
EVANGELISM AND CHURCH GROWTH:

Proclaiming the Full Power of the Cross of Christ for
the Establishment and Edification of the Church

Opening Remarks:

Overview:

Section I: The Substance of the Gospel - 1:18-25
Section II: The Subjects of the Gospel - 1:26-31
Section III: The Statement of the Gospel - 2:1-5

Reading the Text:

1Corinthians 1:26-31 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. (27) But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; (28) God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, (29) so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. (30) And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, (31) so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Exposition of the Text:

Section II: The Subjects of the Gospel

Observation 1: A Consideration is Demanded - v.26a

Observation 2: A Condition is Described - v.26b

Observation 3: A Choice is Determined - vs.27-28

Observation 4: A Consequence is Detailed - vs.29-31