

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (1: 22-25)

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord.

PSALM 19: 7-9 (SAID TOGETHER)

¹ The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

² The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

³ The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

⁴ More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter than honey, than honey in the comb.

⁵ By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.