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The Message of the Cross

Lesson Five • 1Corinthians 1:26-31

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We're a church full of splendid sinners, lovable losers, miserable misfits, and fantastic failures who are SAVED by the grace of God at the Cross.

Paul's Message Summarized

God won't tolerate human PRIDE, so He chooses people who have nothing to brag about.

Why God Chooses Splendid Sinners

1. God Chooses Splendid Sinners So That No One May Boast BEFORE Him!

Three Things to Remember

- Remember what you WERE when God saved you.

Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 1Corinthians 1:26 NIV

- Remember God chooses people whom the WORLD counts as nothing.

But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, 1Corinthians 1:27-28 NIV

- Remember you have NOTHING to boast of before God.

so that no one may boast before Him. 1Corinthians 1:29 NIV

2. God Chooses Splendid Sinners So That We May Boast IN Him!

It is because of Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord." 1Corinthians 1:30-31 NIV

Why Boast in the Lord?

- Because God alone is the SOURCE of our salvation.
- Since salvation is completely due to God's grace, we must BOAST in Him alone.

Why does God choose splendid sinners?

Because that's all God has to work with and that way God alone gets all the GLORY.