

# First Corinthians 1:17-2:13 Pt1

## By Charles Feinberg

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This is new standard for living featuring the Bible teaching ministry of Dr. Charles L. Feinberg and produced by Lockman Bible ministries. This cassette contains three messages covering First Corinthians chapter 1 verse 17 through Chapter 2 Verse 13. These messages are part of a series in which Dr. Feinberg covers the entire book of First Corinthians free printed study notes to accompany this series are available by writing to new standard for living post office box 5 9 9 9 Sunny Hills California 9 2 6 3 5. Just before Dr. Feinberg comes to begin his talk let me take a moment to share with you some information about our distinguished teacher. Born into an orthodox Jewish home until his conversion to Christianity Dr. Feinberg was in training to become a rabbi. He currently holds to earned doctoral degrees, one in theology from Dallas Theological Seminary and the second a PHD from Johns Hopkins University in archeology and Semitic languages. He has taught at Dallas Seminary and Talbot Theological Seminary where for many years he has served as dean of the faculty and where today as a tribute to his contribution a major campus building is named in his honor. Dr. Feinberg is active in many Christian organizations has been a pastor and was one of the translators of the New American Standard Bible, the version he will be using in this study and now it gives us great pleasure to present our teacher Dr. Charles L. Feinberg.

Charles Feinberg:

As our study concluded last time, we were in the 16th verse where Paul speaking of the way the Christians at Corinth were dividing themselves into different groups. One group claimed Paul was the head of their group and another Apollis another Peter another Christ. And then he begins to show how ridiculous. Christ didn't belong to any one group he wasn't divided up to just one group. Paul certainly wasn't crucified for them and they weren't baptized in the name of Paul. And he indicates apparently in those days some folk were making quite a bit out of the prestige, if you please the honor of being baptized by this one or that one or the other one. I've known men who who have found great deal of. Material upon which to pat themselves on the back because they were ordained by this particular man or that laying on the hands of another and so on. Paul says, "I don't want to be in a position where anyone thinks that by anything I've done I've been part of something that makes them belong to me specially or particularly and instead of Christ."

And you know he had a very valid reason for wanting them here because it was through him that these Corinthian believers came to know the Lord Jesus Christ. He was their father in the faith, actually, but he said I don't want you to think that you have a salvation that belongs to Paul. But he didn't know. So he says verse sixteen. They didn't know whether he baptized any other than he mentioned just a couple of names Crispus and Gaius and also some of the household of Stephanas. Now he said, verse 17.

Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel. Not in cleverness of speech, but the cross of Christ should not be made void. Now remember he does not say he was not charged to baptize. We all are. Matthew 28:18 to 20. But he says I wasn't commissioned of Christ and friends. No one is. Nobody is commissioned of Christ to make baptism the all-important thing. He was sent to preach the gospel of Christ. And when that gospel of grace does

its work and the Spirit of God has his right of way, believe it. There will be souls born into the Kingdom of God that will be born again ones as the Scottish folk say there'll be barons in the household of God, and there will be plenty to be baptized. But the important thing is to get them saved. And that's why he says that was the objective. He doesn't say he wasn't charged to baptize. He wasn't sent to minimize baptism. He says the whole thing is I determined not to preach the gospel in cleverness of speech and cleverness of speech. Literally the wisdom of words, just as he didn't make an ordinance the central object of his preaching like baptism. He was careful also not to depend on human auditory and all we have to watch that if God has gifted your friend with the power of speech ability and elocution our ability to communicate and we do need that God knows you have to be able to communicate the Gospel.

But if a preacher depends on human oratory instead on the Holy Spirit, God help. God help him. Such dependence assures that the cross of Christ when we depend on the Holy Spirit dependence like that assures us makes us certain that the cross of Christ will be given its rightful central place, otherwise, why preach it all? Nothing else must be allowed to detract from it. Corinth as a prominent Greek city was given to a great deal of philosophizing and many divisions and many arguments about viewpoints. Oh man's wisdom likes to strut itself. Man loves to be thought of as the be all and end all. He says, "Well, you do that. When you preach in the wisdom of words cleverness speech it invariably winds up that the cross of Christ can be made void." Maybe it won't, God will overrule, but he says that the cross of Christ should not be made void. Some people can be so taken up with your language and your oratory your eloquence that they forget what you're saying. I remember the incident where a dear Scottish lady came out of a church. Somebody asked her how the service was.

