

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

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

10-10-2016 Jesus Is Only Begotten

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him (**1 John 4:9**).

Jesus is special because:

1) The word, "manifested" means "made obvious," and so:

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" (John 15:13);

2) He is God's "only begotten Son," because no one else has been made like Him! Jesus is not God's "only" Son,

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:26);

3) "And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin" (1 John 3:5). Jesus said,

"If you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins (John 8:24).

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10-11-2016 Jesus Is Hope In Resurrection

[Jesus said to Martha,] "'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to Him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world'" (John 11:25-27).

- **1)** Jesus gives hope for life after this life.
- 2) To prepare for this, one must be:

... Buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses" (Colossians 2:12-13).

3) No other religion can promise so much for so many!

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10-12-2016 Jesus Is the 'Messiah'

[A Samaritan] "woman said to Him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When He comes, He will tell us all things.' Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you am He' (John 4:25-26).

She went into her city:

... And said to the men, "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" (John 4:28-29)

After they went out and heard Jesus,

They said to the woman, 'Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world' (John 4:42).

Even Samaritans saw that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah of the Old Testament. Only the blind still look for Messiah to come! They should say,

"We wish to see Jesus" (John 12:21).

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10-13-2016 Jesus Marked the 'Last Times'

[Jesus Christ] indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God (**1 Peter 1:20-21**).

Peter wrote this New Testament Book in the First Century, saying Jesus "was manifest in these last times." Whose "last times?" **Not** the church of Christ, because Jesus instructed:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen" (Matthew 28:19-20).

Jesus came in God's "last times" of the Jews as His chosen people.

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10-14-2016 Receiving Christ Jesus

As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving (**Colossians 2:6-7**).

To "receive Jesus," a person must be "taught" "in the faith." Paul wrote,

We urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God (**1 Thessalonians 4:1**).

If the Thessalonians had "received Jesus" apart from Scripture, why did Paul need to write Scripture to them to tell them how "to walk and to please God?" Paul warned to:

Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men (**Colossians 2:8**).

"Receive Jesus" the Scriptural way, not by man-made traditional teaching.

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