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Words of Wisdom by John T Polk II For WECO FM 101.3 and The Fellowship Room

1-5-2015 Why Reject Jesus' Church?

Do you blame Jesus Christ for Judas Iscariot? No, because "Satan entered Judas" (Luke 22:3).

Since the church of Christ is the body of Jesus Christ today (Colossians 1:24), why blame the churches of Christ for the "ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ" (Jude 1:4)? It seems people want to dismiss the churches of Christ by emphasizing the hypocritical few. Do not reject Jesus because of Judas, and do not reject the church of Christ because some have failed to be faithful. Paul wrote:

... To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse. (Colossians 1:2)

Everyone in the churches of Christ are not "ungodly," anymore than all Apostles are betrayers of Jesus Christ!

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1-6-2015 The Influence of Jesus Christ

And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen. (John 21:25)

Jesus' *impact* was too great for historians to deny it; His *effect* was too great for theologians to change it; His *motive* was too great for sinners to ignore it; His *church* is too great for apostates to smear it; His *miracles* were too great for false prophets to imitate them. The written Word of God contains more power than the world can hold, and the worldly can admit, for it teaches us "that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age" (Titus 2:12).

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1-7-2015 Study the "Book of Revelation"

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near. (Revelation 1:3)

John tells readers that the Book of Revelation can be read, heard, and kept. It should not be confusing, for it is a "revelation" (an uncovering, unveiling) of Jesus Christ. There is much confusion over the Book of Revelation, not because of what it says, but over false teachers who abuse it. When there "are some things hard to understand, [it is the] untaught and unstable people [who] twist [them] to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures" (2 Peter 3:16). Six Wednesday night studies of the Book of Revelation at 100 Cross Street begin tonight at 7 PM. We want you to be with us.

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1-8-2015 The Bible Is The Voice Of God

The Bible is the Voice of God to His World. God "has in these last days spoken to us by His Son" (Hebrews 1:2). The Apostles spoke, "not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual words" (1 Corinthians 2:13). Jesus taught:

"But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." (Matthew 22:31-32)

The message of God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit to anyone today has been written. One who fails or refuses to study the Word of God, fails or refuses to hear the Voice of God!

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1-9-2015 The Bible Is From God

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)

This prophecy, given some 700 years before it happened, was not "dually fulfilled;" did not apply to Isaiah's own son or the serious situation at the time; but was only one-time fulfilled in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, so said God's Holy-Spirit-inspired writer, Matthew, in Matthew 1:20-23. Only God could have prophesied such a unique, specific event, controlled its writing, preserved the prophecy for 700 years, and identified the event that completely fulfilled the original statement. The Bible does this hundreds of times, proving that it comes only from God, but no other religion's book does: the Hindu RigVeda; the Muslim Koran; or the Buddhist Tripitaka!

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