Oh, she said it was marvelous beyond all expression beyond all telling. Oh she went on she was in just an ecstasy. When the friend who had met at the service heard all that she said and pray tell what the preacher spoke about. Oh she said it was so marvelous, I would not hey the presumption. I wouldn't have the presumption to know what he was talking about. Well beloved, that's preaching for nothing. I feel sorry for that preacher if he was preaching and by his flow of oratory his wisdom of words covered his speech. He covered up the main thing that is getting the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ out with clarity and with power with effectiveness. We're to preach the gospel Cicero the Latin artist said in hearing my orations. The people admire my intellect and my art and interrupt me with applause.

God help the preacher that does the same thing. No no no. [Inaudible] replied true indeed. You employ the audience for yourself. I occupy it only with the things of which I speak your hearers admire you. [Inaudible] said. My hearers forget me attentive to my purpose, they praise you. They are too absorbed in what I say to praise me. Thank God that that can be that marvelous brothers of a preacher. He went on to say you are ornate but there is little ornament in my speeches. They are composed of precise strong clear reasons which are irresistible. You make the audiences cry out all how eloquent he speaks. I make my audience exclaims said [inaudible] the Greek.

Come on let's march against Philip the king against whom they were fighting. Oh what a word. What a word right. Preacher doubtless there's some of my preacher brethren whom I love dearly in the faith I've given about half a century to teaching men for the Ministry of Christ and the mission field. Ministers are very near and dear to my heart and have always been and always will be. But here at friend let's take this word of caution of warning to ourselves for seventeen for

Christ didn't send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel. Not in cleverness of speech, wisdom of words in the original, that the cross of Christ should not be made void.

Now listen. For the word of the cross, the preaching of the cross itself the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness but to us who are being saved. It's the power of God. If you saw a man out in the ocean or a body of water and he was drowning, would you start with eloquent words? Oh my dear friend thou art indeed or you are indeed in tremendous trouble. You are in dire straits and using all the dictionary you can emptying out all the words. No, the thing for you to do is to throw out a life preserver to that one or if you can jump in and rescue that one. Yes the word of the cross. Notice how that is contrasted with the wisdom of words of verse 17. Let's not give ourselves to the wisdom of words, but to the wisdom that's in the word of the cross. It's the same word as the logos of John 1:1. The logos of the cross. It's the spoken message that sets forth the cross. The cross was even spoken not by Cicero. He says the cross it speaks of that which is so shameful, so horrible it should never be mentioned in polite society. He was dead wrong. He couldn't have been more wrong. I believe it was he who also said Let it be far. It's such a horrible death as he said. Let it be far not only from the experience of every Roman citizen but even far from his thinking in it. Oh my dear friends he's wrong absolutely wrong. Paul says I'm crucified to the world and the world to me by the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The cross shows the utter depravity of man, the end of man, end of his abilities and of any goodness he might claim. And it also shows the infinitely matchless love of God. The offense of the cross, Paul speaks of in Galatians means that the Cross runs counter to all our painting of ourselves on the back all our claims for tremendous worth. We are apart from God worthless we are sinful we are depraved. And God is infinitely utterly loving kind merciful

glorious. Yes, he says the word of the cross is those who are perishing foolishness, their perishing. They are not going to perish in some later day, but they are in the process of perishing. They are on their way to eternal condemnation and perdition. And we know why, Second Corinthians 4:3 tells us that that God of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelieving unless the light of the glory of the gospel of Christ, the image of God could dawn upon them. Not perishing sometime in the future, that's true, but right then and there they were perishing and then he mentions but to us who are being saved is the power of God, saved only two groups, only two groups the lost and the saved. And to us or saved the word of the cross isn't foolishness we don't say, get rid of that away with that I wouldn't make myself so hopeless and helpless as that. No it's the power of God. Saving power is never a man but it's a God. So you see there are only two classes. We can't make that two emphatic.

The dear old lady heard the preacher speak of two classes saved and lost. She said later on when someone asked her about what she thought of the message. She said he spoke about two classes saved and lost. And yet he didn't say a word about a body like me. She was in one of the other you can be sure. Yes definitely so, saving power is never a man, hear it, but if God. For it is written quotes from the Old Testament scripture Isaiah 29:14. "For it is written I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and the cleverness of the clever I will set aside." Does this mean that God is against any wisdom? Does that mean we ought to close all of our elementary schools high schools junior high Senior High college's universities seminaries everything? I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and the cleverness the clever. I will set aside.

