

Words of Wisdom Radio Transcripts by John T Polk II

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

7/10/2023 Who Is Equal

According to the Bible, all humans were Created equal, for:

The LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. (Genesis 2:7)

All humans have a body and a soul and are above the rest of the animal world. According to Jesus Christ, every "creature" who "believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16). Each Christian equally becomes "His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works" (Ephesians 2:10). Jesus taught "the kingdom of heaven" is like a man who, in giving talents to his servants, "to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability" (Matthew 25:14-15).

Humans are only "equal" in Creation and Re-creation, but are not equal in "abilities."

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7/11/2023 What Unity In Diversity?

Foreign languages were invented by God. After the flood in Noah's day:

The whole earth had one language and one speech (Genesis 11:1), and

God said, "Let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." (Genesis 11:4)

[The tower] is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth. (**Genesis 11:9**)

The Devil has used division to divide and conquer people ever since! Keeping different languages splinters the American culture, and denominations have splintered the church of Christ.

Can two walk together, unless they are agreed? (Amos 3:3)

There is no unity in diversity in culture or religion! The Gospel of Jesus Christ unites.

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7/12/2023 Questions for Unity

To the divided Corinthian church of Christ, Paul asked:

"Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" (1 Corinthians 1:13)

Many people act as if denominations don't matter – but they do! Regardless of their affiliation, the claim is "we're all in the church of Christ." It may not matter to them, but it did to the Apostle Paul! "Is Christ divided" was answered in the New Testament with a resounding "NO!" Paul's appeal then was that there should be "no divisions among" Christians (1 Corinthians 1:10). Paul urged Christians:

Note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. (**Romans 16:17**)

Divisions are not over "the doctrine" but over those who misrepresent and mis-teach that doctrine!

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7/13/2023 Ruling By "Offense"

The late atheist Christopher Hitchens said,

"I'm very depressed how in this country you can be told, 'That's offensive,' as though those two words constitute an argument."

Indeed, minorities rule by simply saying they are offended by: God, Jesus Christ, the Bible, Christians, the Church of Christ, or sin. But these are truthfully taught in the Bible. God's blessings are on those who are not offended by them! Jesus Christ said:

"And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me." (Matthew 11:6)

Jesus condemned Pharisees.

Then His disciples came and said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?" But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted." (Matthew 15:12-13)

Truth cancels someone's "offense."

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7/14/2023 The Lord-less Supper

Jesus took the Jewish Passover elements and gave them new meaning for those in His kingdom. The unleavened bread is to remember His body, "the fruit of the vine" is to remember His "blood, which is shed for you" (Luke 22:18-20). Paul taught Christians:

As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. (**1 Corinthians 11:26**)

Paul met with disciples "on the first day of the week" "to break bread" (Acts 20:7). Jesus' death has not properly been remembered by Christians without this weekly observance. Changing the elements, their meaning, or the time of observance, removes Jesus Christ from His Supper!

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