A Conflict of Wisdom
1 Cor. 1:18-31

Introduction:
A. Ever-present conflict between conventional wisdom of the world and revealed wisdom of God.
B. Conventional wisdom changes with each generation – wisdom of God remains static.
C. Our faith in the wisdom of God is tested daily.
   1. Often overwhelmed and confused by wisdom of “experts.”
   2. Often treated like ignoramus if choose Bible over conventional wisdom.
D. Five subjects test Christian’s faith in the wisdom of God over conventional wisdom of this world:

Discussion:
I. The Origin Man.
   A. Conventional wisdom now says man evolved.
      1. “Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.” (Rom. 1:22)
      2. Would have to have had first pair to make first human baby — how.
      3. Would have had to come from eternal matter or created matter.
   B. Bible says man was created by God on 6th day of creation.

II. The Nature of Depraved Behavior.
   A. Conventional wisdom’s two most popular approaches to what Bible calls sin.
      1. Either accept is as “different,” but not necessarily wrong.
      2. Or else treat is as a disease — physical or psychological.
   B. Bible treats it as moral problem — result of moral decision.
      1. Can be repented of — overcome by faith.
      2. 1 Cor 6:9-11: How “cured” without modern medicine, genetics or psychology?

III. The Operation of the Home.
   A. “Experts” of this world have removed two things from homes:
      1. Over-under relationships.
      2. Effective child discipline.
   B. Those who respect God’s wisdom will retain both:
      1. Over-under relationships (Eph. 5:22-24; 1 Pet 3:5,6; Eph 6:1.)

IV. The Function of the Church.
   A. Some “experts” think know more about running church than the Lord.
      1. End justifies means.
      2. Give “customers” what they want.
      3. Change with the times.
   B. God knows best for the church — always be weak and foolish to worldly wise.
      1. In worship (Matt. 15:9).
      2. In work: Evangelize, Edify, and Relieve needy saints.
      3. In organization.

V. The Salvation of Man.
   A. The source of his salvation – not self (humanism), or social/economic reforms.
   B. The means of his salvation – blood, gospel, etc.
   C. The conditions of his salvation (Mark 16:15, 16; Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21)

Conclusion:
2. Are you ready to choose God’s wisdom over the wisdom of this world?