

## Foolishness - Cont.

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5:38-48; Romans 12:17-21). What person wouldn't want to "get back" at their enemies in revenge?

Promoting only one body and one church is foolishness (Ephesians 4:4-6). Why try this when we all know that there are too many religions to be unified?

Staying married for life is foolishness (Matthew 19:6; Romans 7:2-3). Who can actually do this and who wants just one relationship when you can have many in a life time?

### Why Foolishness?

Why are Bible matters often considered foolishness to many people? Well, mankind leans upon their own understanding instead upon what God says (Proverbs 3:5). To them, it's all about what they "think" and "feel" instead of what is true. Second, man's ways are not God's ways (Isaiah 55:8-9). Their ideas don't match up with God's word. Third, mankind makes God in his own image (Romans 1:22-23). They make up their own truth. Friends, are you willing to believe God's truth and become "fools for Christ's sake" (1 Corinthians 4:10)? Do it today while you can! - *Chris Reeves*

## Sentence Sermons

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- You don't have to worry about traffic jams on the narrow road that leads to eternal life.
- You might evade responsibility, but you cannot escape responsibility.
- It is better to refuse a request than to make a promise you cannot keep.
- Life is like a bank, you get out of it what you put into it.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

# The Foolishness of God

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*Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*  
- 1 Corinthians 1:25 -

The Apostle Paul's preaching was often rejected because it did not match up with the wisdom of the world. You see this when Paul was at Athens (Acts 17), at Corinth (Acts 18), and at Ephesus (Acts 19). Paul was even mocked at Athens when he preached a gospel that talked about a resurrected Jesus (Acts 17:32).

When Paul wrote later to the Corinthians, he described his preaching as "foolishness" to the worldly wise (1 Corinthians 1:18,21,23,25,27; 2:14; 3:18,19). Many people thought the gospel was foolish, so Paul called it the "foolishness of God" in 1 Corinthians 1:25. But, the thing that the people called foolish, was the very thing that could save them if they would believe it and obey it! The people who thought they were wise, were actually the foolish ones for not believing and obeying the gospel. Oh, the irony.

Today, much of the Bible teaching is "foolish" to many. People today say that matters in the Bible "don't make sense" to them. They will call Bible

matters ignorant, foolish, backwoods, antiquated, unenlightened, uneducated, barbaric, racist, misogynistic, primitive, mystic, etc. The fact is, people like this can call the Bible whatever they want, but it does not change the fact that God said it and it is true.

## **"Foolish" Things in the Old Testament**

Some people today and in Noah's day would say that building an ark and a coming flood is foolish (Gen. 6:14ff; 2 Peter 2:5).

Some people today and in Moses' day would say that making a brazen serpent to cure a snakebite is foolish (Num. 21:4ff; Jn. 3:14-15).

Some people today and in Joshua's day would say that marching around Jericho for seven days is foolish (Josh. 6:3ff).

Some people today and in Elisha's day would say that going and washing in the Jordan River seven times to cure leprosy is foolish (2 K. 5:1ff).

## **"Foolish" Things in the New Testament**

The same type of people who would

say these Old Testament events were foolish, would also say some New Testament teachings are foolish. For example, following a crucified man is foolish (1 Corinthians 1:18ff). Why would I want to give my life to a weak man who allowed himself to get killed?

Being baptized for the remission of sins is foolish (Acts 2:38; 22:16). How can water wash away sin?

Singing without an instrument is foolish (Colossians 3:16). Why sing without one when singing with one sounds so much better?

Having more than one elder and not ruling beyond the local church is foolish (1 Peter 5:2). Why not have one man who can rule over a larger area at one time?

Focusing on saving souls without meeting other needs is foolish (Luke 19:10). Why not take care of every need of every person?

Enforcing strict rules and authority is foolish (Acts 5). Why not loosen up and allow more freedom?

Loving your enemies and not engaging in revenge is foolish (Matthew