

PAUL: TWO GOSPEL MESSAGES

²²For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; ²³but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men
(1Co.1:22-25)

WHEN SPEAKING TO GREEKS

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Gospel of the UNCIRCUMCISED (Ga.2:7)

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But on the contrary, when they saw that the gospel for the uncircumcised had been committed to me, as the gospel for the circumcised was to Peter (Ga.2:7)

Confront speculation & philosophy with the FOOLISHNESS of the cross

Confront their lust of power and accomplishment with the WEAKNESS of the cross

Presents Christ's salvation as true WISDOM

Presents Christ's salvation as true POWER

EMPHASIS: What is going on now since the Fall



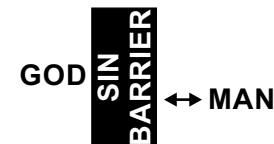
Creation of Earth - Everything is Good



Future Restoration of Earth

FOCUS on Restoration

EMPHASIS: What things were like before the Fall and the restoration back to that condition after the return of Christ



FOCUS on the Barrier

Paul, when speaking to Gentiles appealed mostly to natural revelation of God as Creator (Ac.14:8-20)
> Paul & Barnabas in Lystra

Paul, when speaking to Jews (or God-fearers) insists on fulfillment of O.T. prophecy (Ac.17:16-34)
> Paul at Synagogue in Athens