

Considering The Messenger

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Introduction:

- The problem of the divisions
 - Paul uses effective and persuasive rhetoric in his preaching
 - Paul wants them to follow him ("imitate me") but he doesn't want them to so join themselves to a leader that they rely on him and not Christ. (Was Paul crucified for you, or were you baptised in the name of Paul?)
- So Paul has emphasised the message is not one that appeals to man's wisdom.
- Paul then raises the issue of their own calling.
Not many wise, noble, influential.

We've focused on the message (18-25), the recipients (26-31), and this morning we will look at the preacher (2:1-5).

1. The (overall) method
 - a. Not with human eloquence
 - b. Determination to know nothing but Christ crucified
2. The messenger
 - a. Weakness
 - b. Fear and trembling

3. The message

a. Preaching--not human wisdom

b. Demonstration--Spirit and power

c. Object of faith--power of God

Conclusion:

