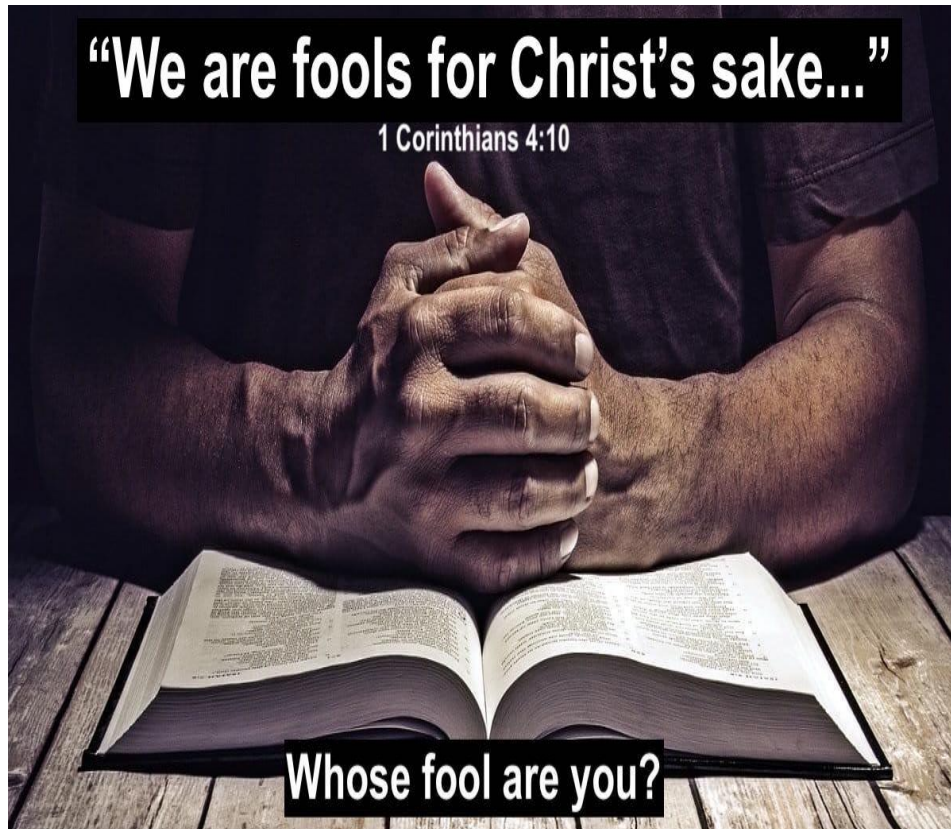


“WE ARE FOOLS FOR CHRIST!” WHOSE FOOL ARE YOU?



Grace and Peace to you from the Philippines! Today is Friday, July 11, 2025. Today, we will read 1st Corinthians Chapter 4. My title statement came from verse 10. Paul wrote, "We are fools for Christ...". Then, I added, "Whose fool are you?". In Paul's writing to the church at Corinth, he admonishes them to be good stewards. v.2 Sometimes, pastors use this verse to refer to tithes and offerings. However, we must mind the context. In v. 1 he says "...stewards of the mysteries of GOD." I have mentioned before that a mystery in the Bible is not something that we cannot understand. In the Bible, a mystery is a truth that is hidden for a time and revealed at a later date. There are hundreds of mysteries hidden in the Old Testament which are revealed in the New Testament.

Jesus fulfilled many OT prophecies when He was here in the flesh. For instance, the prophet Isaiah wrote about a person who "...was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes, we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5) In verse 7 Isaiah writes, "...He is brought as a lamb to slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so opened He not His mouth." If you know the Bible, this is a clear reference to Jesus. (See John 1:29; Acts 8:26-40) However, when Isaiah prophesied those words more than 700 years before Christ was born, it was a mystery. The mystery became clear when John the Baptist said, "Behold the Lamb of GOD which taketh away the sin of the world." (John 1:29) In Acts 8 there is a story when Philip, a deacon of the church, met an Ethiopian eunuch riding in his chariot. The Ethiopian was actually reading Isaiah's prophecy in chapter 53. Unfortunately, he did not understand what he was reading. He asks Philip who Isaiah was referring to: himself or someone else. Acts 8:35 says, "Then Philip opened his mouth and began at the same scripture and preached unto him Jesus." Philip knew that Isaiah was talking about the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

As believers, we have been entrusted with these precious truths, and we are required to be "good stewards" by sharing them. A steward is someone who manages another's property. As stewards of Christ, we possess the most precious thing in the world: GOD's Word. Once we understand and accept its Truth, then it becomes our responsibility to share it with others. Are you being a good steward for Christ? Whose fool are you? I agree with the apostle Paul; I am a fool for Christ. Whose fool are you?

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