

The Center of the Christian Message

An Exposition of 1 Corinthians 1-2 (Part 3)

The Gospel and the Design of God (Part 1)

Disunity–Destroyed by the Gospel

5. The Appeal of Paul to the Gospel to Refute Factionalism (1:17)
 - a. The Purpose of His Mission (1:17a-b)
 - b. The Method of His Mission (1:17c-d)
 - c. Some Implications from His Mission

God's Answer to Disunity – The Gospel

- I. The Gospel Revealed in the Design of God (1:18-25)
 - A. God's Design Summarized (1:18-19)
 1. The Impact of the Gospel (1:18)
 - a. Negatively (1:18a)
 - 1) The Reason for the Perishing: the Stigma of the Cross (1:18a₁₋₆)
 - 2) The Existence of the Perishing (1:18a₇₋₁₂)
 - perishing destroying, killing
 - 3) The Evaluation by the Perishing (1:18a₁₃)
 - foolishness (*moros*) nonsense, idiotic, moronic
 - b. Positively (1:18b)
 - 1) The Existence of the Saved (1:18b₁₋₇)
 - 2) The Reason for the Saved: the Stigma of the Cross (1:18b₈)
 - 3) The Understanding of the Saved (1:18b₉₋₁₃)
 - power inherent or natural power
 2. The Intent of God (1:19)
 - a. The Meaning of Isaiah 29:14
 - b. Paul's Use of Isaiah 29:14
 - cleverness to flow together, understanding