No my dear friends he's talking about the wisdom of the worldly wise, of the unsaved wise in their own eyes and the cleverness of the clever apart from God. The wise are some men couldn't have foreseen the desperate need of men for the work of the cross and its marvelous

accomplishment. If you don't believe it just check it out take it out in any university or any school of learning that you have in your own city or any city you remember and see if those men in the aggregate, in the majority are ready to put themselves on the line and say I want to tell you that apart from all learning I've read and all learning I've acquired by whatever way none of this makes an individual right in the sight of God, doesn't do away with sin, doesn't do away with his losses. My dear friends they won't be found, you won't find a majority, you'll find very very few. I'll destroy the wisdom of the wise.

God puts them to shame shows that that in which they delight is nothing and worse than nothing in fact their self-acclaimed wisdom could well keep them from trusting the humble lowly savior of infinite blessing and power. Oh yes wisdom can be a hurdle, it can be an impediment. It can be a noose about the neck. And so he says, "Where is the wise man since he's been talking about these who think they have greater wisdom. Where is the wise men. Where is the scribe, the one learned in letters? Where is the debater of this age, has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? The wise and the scribe the Jew is meant the dispute or the debater of this age the Greek thinker and philosopher?" What is he trying to say? All A L L please. All man's wanted boasted wisdom is contrary to the need and the work of the cross.

God didn't go to the great academicians. He didn't go to the great thinkers and philosophers and say, "What do you think is the solution for man's horrible horrible state? What do you think is the cure for his malady for his disease?" No no, God bypassed all of them and he has made foolish the wisdom of the world. You can see it today, I certainly am not against education as education. It's only the wrong use of it that I would be against because I probably would be classed in the category of an educator. All my life having taught for 51 years since 1928 when I was in my teens. But my dear friends, my dear friends, none of that wisdom. None

of that wisdom will avail in the ultimate area of our relationship with God and I'll show you how. Do you know that today, I wish the statistics were otherwise, that today one of the largest groups if not the largest groups of young people that are committing suicide are those who are in our schools of highest learning. Ah, their wisdom hasn't helped them. God has made foolish the wisdom of the world. Why? It doesn't meet the case. It means not that God doesn't want you to know something, but he doesn't want you to use that wisdom in a way that renders God's way and God's wisdom and God's plan and provision unnecessary. That is a wrong use of wisdom.

It is a wisdom that blinds you to your ultimate tremendous need. So he goes on for sense in the wisdom of God. This is God's wisdom to the world through its wisdom didn't come to know God. God was Will pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. Think of it. God has his own affective method and way of solving man's dilemma and greatest need. Man couldn't do it by his wisdom. So in God's wisdom, higher than the heavens are above the earth. My ways are higher than yours my thoughts are higher than your thoughts as the heavens above the earth. In the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom. God allowed the wisdom of the world to get them nowhere and through its wisdom it didn't come to know God. That's true. A lot of folk you can study philosophy, you can study Plato and Aristotle and Socrates and Pythagoras and and [inaudible]. You say that's all Greek to me. You're right. There were all Greek philosophers. Yes, my dear friends you could read them all. They won't get you one inch off the ground toward God. Definitely not. Some years ago I was asked to speak to a Christian fraternity at UCLA in which one of my sons was a member and I took the questions in joke. Can a man by searching find out God? If a man die shall he live again? How can a man be test with God? Took those important questions that are answered in the scriptures and I said, "Can a man by searching find out God. And I gave them quotations from Aristotle

and Plato Socrates." Those men were like children in a dark room stumbling all around. There may be one God there may be many gods we can't tell. Probably be better to say there's one but they don't know. My dear friends some of them come closer than others but they fall far short. You can I can stand at St. Pedro and we can make a covenant, we can say we are going to jump over to Catalina. Let's see who can get there the fastest.

