV of the time! Once a brilliant world culture! It makes you wonder what happened, doesn't it?!

²³ **but we preach Christ crucified** to the chosen Jewish people, a stumbling block and to the Greeks it is sheer foolishness / we preach His finished work; our substitute, in His death on the cross, they still are chosen; fortunately, less are stumbling over the cross. Check out: [One For Israel](#); the many testimonies are exciting; while the Hellenists, and all the other groups, they say: Don't bother!

²⁴ **Yet to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks** / those who heard the call to them,

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Christ / the Messiah is the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

²⁵ **Because the foolishness of God / the stupidity of God if there was such a thing is wiser than human wisdom; and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength /** NFL doesn't play against high school junior varsity.

²⁶ **Brothers and sisters, consider your calling, how not many were wise from the human point of view, not many powerful, not many noble after the flesh / *sarx*, after the paper thin covering, Paul says, even the Corinthians knew did not comprise an illustrious group:**

²⁷ **instead God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; and what is weak in the world, to shame the strong;**

²⁸ **and God chose what is not important and despised in the world – what is viewed as nothing, to bring to nothing what was viewed as something:**

²⁹ **that no one may boast in God's presence / *kauchaomai*, it's in the middle voice, which means for the individual's benefit : to glory, to brag... the favorite pastime of mankind; not before God.**

³⁰ **But by His doing that you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom from God for us -- His right doing, and setting apart, and deliverance:**

³¹ **in order as it is written, He who boasts, let him boast in the Lord -- Jeremiah 9:24.** Paul says...Whoever wants to be proud, good! Be proud of the LORD. Whoever wants to brag... go for it! Brag about the LORD!

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