



**No Magick**

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**Only Mercy**





# 1 Corinthians Chapter 1

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- **17** For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not in [!]cleverness of speech, so that the cross of Christ would not be made void.
- **18** For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who [m]are perishing, but to us who [n]are being saved it is the **power of God.**



# The Main Thing

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■ 22 For indeed Jews ask for [p]signs and Greeks search for wisdom; 23 **but we preach [q]Christ crucified,** to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.**



# The Main Main Thing (1 Cor 2)

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And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. <sup>2</sup> For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. <sup>3</sup> I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, <sup>4</sup> and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power <sup>5</sup> so that your faith would not [c]rest on the wisdom of men, *but on the **power** of God.*



# No Magick

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The notion that there is a way to control the world around us by our own agency – because we have learned the formulas and the secret words of the spiritual realm – is a delusion and a deception. Using spiritual power to achieve personal goals is witchcraft, and it involves destructive partnerships that often come with a price that is bigger than we realize until it is too late.



# Hebrews 4:15-16

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- **15** For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin. **16** Therefore let us draw near with **confidence** to the throne of grace, **so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**





# Only Mercy

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- In the Kingdom of God, **There is only mercy.**
- Mercy- *Eleos*- The compassion and commitment of God combined with all of His resources to meet the need.
- As we embrace and surrender to the person and presence of Jesus, the life of Jesus, in us – he brings **with him, he brings to us** – all the power and resources of God to become resident within us. (Galatians 2:20)





# Grace to the HUMBLE

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- The only condition to activate those resources and live fully in and by them is that – just like Jesus –
- I must only do what I see the Father doing (John 5:19) and
- I must only say what I hear the Father saying (John 12:49-50)
- I must decrease and he must increase. (John 3:30)



# What Do You See?

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- To only do what I see the Father doing involves observing the character and nature of God revealed in the Word and recognizing ways to walk that way in the here and now



# So Pay Attention to HIM

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- We do not get to dictate or activate or manipulate his power to achieve our will.
- Instead, he invites/allows us to step into his story – prayer in the middle voice –
- and become a partner/participant in what he is already doing, **which will release His power in us** in ways that will bless us and others for His Glory.



# What Are You Hearing?

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- To only Say what I Hear the Father saying involves letting the written Word speak to me every day – going deeper and deeper into written revelation –
- so that I can recognize, understand and respond to the voice of God interacting with me every MOMENT of every day in real time,
- so I can walk with Him and rest in Him and be useful to Him to bless others and bring glory to him in this world.



# It Isn't Majick, It's JESUS

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- Within these parameters there is a never-ending RIVER OF LIFE AND POWER flowing IN US AND THROUGH US that can meet every need and solve every problem,
- But it only comes as we stop relying on human wisdom and our ability to figure it out and control our circumstances
- Wait on/trust in the demonstration of HIS power, because our faith must not rest on the wisdom of men, but the power of God



# Which Sounds More Like You?

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- Wisdom of men or Power of God?
- Do you depend on your ability to pray the “right” kind of prayer or do the “right” kind of declaration to get God to do your will?
- Do you wait until you see what the Father is doing and hear what the Father is saying, or do you just freak out and react out of fear or pride or desperation and try to make something happen?
- Mercy is yours; everything comes from him



# Good News, YOU ARE

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- deeply loved by God, *Ephesians 3: 16-19*
- fully accepted by God *Colossians 1:22; 2 Corinthians 5:19, 21*
- completely and permanently forgiven by God, *John 1:29; John 3:16-18; John 19:30*
- lavishly blessed by God, *Ephesians 1:3-8*
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY *Zephaniah 3:17, Nehemiah 8:10, Hebrews 12:2*