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THE FOOLISHNESS OF GOD

In this lesson we will study <u>four aspects</u> of the Foolishness of God (1 Cor.1:21-25).

(1 Cor.1:25) "Because the **Foolishness** (to moros/ nsn) [Omniscience] of **God** is <u>wiser than men</u>, and the **weakness** (to asthenes/ nsn) [Omnipotence] of **God** is <u>stronger than men</u>."

We will continue examining our lesson text at (1 Cor.1:21b) - "<u>God was well-pleased through the foolishness</u> of the **message preached to save those** <u>who believe</u>." (1 Cor.15:3-4)

(1 Cor.1:18) "For the **word of the cross** is <u>foolishness to those who are perishing</u>, but to <u>us who are being</u> <u>saved</u> it is **the power of God**." (Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9)

1. Every unsaved member of the human race is born physically alive, but spiritually perishing.

Perishing is 1 of 13 judicial charges of Adam's Original Sin (John 3:16; 10:28; 1 Cor.1:18; 15:17-18; 2 Cor.4:3-4; Rom.5:12-21).

(John 10:28) <u>"And I give eternal life to them</u>, and they will **never (ouk me) perish**, and <u>no one will snatch</u> them out of My hand."

2. Every unsaved person remains under satan's system of Foolish Wisdom of the World until rescued from satan's domain and transferred into the Kingdom of the Beloved.

(Col.1:13) "For He rescued us from the **domain of darkness** and transferred us to **the Kingdom of His Beloved Son.**" Acts 26:18)

(Eph.5:8) <u>"But you were formerly darkness</u>, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light."

3. The moment a person believes the gospel of grace salvation, he is born again with a divine nature (2 Pet.1:3-4).

(2 Pet.1:3-4) For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you have become partakers (koinonos/ nplm) of **the divine (theios/ gsf) nature (phusis/ gsf)**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust."

The divine nature is received by being born again or from above (John 1:11-13; 3:3, 7; 1 Pet.1:23; 2 Cor.5:17; Gal.6:14-15).

The Second member of Godhead, Holy Spirit, indwells every Church Age Believer's body (1 Cor.6:19-20)

4. The divine nature is the inner man being renewed daily by inhale and exhale of the word of God, utilizing the faith cycle, while the outer body is decaying (2 Cor.4:16-18; 1 Cor.15:42-50, 53).

(1 Cor.3:10-16) "All Scripture is inspired of God (God breathed/ inhale and exhale) and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work (Divine Production in the Christian Way of Life)

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Truth of the Word of God is the **food that feeds** the **Divine Nature** of the soul. (1 Pet.2:1-3; 1 Cor.3:1-3; Heb.5:13-14; Eph.4:13; John 21:15-19)

Because we have a **Divine Nature**, we can learn and live the Divine Wisdom of God in our everyday life. (Eph.1:4; 2:15; Heb.12:10; 1 Pet.1:15-16; Heb.4:12)

(Col.1:28) "We proclaim Him, admonishing **every man** and teaching **every man** with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete (teleios) in Christ."

Because of the **Divine Nature**, every Church Age Believer is able (positive volition) to participate in the Wisdom of God as a Child of God (1 of 20 status privileges in 50 Things).

(1 Cor.1:25)

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