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Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Title: We preach Crucified Jesus

Introduction: Today everything is business. One main marketing strategy is to give what the customer wants. But Gospel preaching is unique, same, never changes, and no one can change it.

i. We preach Crucified Christ:

Paul says, "We preach Crucified Christ". V. 22 - Jews demand signs and miracles. Matthew 12:38, Mark 8:11; Luke 11: 16, John 2: 18... "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

ii. Paul's reaction to Jewish understanding of Jesus:

"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom" 1 Cor 1:18-22

iii. Why preached Jesus Christ alone?

Two things can be noticed:

1. The uniqueness of His person.



-Luke 4:46-48. At the age of twelve, he was sitting among the teachers of the law and asking questions and everyone was astonished.

- Matthew 8:27 And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"

-John 7:46 The officers answered, "No one ever spoke like this man!"

2. The uniqueness of His death.



"We preach Jesus Christ who was crucified" 1 Corinthians 1:23

Notice unique features of His death:

- a. It was a voluntary death. – Not by force or even chance. John 10: 17, 18; Luke 23: 46 – gave up life.
- b. It was the most painful death yet consciously suffered. Matthew 27: 33, 34.
- c. It was a graceful death. Luke 23: 34, 43. No hatred, no vengeance, no regret.... even as they beat, removes cloth, spat upon, etc.
- d. It was a victorious death. I Corinthians 15:56, "For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Conclusion:

All who have come to Jesus realize that:

- He is the power.
- He is the wisdom of God.

What is your need today?