

Demonstration of Spirit and Power

1 Cor 1:30—2:5

1 Corinthians 1:30 From God alone--have life _____ Christ Jesus.
God is _____ and power behind salvation.

In Christ Jesus: in _____, fellowship and communion with Christ Jesus. 2 Corinthians 5:17

who of God is made unto us: Because of power and authority of God—Christ became for us and _____ in us :

Supernaturally gave us, through His son, Jesus Christ:

1. Wisdom, at _____ of salvation,

See things from God's point of view

Practically _____ Biblical truth to life's situations.

Mac: God grants them His wisdom that He might be glorified, that it might be clearly seen that the wisdom Christians have is not their own but is by His power and grace.... Yet the simplest, most uneducated person who humbly places his life in Christ's hands is _____ the truth about all of these things. He knows what all the sages and philosophers of all time have never been able to discover or will ever be able to discover. He has God's wisdom as one of His Savior's precious gifts.

2 Corinthians 4:6

Instant and _____: Ephesians 1:17-18

2. Righteousness,

Right _____ with God.

God declares righteous and places His righteousness _____ me.

God looks on me--sees His Son

Romans 4:5 2 Corinthians 5:21

Unrighteousness _____ for Christ's righteousness

Christ's righteousness _____ his unrighteousness.

Philippians 3:9

3. Sanctification: set apart; holy.

Positional or _____ sanctification.

As grow in Lord --becomes ours practically or _____.

Gal 5:22-23 2 Cor 3:18. Eph 2:10

4. Redemption: to buy out of market place of _____; released/set free from bondage and penalty of sin

1 Peter 1:18-19

Wiersbe, 3 tenses of salvation

Righteousness: saved from _____ of sin

Sanctification: being saved from _____ of sin

Redemption: shall be _____ from _____ of sin

1 Corinthians 1:31 Main purpose of wisdom --He be _____.

Never able to boast before God because of _____ part in salvation.

Ephesians 2:8 Galatians 6:14

1 Corinthians 2:1 _____.

Why God uses weak things of world to confound wise

1. Approach

When first came to Corinth, not try _____ you with eloquence and philosophy and Greek rhetoric.

Wiersbe: The itinerant philosophers and teachers depended on their wisdom and eloquence to gain followers. The city of Corinth was filled with such "spellbinders." Paul did not depend on eloquent speech or clever arguments; he simply _____ God's Word in the power of the Spirit. He was an ambassador, not a "Christian salesman."

Testimony: witness.

Only testify of what _____ experienced, and seen.

2 Corinthians 4:1-2

The main job of ministry--manifest _____ of God!

2 Timothy 4:2

2. Message 1 Corinthians 2:2

Determined: Made _____.

Know: attend to; be engaged in; _____

Barnes: This should be the resolution of every minister of the gospel. This is his business. It is not to be a politician; not to engage in the strifes and controversies of men; it is not to be a good farmer, or scholar merely; not to mingle with his people in festive circles and enjoyments; not to be a man of taste and philosophy, and distinguished mainly for refinement of manners;....but to make Christ crucified the grand _____ of his attention, and seek always and everywhere to make him known.

Not saying-only messages preach be evangelistic or only parts of scripture expound those dealing with _____ and atonement.

Acts 20:27 Acts 18:11

3. Personality.

1 Corinthians 2:3 Weakness: infirmity, frailty, feebleness,

Fear: dread, terror, fright, _____

Much trembling: quaking with fear.

Thayer's: used to describe the anxiety of one who distrusts his ability completely to meet all requirements, but religiously does his utmost to fulfill his duty

Lenski: Run down as he was, he was a poor figure to come, face to face with people who admire oratory and philosophic presentation.

Acts 18:8-11 Not allow any man harm you.

Josh. 1:5, 9

for I have much people in this city. p

Paul, you have your eyes on the trees and can't see the forest. Rise above it and see the trail....Don't lose your vision, Paul!

1 Corinthians 2:4 Speech: private — _____

Preaching: public — _____.

Enticing words of man's wisdom: charisma—_____.

Mac: He saw no place for calculated theatrics and techniques to manipulate response.

Demonstration: make manifest; put on _____:

Spirit: Holy Spirit.

Power: strength and _____

Blessings of ministry in church of Corinth not due to Paul's eloquence, wisdom, or great charisma.

Stott: *It seems that the only preaching God honors through which His wisdom and power are expressed is the preaching of a man who is willing in himself to be both the _____ and the fool.*

Spurgeon: *The power that is in the Gospel does not lie in the _____ of the preacher, otherwise men would be the converter of souls, nor does it lie in the preacher's learning, otherwise it would consist in the wisdom of men. We might preach until our tongues rotted, till we would exhaust our lungs and die, but never a soul would be converted unless the Holy Spirit be with the Word of God to give it the power to convert the soul.*

4. Goal

1 Corinthians 2:5 *I did this, because I wanted your faith to stand firmly upon God, not on _____ great ideas.*

Paul not interested in making religious people who agreed with _____.

Wanted to see genuine demonstrations of _____ of God.

Review:

Vv 30-31 Real _____ of why change in life.

God did it!

1. Wisdom
2. Righteousness
3. Sanctification
4. Redemption

So What?

1. **Approach:** Not try to _____ ...declared the testimony (power) of God.

2. **Message:** Salvation and _____ life

3. **Personality:** Not all about _____

4. **Goal:** Base faith on power of God, not on _____.

That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.