

27 but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, 28 and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are,

Who has God chosen?

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Why has God done this?

PURPOSE: to shame the wise.

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³⁰ *But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption,*

but by His doing. starts with a preposition meaning *out of as a source (ek)*, followed by the pronoun *Him, His*.

God and God alone has accomplished this fete.

The word *you* is an emphatic personal pronoun and accordingly should be stressed.

Paul's point is that *you* (emphatic) *as believers are different from all others.*

WHY?

Because *you (we) are in Christ Jesus*

The items of our personal worth are

- Christ
- Who has become to us **wisdom**,
- **righteousness**,
- **sanctification**, and
- **redemption**.

Christ Our Position

- We are never going to be able to stand before our Father in prayer and fellowship because we are fit in ourselves.
- We are in His presence because of **our position in His Son**.
- The ground upon which our Father deals with us **is grace**.
- **Every** blessing we receive of Him as His children is **undeserved**.
- In all of our spiritual existence we are **debtors** to the rich, free, sovereign grace of our Father.

- A. The believer is “**of God**”.
- B. Yet more, we are of God “**in Christ Jesus**”.
- C. We are “**in Christ Jesus**”. With sharp emphasis confirming it of those he was addressing.

*"But of him (**But by His doing**) are you in Christ Jesus."*

HOW DID HE DO IT?

"The marvel of divine grace is that not only has everything according to the heart of God **been secured for me through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus,**

But that I, a former child of Adam, should be, not only in peace with God where I was under His judgment,

But that I am transferred out from Adam to Christ,

and I am to have Christ formed in me now.

Nor is this all

Wisdom

Christ has been made **wisdom** to us from God,

1. We do not need to turn for wisdom to philosophy,
 - a. to wise men, or
 - b. to our own fancied wisdom
 - c. because we have Christ.
2. Having Christ, we see at once what all the wisdom of the world can never teach us.
3. Christ, on the Cross, has fully shown us our ruin and made God known in His love.
4. In Christ we see the wisdom of God in meeting our ruin and in fulfilling God's purpose.

Further, Christ is made to us

Righteousness

1. We have no righteousness for God in ourselves.
2. God's righteousness is seen in justifying us consistently with Himself through the death of Christ.
3. If we want to know what this righteousness is, and **how perfectly it suits us for the glory**, then we don't need to look to man or at ourselves, but at Christ.
4. **The righteousness is God's**, it is Christ's work alone which made it not condemn us but justify us.
5. We are now under grace, which does not demand **righteousness** of us.

Christ is also made to us

Sanctification

1. If we keep in mind that the Lord Jesus is our Sanctification.
2. The true scriptural means of sanctification is that **you are set apart to God.**
3. The common conception of sanctification is that every area of the life should be holy;
 - but that is not holiness, it is the fruit of holiness:
 - holiness is the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. When we are conscious of pride we fancy that humility will meet our need, but the answer to pride is not humility.
5. It is the Lord Jesus, and He is the answer to every need.

Christ is made to us

Redemption

1. “**by His doing**”, as the order clearly shows, is meant **not the forgiveness of sins** which we have, but
2. That the **complete deliverance from the effects of sin in our bodies**”, for which we wait.
3. We see this redemption already set forth in Christ.
4. We have it now in Christ our Head; we wait for it to be manifested in ourselves.

Having, then, everything in Christ, and nothing in man as such,

“He that glories, let him glory in the Lord”

How complete the blessing Christ has been made
to us!

And what a joy that we not only may but **SHOULD**
boast in Him Who has so ordered and given to us!