

Paul's WISDOM message

in 1 Corinthians 1:10-4:13 was / is...

in a

largely corrective Letter
(fill in the blank)

tone-setting and
a bit sarcastic (4:8-10)
(fill in the blank)

against humanistic
rhetoric (1:17, 2:1-4, 13)
(fill in the blank)

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against
man-centered boasting (1:29)
(fill in the blank)

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probably not
well-received by some (3:4, 4:20)
(fill in the blank)

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not just against
Greek humanism (1:20, 27-29)
(fill in the blank)

pointedly
fitting for
the Greeks

positive in key spots
1:24, 30, 2:6-15, & 3:21-23
(fill in the blank)

about the triumph
of the gospel (1:18-24)
(fill in the blank)

about the purpose
of the cross (1:24, 30, 2:10)
(fill in the blank)

spiritually
enabled & focused (2:4-16)
(fill in the blank)

surprisingly
theological (1:18-20, 30, 2:10)
(fill in the blank)

promoting
church unity
in Christ

summarized in
key verses (1:31, 3:18, 21, 4:6-7)
(fill in the blank)

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about being
wise fools (3:18-21, 4:10)
(fill in the blank)

a call for
humble unity (3:18-23, 4:6)
(fill in the blank)

unselfish and
self-effacing (1:14, 2:3, 3:21-23)
(fill in the blank)

Descriptive

Directions: After thoughtfully reading through the first four chapters of First Corinthians, consider the points made above about Paul's teaching on wisdom. Would you have filled in the various blank lines the same way? Which points do you think are most important and helpful in making personal applications? (Pay particular attention to the commands in 1:31, 3:18, and 3:21.)

Meditation