While some may jump farther than others but I'm here to warrant you. I'm here to guarantee you that we'd all lined up in that great body of water that's known as the Pacific Ocean. Oh yes yes. We all fall short. All have sinned and fallen short of the [inaudible]. Men by their own wisdom. It's a sad commentary but it's true. No man knows God except as God reveals himself. Do you realize friend if we didn't have the Bible and books that were written because the bible is being expounded in them. If you siphon all that off as though it were a liquid if you siphon that all off from the minds of men do you know that nobody in the world would know God? You say, "I don't believe it." I'm sorry, you're not argue with me. The one you're contending with is the Lord. He says in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom didn't come to know God, came to know a lot of things, but they didn't come to know God. They were farther and farther and farther away. Well let me just take the example that colossal intellect that giant of a brain Paul, my what he didn't know. He himself says, "I progressed, I advance farther than men in my own category. I was way ahead of those of my own peer age. But he said he didn't get me anywhere. He was just as lost as any persecuting, I was a blasphemer, a persecutor, and injurious blaspheme God, persecuted men" and injurious he was a downright rough individual rough person to be around. Ah, when men didn't come to know God by the wisdom, God was well pleased through the foolishness of the message preached.

It didn't say a foolish message preached, but the foolishness of the method of preaching a message to save those who believe God has his own effective method and the way of solving man's dilemma and greatest need. How did he do it? It might seem foolish to the Greeks. He didn't go into long involves sophisticated twisted complicated reasoning's like a philosophy exam. Our philosophy debate. No no no no. Just the foolishness of preaching about a member to the Trinity who came in human form to the earth and loved the world so much that he didn't count it too great a price to go to the most ignominious shameful painful death of the Cross, Calvary.

God says I'm going to save men that way. when men are willing to say nothing else will avail, but that will then man is saved on the soul basis and solely on the alone basis on the unitary single basis. I can't emphasize it too much on the single basis of trusting the Lord Jesus Christ. Oh my friends, that's the way to be saved. You said I didn't know it. Well thank God you've tuned in. Thank God if you haven't trusted Christ that you can't trust him now. The hour is still available. You don't need to remain outside the household of faith. And then he mentions in verse 22, where indeed Jews asked for signs. Greek search for wisdom they all have their characteristics but we were not only one of those categories we're not in that ball game at all. But we preach Christ crucified a crucified Christ to Jews a stumbling block. Why? Because anybody that was hanged on a cross was considered a curse to Jews that's a stumbling block. What kind of a savior would he be? Remember they said if you didn't save yourself. Well listen you can't save yourself. Then how can we have any confidence in what you can do for us. To the Jews a stumbling block. We're preaching that crucified Christ and to gentiles foolishness. There must be some better ways to be saved, but to those who are called Bless God. Both Jews and Greeks there are save Jews and save gentiles.

Christ is the power of God and the wisdom from God. Blessed be his name. The Spirit of God that takes these for their respective characteristics, shows that through neither method does saving grace come. And then he says the spirit of God must be the one who prepares the heart and he does it so that when they hear the preached word that is centered. Hear it, in a crucified Christ. He was crucified because you cannot bypass the main cause of our alienation from God, our sinfulness all the way from Adam now.

You can bypass that and talk in a high and mighty way about what brings you to God, otherwise no no no a thousand times no no. It's got to be Christ crucified showing what we deserve. Penalty of sin, the wages of sin is death. And he was willing to take that death for you and me to those of us who were called who heed the call who are willing to take the place the Spirit of God wants us to that which is called foolishness and a stumbling block to them is to us the power of God and the wisdom of God. That's the effectual call he's talking about in verse 24 the heart truly responds to the invitation to come to Christ and then he says because the foolishness of God is wiser than the man and the weakness of God is stronger than men. That seems to be a contradiction in terms. It means the simplicity of God that men think is such a foolish method. Simple as it is that simplicity of God has the former expression of the simplicity of preaching that cross is wiser in other words and more powerful than man. And the weakness he says not man's so-called strength but the weakness of God is stronger than men. He refers to the cross because Christ it First Corinthians were all Christ was crucified in weakness. Outward weakness. But he was manifesting the mighty arm of God in salvation.

Yes. What a message we have to preach. My dear friends this was never thought up by any authorities in Israel. It was never thought up by any in the Christian faith. It was not a thought out by any great one of the ethnic religions. No, this comes immediately directly from

God. Why? Why does God use this method because man is powerless and because God is all powerful and because ultimately if we go according to God's method and receive it solely on the basis of what he did by faith then he gets the glory, otherwise we get it? If God did 95 percent and we did it 5 percent to listen to us you would think we did that ninety five. No, God gets all the glory.

