

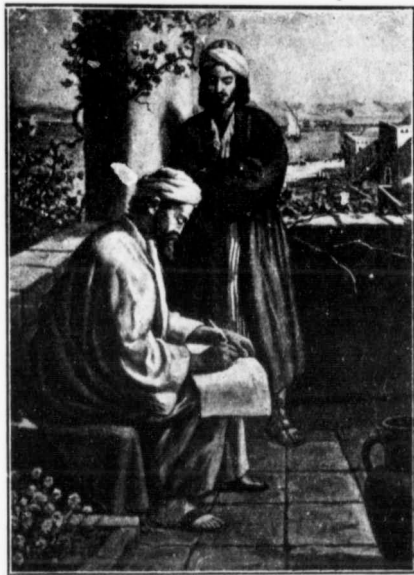
## Lesson V.

## THE WORD OF THE CROSS

July 30, 1916

1 Corinthians 1 : 18 to 2 : 2. Study 1 Corinthians 1 : 1 to 2 : 5. \*Scripture Memory Verses, Luke 10 : 33, 34.

**Golden Text**—Far be it from me to glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.—Galatians 6 : 14 (Rev. Ver.).



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2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Je'sus Christ, and him crucified.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Our story last Sunday told us about Paul, the great missionary, going to preach in the heathen city of Corinth, where many of the people worshiped gods made of wood and stone. Paul was a great traveler. This was his Second Missionary Journey. When he left Corinth, he went to Jerusalem and soon after came to Antioch, the place from which he had started. Here he heard that the people in Corinth who had listened to the story of Jesus' life, and death on the cross, were not getting on very well together. Some of them said they were followers of Paul, some said they were followers of Apollos, a great preacher, some said they were followers of Peter, and some said they were followers of Jesus Christ.

Paul was very sorry when he heard this,

18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness ; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

20 Where is the wise ? where is the scribe ? where is the disputer of this world ? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world ?

21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom :

23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness ;

24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men ; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called :

27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise ; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty ;

28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are :

29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

30 But of him are ye in Christ Je'sus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption :

31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Ch. 2 : 1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

for he wanted them all to be followers of Jesus only. He wrote a letter to them to tell them that he did not want them to think of him at all. He had gone to tell them about Jesus who died on the cross to save everybody, and he wanted them to think only of Jesus.

A great painter once painted a beautiful picture of Jesus and his disciples seated at the table at their last supper together before Jesus died. The artist wished to make the face of Jesus so beautiful that no one would look at any one else. When it was finished, he called his friends to see this wonderful picture and one of them said, "What a fine face Apostle Peter has." Another said, "What a beautiful face Apostle John has." Another said, "What fine faces they all have."

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