



“Boasting in Jesus”

1 Corinthians 1:29-31

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➔ **Introduction...** God blocks all roads that men build to get to heaven. Salvation does not come by man’s wisdom and intelligence. This study examines why God does not allow us to determine how we are to be forgiven and go to heaven.

➔ **Open it...**

1. What is your favorite food to take on a road trip and why?
2. Share a road trip you have taken (short or long) that had unexpected detours or just ended up different than what you planned.

➔ **Explore it... Read 1 Cor 1:18-31**

1. Why do you think God doesn’t want anyone to boast in His presence?
2. Read the following verses about pride. Prov 8:13, 11:2, 13:10. Since the Lord hates pride, what does He contrast with pride and how does this fit with 1 Cor 1:18-31?
3. Read 1 Peter 5:5-6. Pride is not only arrogance before God. Discuss how pride is manifested in personal relationships and how God is still involved.
4. Why do you think it is so hard for people to humble themselves before God?
5. Why do you think Paul was able accomplish so much in his ministry? See 2 Cor 12:9-10, 1 Tim 1:15.
6. Think of some of the things that make you happy. Are they lasting? How does boasting in God make us happy?

7. List some of the things that God has done for us that we can't do for ourselves.
8. What does the phrase "in Christ Jesus" mean? See Paul's use in Rom 6:11, 23, 8:1, Gal 3:26, Eph 2:6-10.
9. Does God accept us just as we are? When you sing the words to the song *Come Now Is The Time To Worship*, "Come, just as you are before your God," what do you think that means?
10. What verse would you pick that best describes us before we become righteous in Jesus Christ?
11. Read 1 Peter 1:3-9 and list the things that should be making us happy.

➔ **Apply it...** As you think back on this lesson – answer these questions personally with I, me and my...

1. Is there an area in your life where you have been doing it on your own, thereby boasting before God instead of depending on God?
2. Have you been trying to maintain your salvation or gain God's acceptance through your own efforts? See Gal 3:1-5. Consider that even this is boasting before God. How then, can you follow Micah 6:8?
3. Do you consider yourself a slave to God (Rom 6:22)? What are some of the areas in your life where you need to reevaluate your relationship with Him as a slave?

➔ **Pray it...** Take some time to boast in the Lord. Thank Him for the things He has done in your life that you couldn't do. Start with salvation and continue with every part of your life where you must depend on Him.