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## THE PREACHING OF THE CROSS

I Corinthians 1:19-21

## Introduction

In the preceding verse, we looked at the cross. In these verses, Paul shares insights concerning earthly wisdom contrasted with the purpose and will of God.

- I. **The Denouncement of Human Wisdom** 19
  - A. The illustration – “As it is written” referring to Isa 29:14  
(Hezekiah’s alliance with Egypt to protect Israel from Assyria)
  - B. The destruction – “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise”  
(Hezekiah’s repentance, God’s destruction of Assyria - II Kings 19:25)
  
- II. **The Defiant Charge** 20
  - A. The challenge = “Where is?”  
(The Wise = Greek Philosophers, Scribes = Jewish Scholars, Disputers)
  - B. The contention = “God made foolish the wisdom of this world”  
(Rom. 1:21, 22, 28)
  
- III. **The Divine Plan** 21
  - A. God rendered human wisdom foolish (20b, 21a)
  - B. God redeems us through the preaching of the cross