

## Let us Glory in the Lord

(I Cor. 1:30-31)

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### I. Introduction ó

A. Title taken from I Cor. 1:31, where we read í (Read)

B. 2<sup>nd</sup> part of 2 messagesô the 1<sup>st</sup> having been brought last week where we considered verses 17-29 in a message titled, òChrist, the Power & Wisdom of God.ö I encourage you to consider that message if you haven't already as this message is a complement to it.

C. Background / Review:

1. Keep in mind that in verses 17 ó 29, Paul had already began this discussion concerning the Gospel and how God saves sinners thereby. In vs. 17, he calls it ò*the gospel.*” In vs. 18, the “*preaching of the cross.*” In vs. 23, he said to preach it was to preach “*Christ crucified.*” We often quote from the next chapter how Paul “...*determined not to know anything among* <them> *save* <except> *Jesus Christ and ....*ö
2. All these descriptions are referring to the specific message of the gospel and as we saw in vs. 21, “*it pleased God by the foolishness*” (what men by nature deem to be foolishness) ó the foolishness í *of preaching* <this same gospel> *to save them that believe*”
3. Summary of vss. 23-24: (Read and comment)
4. In vs. 29, we see why it is this way, (Read vs. 29).  
And this brings us to our text for today, vss. 30-31 where Paul shows how completely salvation is of the Lord so that for true believers, they discover no ground for boasting whatsoever but are brought to see that all of our hope, all of our boasting, all of our glorying is to be in the Lord.

### II. Reading and Commentary on Text (I Cor. 1:30-31)

A. Verse 30:

1. Herein we see not only that Christ is the wisdom, and the righteousness, and the sanctification, and the redemption of God's people (His church) but that God hath made Him so.
2. We can see how Christ was made all of this for us by God both objectively and subjectively:
  - (a) Our objective oneness with Christ: Consider how God the Father chose the elect in Christ, having covenanted with Him in eternity past to be their Representative so as to establish as a Substitute for us, through His obedience unto death at the cross ó all of these blessings mentioned here.

- (1) He is made our wisdom in that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are found in Him. For in what He accomplished in His finished work on the cross the wisdom of God is in full display as every attribute of God's character is engaged therein so as to be magnify Him in the salvation of sinners based solely upon His righteousness alone.
  - (2) He is made our righteousness by God's judicial imputation or accounting of all that He merited in His obedience unto death on the cross, righteousness, to our account.
  - (3) God's law and justice must pronounce us holy and acceptable based on the imputation of His righteousness and so we discover that at the cross not only was (1) God's wrath poured out upon Christ due to imputed sin so as to put away the guilt of our sins but (2) that He also removes the defilement of sin in having answered all that God requires for our acceptance before Him, both legally and morally. He is our sanctification, our holiness.
  - (4) He is our Redemption in that by His one sacrifice for sin, He paid all the debt that these (who are brought to believe) owed to God's law and justice so that God requires nothing of us in order to gain or maintain salvation. The ransom, the price has been paid. Redemption is not merely an attempt made ó but a payment paid!
- (b) Subjectively: And all that Christ is made unto the objects of God's everlasting love objectively, has its sure and certain effect and result in each and every one of them subjectively by the Holy Spirit. Now for one to confuse the Spirit's work in us as being something more than the fruit and effect of what Christ purchased for us would be in total contradiction to the gist of this passage we're looking at. Keep in mind why the revelation of God must be a fruit and effect of the work of God for us in Christ so as to point us solely to Christ and Him crucified ó why? verse 29 ó ***...that no flesh should glory in His presence.***
- (1) God's Spirit makes us wise unto salvation (as we've considered in all the verses leading up to this one). He is made unto us wisdom.
  - (2) God makes Christ our righteousness as He reveals Him and His way of salvation to us in the gospel and grants us faith and repentance. And along with that we possess a new motive for obedience, i.e. ó one of gratitude based upon the absolute certainty of salvation (even to final glory) based solely upon His righteousness having been imputed to us.
  - (3) And Christ being made our Sanctification objectively, results in our subjective worship where we find ourselves free to worship God, even to boldly approach His throne of grace in prayer knowing that we are fully accepted in the beloved!
  - (4) And Christ having redeemed us at Calvary, results in the subjective freedom and liberty of a willing and loving bond slave of Christ, a purchased possession, an adopted child of the King.

B. Verse 31: (Read vs. 31). Be turning to Jeremiah 9. And so we see that if God hath made Christ your wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, then all of your glorying (your boasting) is in the Lord. Again this is a quote from Jer. 9:24 where we see plainly what it means to boast in the Lord. There it reads, ***“But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.”***

### III. Summary:

God’s glory is wrapped up in what He, the God-man exercised in the earth ó not in anything you or I might exercise or do, or even imagine ourselves to be enabled to do. We are not to glory even in our God-given faith. For God-given faith looks to what He alone exercised or did in the earth in His obedience unto death at the cross of Calvary. God made it that way consistent with His own design that He alone receives all glory. God will not share His glory.

As Paul wrote to the Romans, ***“For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever.”*** (Rom 11:36). So let us glory not in our wisdom (in the way that seems right to us), let us not glory in our might (imagining salvation to be in some way or to some degree conditioned on me the sinner), & let us not glory in our riches (thinking God’s temporal blessings upon us give us reason to imagine ourselves to be blessed eternally ó for He causes it to rain on the just and the unjust).

No, seeing that God put us in Christ and made Him our wisdom, our righteousness, our sanctification, and our redemption ó all that we need ó

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