Announcer:

Dr. Feinberg's next talk in this series from First Corinthians will begin in just a few moments. In the meantime I'd like to remind you that free printed study notes for this series and a catalogue of other Bible study cassette tapes are available free by writing to new standard for living post office box 5 9 9 9 Sunny Hills California 9 2 6 3 5. Now once again here is Dr. Feinberg with his next study in this verse by verse series from First Corinthians.

Charles Feinberg:

Today friends we come to the latter part of the first chapter of this utterly remarkable blessed book of First Corinthians first chapter. We are now in verse twenty five. We've been talking about what man thinks he can do, more important what God does. I'd like to start back in verse 22 and read it carefully for indeed Jews asked for signs and Greeks are gentiles search for wisdom especially the Greek folk. There are the ancient world our great philosophies in our schools and universities magnify and emphasize Greek philosophy. But we neither do we emphasize signs of miracles or worldly wisdom but preach a crucified Christ.

That's the heart of the matter and we realize that to Jews is a stumbling block. Why didn't God use another way? Why didn't God show strength instead of weakness? But God's strength

was manifested in what appear to men to be weakness and then and to the Gentiles a crucified Christ is foolishness. But to those who are called believers both Jews and Greeks Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God because the foolishness of God is wiser than man. My that which meant call foolish on the part of God its way wiser than men. It is such great wisdom they can't even understand it as the Psalmist once said when he's contemplating the ways of God. Such wisdom is too high. I cannot attain unto it. And the weakness of God. That which they call weakness, but that's God's method is stronger than men. Absolutely. Oh how they laughed at the early believers Romans did and they said, "Oh your carpenter, what did he accomplish?" Yes they said he built a coffin for your Emperor. And it was by the preaching of the cross that seemed so foolish and so futile and unavailable.

It was by the preaching to the cross at the very empire in Rome was unhinged taken from hinges. God turned the world upside down. And this says so in Acts. These that have turned the world upside down have come hither also. Now look at the believers calling for consider your calling brethren that there were not many wise according to the flesh. Not many mighty not many noble. Why does Paul bring this up? Because perhaps the Corinthians about this time would say well we have been a little embarrassed coming out of a Greek culture and making philosophy a number one exhibit. Exhibit A. shouldn't we have, shouldn't we have something where we can boast in a little ourselves? Well he says just look again at what your condition was when you call. Consider your calling brother. There were not many wise according to the flesh you see because most folks think they're so wise they don't want to get saved. That's the point. He says thank God in your condition. What happened? There were not many wise occurring, not many mighty not many noble but God has chosen the foolish things of the world a shame the wise and God has chosen the weak things of the world ashamed of things which is strong and the

base things, the lowly things of the world and the despised God has chosen the things that are not that he might nullify the things that are.

Well, why does God do that? It seems as if he is reversing, turning right upside down topsy turvy the values of the world. Well of course because the world's values are all upside down, they're all wrong. He was a monster he said once when I die bury me on my face. Somebody said, "Why do you say that. Because soon the world would be turned upside down. But it's all turned upside down." Already all the havoc wrought there in Genesis 3rd chapter when our parents Adam and Eve sinned against God.

Oh God has chosen, not many mighty, not many wise, not many noble. Lady Huntington of England was a marvelous humble believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. A remarkable lady of means. And she said once about going to heaven. She said, "You know I'm going to heaven by the letter M." Somebody said, "Whatever in the world do you mean by M?" Well she said, "Notice what the Lord said not many wise. He didn't say not any wise and not any mighty and not any noble are not any this that he does have some. He didn't say not any but not many. God has had some of the great noble ones." And if you are afraid that you're in a group with a lot of nincompoops you're all wrong. Some of the greatest scientists in the world have been believers Faraday and Sir Isaac Newton just to mention a couple of them. Not to say many other. The believers calling. He works, God works, not with what he finds. Isn't this marvelous. He doesn't work with what he finds not what we are when he saved it, but with what he brings.

Ah, well isn't that strange. So you keep looking at it, not many wise not many mighty not many noble. Yes. And he's chosen foolish things to bring to a standstill the wise in his chosen weak things to overturn the shame things that are strong. Yes, basically imagine that we've seen in the Old Testament to. David, why Goliath almost laughed himself sick. He says, "You come

to me with a sling. What do you think this is anyhow?" He's a man versed in warfare that I tell you with that sling. David put something in the mind of Goliath that never been there before. He was the victor. He cut Goliath his head off. Why all this. Listen to verse twenty nine. Here's the reason for the choice of God that no man. Here it is, "No human being in all or no flesh, means no man, should boast before God."

