

Foolishness of God (04th, Mar 2007)

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This title is offensive and very absurd. Is it true? It will annoy many of us. But I say-it is we, His children, who make Him seem foolish. God is always perfect and flawless. Let us look into the scriptures and see what God says about this.

Is God foolish?

(I Cor 1:25) says: The foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength. This letter was written to the church in Corinth which is very close to Athens. Athens is the seat of philosophers-which means "lovers of wisdom". Philosophy does not agree with the word of God. Whatever the word of God says, philosophy opposes and contradicts it. The Holy Scriptures become remote and irrelevant. I urge you to be aware of philosophy and wisdom of this world as it will take you off from Scriptures which becomes foolishness. This is irrational. **(Col 2:8)** says: Philosophy depends on human tradition and basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. So we should be careful not to be captive to the vain deceit of this world.

Is the gospel of God foolish?

(I Cor 1: 18-21) - The Scriptures say- the message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing but to us who being saved, it is the power of God. God has made the wisdom of this world foolish because it will not help us to know Him intimately and understand His will for us. God is concerned about His creation and this weakness made Him send His one and only Son-Jesus Christ to us, sinners, so that this act of God will give us salvation to those who believe in Him. Jesus Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Are the people who proclaim the Gospel foolish?

(I Cor 1:27-29) - God has given the burden to preach the gospel to foolish people. He chose the foolish things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised ones to preach the gospel, to proclaim the good news of salvation. The wisdom of God gives us righteousness, holiness and redemption from our sins. Though we were fools, God has exalted us so that with this we can conquer the world.

Finally I would like conclude with this illustration. A righteous man invited a sinner and treats him and honors him by putting a robe on his body and a ring on his finger-that is to show that he loves him and he wants him to be like him. But if the sinner turns back to his past and returns to his folly, he will make a fool of the righteous man, but if he forgets his past and lives a righteous life, then the righteous man will be made wise and honored in the sight of all people. So it is upto us – whether we are making God wise or a ridicule.