

*Paul's Epistle of*

# 1<sup>st</sup> CORINTHIANS

84<sup>th</sup> Street church of Christ – March - May, 2022



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- Paul's presentation of the gospel (v.1-5)
  - Paul's presentation of the message did not point to himself (v.1-3)
    - Not with excellence of speech or wisdom – v.1
    - Not with persuasive words of human wisdom – v.4
    - He was with them in weakness, fear, and trembling – v.3



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- Paul's presentation of the gospel (v.1-5)
  - Paul's presentation of the message pointed to God (v.4-5)
    - He presented Christ and Him crucified – v.2
    - The words he spoke were in demonstration of the Spirit and power – v.4
    - This was so their faith would be in the power of God – v.5

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  - The wisdom Paul spoke (v.6-9)
    - Not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age – v.6
    - The wisdom of God – v.7
      - Spoken in a mystery, the hidden wisdom ordained before the ages by God (v.7)
    - The elite do not understand this wisdom, if they did, they would not have crucified Christ – v.8
    - God has prepared it for those who love Him – v.9

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  - God has revealed wisdom to man through His Spirit – the source of revelation (v.10-13)
    - The Spirit searches the deep things of God – v.10
    - No one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God – v.11
    - The Spirit of God has revealed the things freely given by God – v.12
    - These are the things Paul spoke – v.13
      - It was not of man's wisdom but that which the Holy Spirit teaches (v.13)



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- Spiritual wisdom and its source (v.6-13)
  - The one who receives revelation from God (v.14-16)
    - The natural man (physical/sensual) does not receive the revelation from God, it is foolishness to him – v.14
    - The spiritual man receives the revelation from God – v.15
    - We have been given revelation from God – v.16