

Sunday, February 28, 2021

The Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-21 and 2: 1-5 and 2 Corinthians 4: 7

1 Corinthians 1: 18-21

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, 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 the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach[a] to save those who believe.

1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

¹ And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

2 Corinthians 4:7

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

The Sermon

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**The Ministry of the Cross - This Treasure - God's Power
God's Church: A Called Community of Differents**

- I. Not Human Weakness but Divine Power - God's Treasure as True Influence
- II. Not Human Intelligence but Divine - God's Treasure as a Far Better Wisdom
- III. Not Cliques and Factions but Divine - God's Treasure as as a Glorious and Eternal Outcome