

CHRIST CRUCIFIED

(10/11/2026; 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5; Steve Thiel; Christ Proclamation Church)

Sermon Theme: The wisdom of God and the power of God are experienced when we repent of our worldly wisdom and human ability and trust in our crucified, buried, and risen Savior, who is our salvation, sanctification, and redemption. Therefore, let us preach Christ, and Him crucified, and boast only in the Lord!

I. The Word of the Cross – Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

- A. In verse 18, how does Paul contrast those who are perishing with those who are being saved?
- B. Why would the message of the cross seem like “foolishness” to those who are perishing? What about the gospel is offensive or absurd to the world?
- C. What does Paul mean when he writes, “we preach Christ crucified”? Based on verses 18-25, what is the overarching reason we preach Christ crucified?
- D. Why is it critical for us to cling to the gospel in a world that considers the cross foolish?

II. Boast in the Lord – Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

- A. What observations do you make from verses 26-31? What does it mean to boast?
- B. What do verses 26-31 teach us about God’s initiating work towards sinners?
- C. What are you typically tempted to boast in? What does it look like to boast only in Jesus?
- D. Read Ephesians 2:1-10 and 1 Peter 1:3-5. How is it encouraging to know that “it is because of Him that you are in Christ Jesus”?

III. Mission of the People – Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

- A. How do you interpret 1 Corinthians 2:2?
- B. What does God do when we faithfully preach Christ and Him crucified? How does this reality transform the way that we engage those who have not yet trusted in Jesus?
- C. What are some ways you are prone to rely on your wisdom when you share the gospel?
- D. How would you like to grow in reliance on God’s power and wisdom as you proclaim Christ?