

The Vine This Month

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HOM Editorial

I read an email about **Faith versus Reason**, the author expounded on 1 Corin-

thians 1:18-31 and suggested that the first battle between faith and human reason took place in the garden of Eden. Eve looked at her situation from a purely logical perspective and decided she was being cheated by God out of something good. Her faith faltered as "reasonable" thoughts of self-interest filled her mind.

The author proposed that God's instructions and actions don't always appear reasonable from a human perspective. Although Isaiah 55:8-9 describes God's thoughts and ways as higher than man's, many people judge divine ideas to be lower than human intelligence.

The author added that Paul emphasizes that God's choices are illogical by the world's standards. His message of salvation seems foolish, and His messengers appear weak and unimpressive.

This reminded me of an incident recently when I tried to share about Christianity with my colleagues. One of them asked, "What if Christ was lying to you?" He was questioning if it really was so simple. At that point in time I could not find a response. However later that night, the answer came to me. If Christ was lying, He paid a terrible price for it because He was tortured and crucified to death for it. Jesus was not killed for committing a crime. *"Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. (Matthew 27:23)*

So my dear friends, we have a glorious message that boggles the mind, God became man to save us from our sins. The simple message that you have to share with the world.

I remember when I was a young boy and the people used to bang gongs and make loud noises when there was a lunar eclipse. Now they are too sophisticated and can even predict that on Dec 26, there will be a solar eclipse called the ring of fire. Are they truly wise?

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18)

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