

TENSIONS

THE WORLD'S WISDOM VS. THE CROSS

I Corinthians 1:18-25

“HAS NOT GOD MADE FOOLISH THE WISDOM OF THE WORLD?” (I Cor. 1:20)

Three myths (lies) told by our secular culture:

- (1) _____ can solve most of the world's problems.
- (2) If we liberate people from _____ restrictions, we will spread happiness and contentment.
- (3) _____ enslaves people; non-religious people are truly _____.

“JEWS DEMAND MIRACULOUS SIGNS” (I Cor. 1:22)

The kind of miracle the Jewish leaders wanted was a big _____ or _____ miracle.

There are still doubters among us who refuse to believe unless God _____ them.

“GREEKS LOOK FOR WISDOM” (I Cor. 1:22)

We can never _____ or _____ God. “We walk by faith, not by sight.”
(2 Cor. 5:7)

“WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED” (I Cor. 1:23)

“For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.”
(I Cor. 2:2)

If our troubled denomination would focus on the _____ and _____ Christ rather than on disputes that should have been settled by _____, perhaps we might experience an earth-shaking revival.

A suggested altar prayer: “Jesus, you died for me. My name is written on your cross. In gratitude, I intend to live for you. Amen.”