

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday March 26, 2017

Welcome & Announcements

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture 1 Corinthians 1:18 – 2:5

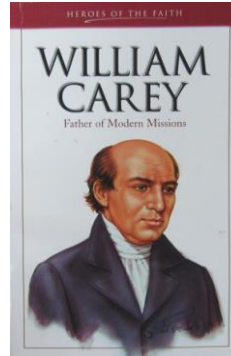
Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

MAN'S 'WISDOM' AND GOD'S 'FOLLY' – PART II

Final Song

Benediction

Featured in the Rosedale Library:



William Carey: Born in England in 1761, William Carey sailed for India shortly after his ordination as a Baptist minister. In his own words, he not only expected great things from God, he attempted great things for His Lord and Saviour.

Families of the Week

Please remember to pray for and to encourage the following people this week

- Monday** Doiron, Brenda
- Tuesday** Dube, Norm & Susan
- Wednesday** Evans, Jim & Daniella
Jessica, Jennifer, Jonathan
- Thursday** Fidler, Gail
Bella, Kayla
- Friday** Furry, Pam
- Saturday** Gagnon, Denise

ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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“The power that is in the Gospel does not lie in the eloquence of the preacher, otherwise men would be the converters of souls, nor does it lie in the preacher’s learning, otherwise it would consist in the wisdom of men. We might preach until our tongues rotted, till we would exhaust our lungs and die, but never a soul would be converted unless the Holy Spirit be with the Word of God to give it the power to convert the soul.”

- Charles H. Spurgeon

This Week at Rosedale

Tuesday: Men's Bible Study – 9:30 am

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm

Friday: Youth Group – 7:00 pm

Saturday: Men's Bible Study – 8:00 am

Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:30 am
Corporate Worship – 10:30 am

Welcome Visitors: If you are new to Rosedale or just stopping by for a visit, please take a moment to fill out the visitor card in the pew and place it in the offering plate. Pastor John would be happy to connect with you and answer any questions you may have about our Church.

Church Membership: The next membership class will begin on Sunday April 23rd at 6:30pm. If you are interested in joining Rosedale or would like to learn more about Church Membership please speak to Pastor John.

Believer's Baptism: We are in the process of planning our next Baptismal service. If you are a believer who has not yet been baptized by immersion please speak to Pastor John.

Christian Foundations: We will begin a new session of Christian Foundations on Sunday April 9th and will be studying the Sermon on the Mount. Christian Foundations is our Adult Sunday School class and everyone is encouraged to attend each Sunday morning at 9:00am.

Wisdom and Folly - 1 Corinthians 1:18 - 2:5

I. The 'Folly' of God's Evangel- vv. 18-25

- 1) Word of Wisdom (v.17) vs. Word of the Cross (v. 18)
 - a. Pursuit of worldly 'wisdom' was at the heart of the Corinthian disunity and division
 - b. Corinthians cared greatly about the form of preaching (ie. rhetoric & eloquence), whereas Paul cared about the content of preaching
- 2) Those Perishing vs. Those Being Saved
 - a. Every person falls into one of these categories
 - i. Perishing – view the gospel message as foolish (literally in Greek - 'moronic')
 - ii. Saved – understand that the gospel message as the power of God (*cf.* Romans 1:16)
 - b. True condition of the heart is revealed by its response to gospel proclamation
- 3) God's Wisdom vs. Man's 'Wisdom'
 - a. There are 2 kinds of wisdom – one is earthly and one is heavenly (*cf.* James 3:13-18; Job 28)
 - b. God's wisdom seems 'foolish' to unregenerate humanity, but in reality the 'wisdom' of unregenerate humanity is utterly foolish to God!
 - i. Evidence from history (v. 19, *cf.* Isaiah 29:14)
 - ii. Evidence from experience (v. 20)
 - c. God made a sovereign choice to bring salvation through a 'foolish' method and message (v. 21)
 - i. A crucified Messiah was scandalous to the Jews (*cf.* Deuteronomy 21:23)
 - ii. A resurrected Saviour was foolishness to the Greek philosopher (physical body = evil)
 - iii. Christians (literally 'called ones' – v. 24) recognize Christ as God's wisdom and power

Application:

- Do you view the message of Christ's crucifixion for sinners as foolishness, or as God's wisdom and power? What does that indicate about the current condition of your heart and your eternal destination?

- Do not be ashamed of the gospel because people around you think it is foolish!
- God does not need us to 'tweak' the Gospel in order to make it more attractive and appealing for the lost.

II. The 'Folly' of God's Election – vv. 26-31

- 1) The Objects of God's Calling (v. 26)
 - a. The doctrine of God's effectual 'calling' and 'choosing' (literally 'electing') dominates the entire chapter (v. 1, 2, 9, 24, 26, 27, 28)
 - b. In His sovereignty God has chosen to save many people that this world chooses to reject
- 2) The Purpose of God's Calling
 - a. To reveal the utter foolishness of man's wisdom
 - b. To eliminate every form of human boasting and pretension (*cf.* 2 Timothy 1:9)
 - i. The Corinthians were puffed up in pride
 - ii. In reality they had nothing to boast about!
 - c. To ensure that God receives all the glory for the saving work that Christ accomplished

Application:

- God's call to salvation is unconditional (ie. not based on anything meritorious he saw/ foresaw in man) so that He receives all the glory in the work of salvation. We should be very careful never to rob God of the glory He alone deserves by boasting in our own merit.

III. The 'Folly' of God's Evangelist – 2:1-5

- 1) The Preacher's Eloquence does not save
- 2) The Preacher's Self-Confidence does not save
- 3) Only the mighty power of God's Spirit can save!

Application:

- When you share the gospel do not rely on your own methods, abilities and strength – trust in the power of God's Spirit working through His Word
- A Church built on the foundation of personalities and pragmatism (ie. popular methods) may attract a crowd but it will accomplish very little for God's Kingdom.