### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

I Corinthians 4:1-20 SERMON TITLE: DARE TO BE DIFFERENT!

#### <u>SERMON TITLE:</u> "BECOMING `FOOLS' FOR

CHRIST"

#### **SERMON OUTLINE:**

12/31/14 "Peculiar People" ...I Peter 2:9

01/04 "Foolish Things..."

...I Corinthians 1:18

#### **SERMON OUTLINE:**

**01/11** "Fools for CHRIST" ...I Corinthians 3:18-20

**01/18** "Foolish Things..." ... I Corinthians 4:1-20

#### **SERMON OUTLINE:**

**01/25** "Guest Preacher(s)" ...Text to be Given

**02/01** "Not of the World" ...John 17:1-26

# BE DIFFERENT

"They are *not of the world*, just as I am not of the world...As You sent Me into the world, *I also have sent them into the world*." John 17:16, 18

"Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a *special* treasure to Me above all *people*,..." **Exodus 19:5**  "For you *are* a holy **people** to THE LORD...chosen you to be a **people** for HIMSELF, a *special treasure* above all the peoples..." **Deuteronmy. 7:6, 14:2** 



"*But you are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, HIS own *special people*," I Peter 2:9a "who gave HIMSELF for us, that HE might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for HIMSELF *HIS* own *special people*,..." Titus 2:14

#### "FOOL"

## "FOOLS"

### "FOOLISH"

"For the wisdom of this world is *foolishness* with GOD." I Corinthians 3:19 "For the message of the cross is *foolishness* to those who are perishing..." I Corinthians 1:18a

"But GOD has chosen the *foolish things*... to put to shame the wise, and...the weak things... to shame the things which are mighty;" I Corinthians 1:27 "Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a *fool* that he may become wise." I Corinthians 3:18

## HEBREW: "nabal" (denial of GOD)

### GREEK: "moron" (insult with intent to damage)

"But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause[a] shall be in danger of the judgment." Matthew 5:22a "And whoever says to his brother, '*Raca!*' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, '*You foo!!*' shall be in danger of hell fire." Matthew 5:22b

## **FOOLS FOR CHRIST**

"Let a man so consider us, as *servants of Christ* and *stewards of the mysteries of GOD*." I Corinthians 4:1 "Now these things...that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written...none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other." **I Corinthians 4:6**  "For who makes you differ *from another?* And what do you have that you did not receive? ...if you did indeed receive *it,* why do you boast...?" **I Corinthians 4:7** 

"You are already full! You are already rich! You have reigned as kings without us—...I could wish you did reign, that we...might reign with you!" I Corinthians 4:8 "For...GOD has displayed us,...apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men." I Corinthians 4:9

"We *are fools for CHRIST's sake*, but you *are* wise in CHRIST! We *are* weak, but you *are* strong! You *are* distinguished..." **I Corinthians 4:10** 

"To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless." I Corinthians 4:11 "And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure;" I Corinthians 4:12 "being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now." I Corinthians 4:13

"I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn *you.* Therefore I urge you, imitate me." I Corinthians 4:14, 16 "For this reason I...sent Timothy...my beloved and faithful son..., who will remind you of my ways in CHRIST, as I teach everywhere..." I Corinthians 4:17

"Now some are puffed up, as though I were not coming to you.

**19** But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord wills,"**I Corinthns. 4:18-19a** 

"...and I will know, not the word of those who are puffed up, but the *power*." I Corinthns. 4:19b "For the kingdom of GOD *is* not in word but in *power*." I Corinthns. 4:20 "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**." **I Corinthians 1:18**