

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.

12-12-2016 Getting Jesus Right: Kingship

The New Testament writers, "did not follow cunningly devised fables" (2 Peter 1:16) when they wrote about Jesus Christ. A "fable" is a "myth, fairy tale, falsehood." At birth, Jesus was not a "king." He was called "king of the Jews" by wise men (Matthew 2:2). After miraculously feeding thousands, the people wanted to force Him to be their king, but Jesus withdrew from them (John 6:15). He entered Jerusalem, and the Jews wrongly said,

"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!" (Luke 19:38).

Pilate wrongly titled Jesus' cross, "THE KING OF THE JEWS" (Mark 15:26). Only after His resurrection did Jesus claim,

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth" (Matthew 28:18).

Now He is "the King of kings and Lord of lords" (1 Timothy 6:15).

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12-13-2016 Getting Jesus Right: Word of God

The New Testament writers, "did not follow cunningly devised fables" (**2 Peter 1:16**) when they wrote about Jesus Christ. A "fable" is a "myth, fairy tale, or falsehood."

For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe (**1** Thessalonians **2:13**).

Only the Word of God should be our source of faith, everything else should not be! Since the Bible was written by God through inspired men,

Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar (**Proverbs 30:5-6**).

Don't rely on false translations or traditions!

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12-14-2016 Getting Jesus Right: Bible Order

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[David said,] Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works Which You have done; And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, They are more than can be numbered (**Psalm 40:5**).

Just reading the Bible "in order," and without myths, builds a powerful, attractive case for us to love and serve Him. He created our world and us from nothing, led the history of mankind to Jesus Christ, and showed us His love through the cross.

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**).

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12-15-2016 Getting Jesus Right: Birth Date

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And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7).

Shepherds were told:

"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

"And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger" (Luke 2:16).

[They praised] God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them (Luke 2:20).

The **day** of His birth is given, a **date** of December 25 was not. Going beyond God's Word is unscriptural!

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12-16-2016 Getting Jesus Right: No Mass

The New Testament writers, "did not follow cunningly devised fables" (**2 Peter 1:16**) when they wrote about Jesus Christ. A "fable" is a "myth, fairy tale, or falsehood."

Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle (**2 Thessalonians 2:15**).

A "tradition" is "a practice handed down, or passed along," so Christian "traditions" must come from the Apostles, themselves. No "tradition," then, that cannot be found in God's New Testament, should be practiced by Christians, for:

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (**Romans 10:17**).

In the New Testament, Christians did not:

- 1) celebrate Jesus' birth;
- 2) say He was born during some pagan time change of seasons;
- **3)** mix up Bible events;
- 4) mix Bible records with myths or fairy tales!

Take Christ out of the mess of "Mass!"

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