

THE THINGS GOD CHOSE AND WHY

1Co 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

1Co 1:19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

1Co 1:20 Where *is* the wise? where *is* the scribe? where *is* the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

1Co 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

1Co 1:22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

1Co 1:23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

1Co 1:24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

1Co 1:25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

1Co 1:26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*:

1Co 1:27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

1Co 1:28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

1Co 1:29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

1. Let's take speaking in tongues for an example: After studying the scriptures such as (Acts 2:4; 10:46; 19:1-6; Romans 8:15 and Gal. 4:6). Anyone with an hungry heart and open mind will realize that there is a definite connection between speaking in tongues and the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
2. First of all God is sovereign, God is not accountable for us for what He chooses. Why did God choose blood for atonement; Water for Baptism, Gold as the overlaying metal for the Ark of the Covenant; Stone to write the Ten Commandments; dust to make man. There is a divine purpose and reason behind each of these choices.

Luk 17:20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

Isa 40:13 Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or *being* his counsellor hath taught him?

Isa 40:14 With whom took he counsel, and *who* instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?

Isa 55:8 For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

Isa 55:9 For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

1. **Foolish Things**: Talking in tongues, running the isles, preaching of the cross; marching around the walls, beating an army with just 300 men with pitcher and lanterns; a name, slang and a stone to bring down a Giant; good old apostolic worship

Job 38:3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.

Job 38:4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

Job 38:5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

Job 38:6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;

Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

2. **The Weak things of the World to confound the things which are mighty**: Those esteemed weak by the people of the world.

- a. Men who cannot boast of their birth and pedigree, of their ancient and famous families; have no titles of honour to exaggerate them, nor estates, possessions, and worldly substance to support themselves with. How God can use men who were former drug addicts, alcoholics, people of destitute of any hope in life and can use them to lay hands on the sick, cast out devils

and turn cities upside down over the name of Jesus. (Not many Nobel not may wise are called)

3. **The Base Things**: It is very likely that the apostle refers here to the Gentiles and to the Gentile converts, who were considered base and despicable in the eyes of the Jews, who counted them no better than dogs, and who are repeatedly called the things that are not. By these very people, converted to Christianity, God has brought to nought all the Jewish pretensions.
 - a. crying in the spirit, talking in tongues, living holy, being faithful to church, talking Jesus all the time, not the normal cut of the religious world.
4. **Things which are despised, hath God chosen**: Paying your tithes and offering, submission to a man of God in your life; Holiness Standards; Going to church Three times a week, fasting and prayer. (Assemble ourselves together, the more so as you see the day approaching).
5. **The things which are not, to bring to nought things that are**: The unseen world, faith, heaven, spiritual warfare.

2Co 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory;

2Co 4:18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

Joh 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Joh 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Joh 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

2Co 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2Co 5:2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: