

1 Corinthians 3:18-4:5

God is our Wisdom – We Belong to Christ

RS – Isaiah 55:6-11

1 Corinthians 3:18-20 (CSB) – True Wisdom

*¹⁸Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks he is wise in this age, let him become a fool so that he can become wise. ¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God, since it is written, **He catches the wise in their craftiness;** ²⁰and again, **The Lord knows that the reasonings of the wise are futile.***

What is wisdom? Who is wise? These questions seem to be highly debated these days. We have book smarts, street smarts, farm smart. We have professors, jeopardy contestants, the guy in the stands at football games.

A few questions:

1. What is wisdom?
2. Where do we go for wisdom?
3. Who can classify themselves as wise?

What is true wisdom? How do we truly become wise?

Proverbs 1:7 (CSB): *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and discipline.*

1 Corinthians 3:21-23 (CSB) – We all can be Wise

²¹So let no one boast in human leaders, for everything is yours— ²²whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come—everything is yours, ²³and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Is there a difference between missionaries, pastors, evangelist, deacons and the average church member? Spiritually speaking...no. As believers, we are encouraged not to put other believers on pedestals because we are all equal before God.

In Christ, we all have equal standing before God. We all equally can cry out Abba Father. We can all equally serve the Lord and bring Him glory.

1 Corinthians 4:1-5 (CSB) – The Wise are Servants

A person should think of us in this way: as servants of Christ and managers of the mysteries of God. ²In this regard, it is required that managers be found faithful.

We are all just servants of Christ and managers of the mysteries of God.

Matthew 25:14-30

How do you see yourself? What are your expectations?

We desire to be served. Yet, God has called us to be servants.

Ephesians 2:8-10 (CSB): *⁸For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift— ⁹not from works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.*