God hates man's boasting. Why? Because when a man boasts in plain garden variety English when a man boasts he is lying. L y i n g. Why? Because he has no right to boast. He has nothing to boast of. He is totally undone before God. You all sit and come short of the glory of God. We're all in it from God. We are as wandering stars for whom we have been reserved the blackness of darkness forever, alienated from the life of God. Dead in trespasses as sins. My dear friends any man or woman in his or her right mind wouldn't boast of that inability, weakness. Men don't boast in that. No man should boast before God. If man as I say again if man were ever allowed to do one infinitesimal part of the work of salvation of getting him saved heaven. He would boast all of a creation you'd think he did all of it and God only added the maraschino cherry to the desert.

No no no, God says, "I'm going to do it all or I'm not gonna do it at all." No man is to boast before God. God hates boasting friends. Let's not boasted who we are. I remember some years ago God using us to bring a young Jewish gentleman to the knowledge of the Lord and all how he boasted of his wisdom and so on I said you must be careful. We have an enemy. Times a World War Two he said. Where is he? I said all this. You don't even know who the enemy is Satan. You could never get to the place where you can boast all the Lord knew what he was doing when he saved me. No, Paul never said that, he didn't say the Lord got a choice individual in me.

No no not a bit of it. No time do we have anything to boast? You say well that that could be discouraging, well thank the Lord, get your encouragement from the Lord. No man should boast before God, but by God's doing. It was not your doing. It was God's doing. What happened? You are in Christ Jesus. Give God all the credit in time and eternity we will want to do that of course. Every time the veil of heaven is drawn back in the book of Revelation. You'd on find redeemed souls they're patting themselves on the back or going around showing all their awards and all their blue ribbons and all the degrees and everything else no. By God's doing you're in Christ Jesus who became to us what we never had before. Wisdom, yes and righteousness. Oh you're so far from that. It's enough to make the angels weep but we become wisdom from God righteousness sanctification and redemption.

Notice all that we need, wisdom. He is the wisdom of God all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in our Lord Jesus Colossians 2:3. The very things you lack, the very things you lack he has given you. My, if you were in debt ten thousand dollars and someone said I'll give you ten cents you probably laugh at him. But if someone said you're in debt ten thousand I will give you one hundred thousand so you can have ninety thousand to start off again. You wouldn't laugh at that while you say you've exactly met my case you've covered my inability you've covered my insufficiency. He's the wisdom of God. And then we read that he is made, Christ Jesus is by God's working from God, righteousness. Oh there's non righteous. No not one. Oh how we like to think we're right we're righteous or holy. My the way we can strut when we think that we are holier than someone else. We always like to compare ourselves with someone that we think is way down below us in the scale of the social register or holiness or whatever. But my friends there's non righteous. None of us had enough to get us into heaven. We were totally without righteousness. And so we read in the Second Corinthians 5:21 that him who knew

no sin, the Lord Jesus Christ God made to be sin on our behalf. He never had any sin in him or on him. All through his earthly ministry and on the cross he had no sin in him. But he did have sin on him. God made him to be the very embodiment of all the sin of all the world. Him who knew no sin God made sin on our behalf. That we sinners that we'd were and are that we might become the righteousness of God in him. The very thing we lacked he gave us and God gave us not only wisdom and righteousness in Christ, sanctification set us apart unto him. Oh my dear friends I get very very sadden as I go round in ministry here and abroad to see how many people have set themselves a pace, a goal, an aim in life that isn't worth the powder to blow it up.

This one wants to be first in that this one wants to beat a world record on sitting the longest time on a pole this one wants to be somewhere else the longest time all of it isn't worth the talking. It isn't worth the breath it takes to mention it. Ah, we are made unto God in Christ Jesus sanctification separated onto him so that through all the ages as in as in Ephesians 2 we are to show forth the riches of His grace and his loving kindness toward us in Christ is set apart to him all what a noble calling is ours. And then he says he's also been made Christ Jesus has by God's activity by his doings from God sanctification we said redemption. Redeemed that word redemption. Yes [inaudible] that word redemption in the original Greek means bought out from the market of sin, we'd been sold out and I mean locked stock and barrel.

Announcer:

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