

Adult Sunday School Lesson
Nassau Bay Baptist Church
July 5, 2020

As you watch and listen to the video, please feel free to pause the video for any reason, including to discuss something with others, to take time to look up a verse or passage, or to take a break. Remember, you also are able to go back and to repeat any part.

Read 1 Corinthians 1:17-2:8.

17 Not in “Wisdom of words”—Not with rhetorical flourish or with cunning fables (2 Peter 1:16)
Lest the cross be emptied. The power is in the gospel of the cross, not in the delivery or in the speaker.

Wisdom and Pseudo-Wisdom (18-22)

Wisdom—Message (Word) of the cross that Scriptures call the gospel.

Pseudo-Wisdom—Wisdom of the wise; understanding of the prudent; scribe; disputer of this age; wisdom of this world; Jewish signs; Greek wisdom;

Wisdom of God and Foolishness (23-25)

Wisdom of God—Christ crucified! To those who are being saved. Power of God. Foolishness and weakness of God.

Foolishness—Christ crucified. To the lost. Stumbling block. Foolishness. Wisdom and strength of man.

That No Flesh Should Glory (26-29)

Not Those

Wise According to the Flesh
Mighty
Noble
Things That Are

But These

Foolish Things of the World
Weak
Low-Born, Despised
Things That Are Not

To Bring to Nothing

Sidebar

Union Theological Seminary put on display what happens when a Christian institution of “higher” learning denies the truth of Scripture. Founded in 1836 by nine Presbyterian ministers who sought to center ministerial training in an urban context, Union now claims to represent all religions. From their website: “Education at Union Theological Seminary is deeply rooted in a critical understanding of the breadth of Christian traditions yet significantly instructed by the insights of other faiths.”

(From a 2019 FoxNews report. See link below.)

Students at Union Theological Seminary in New York City [a long-time liberal seminary founded in 1836 that has rejected the verbal inspiration of the Bible since at least 1891] were instructed to confess to potted plants as an "expression of worship" and as a "liturgical response to our climate crisis."

Many online mocked a tweet from the seminary affiliated with Columbia University for celebrating the unusual chapel service where students of the cloth "held our grief, joy, regret, hope, guilt and sorrow in prayer; offering them to the beings who sustain us but whose gift we too often fail to honor," asking: "What do you confess to the plants in your life?"

"Today in chapel, we confessed to plants. Together, we held our grief, joy, regret, hope, guilt and sorrow in prayer; offering them to the beings who sustain us but whose gift we too often fail to honor. What do you confess to the plants in your

life?" (See also Huleatt, V. Progressive seminary students offered a confession to plants. How do we think about sins against nature? *The Washington Post*. Posted on washingtonpost.com September 18, 2019, accessed January 2, 2020.)

New York's Union Theological Seminary (an affiliate of Columbia University) has a long reputation for rejecting the Bible's authority and doctrines, but plant worship is a new low. What's going on? In short, if people don't worship the real God, they'll eventually imagine and worship fake gods.

<https://www.foxnews.com/faith-values/liberal-seminary-students-worship-plants>)

All About Jesus—Who Became . . . for Us (30-31)

Wisdom of God—Jesus, Himself, is the wisdom of God. Jesus, Himself, is the gospel, the good news.

Righteousness

Sanctification

Redemption

He Who Glories, Let Him Glory in the LORD!

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