

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.

1-31-2022 Man-Made Tradition: Jesus' Resurrection

Jesus Christ was:

... Declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. (Romans 1:4)

Since Jesus "rose early on the first day of the week" (Mark 16:9), Christians meet together on the "first day of the week" in remembrance of His resurrection, and "break bread" to remember Jesus' death for their sins (Acts 20:7). Because each week has a "first day" the churches of Christ remember Jesus' Gospel every week.

Sinners may put this Gospel into their hearts, by being "buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). This is not seasonal, but serious.

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2-1-2022 Paul's Gospel Is Not Moses' Law

Paul reminded Christians that

Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. (Galatians 2:16)

Nothing in God's Word separates the Law of Moses into "moral" and "ceremonial" laws. Jesus Christ, Himself, referred to the Old Testament as being "the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms" (Luke 24:44). "The Law of Moses" included the five books written by Moses: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy included all the rituals, rules, and righteousness Israelites kept under Moses. From the 10 Commandments throughout, none of Moses' Law saves today, only the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus has said,

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved." (Mark 16:16)

Jesus saves, not Moses.

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2-2-2022

The Gospel Guides

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. Do not be like the horse or like the mule, Which have no understanding, Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you. (Psalm 32:8-9)

David clearly states God's instruction should guide one without being forced to obey. Jesus said things proceeding "out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man" (Matthew 15:18). True, evil begins in a heart, but so, also does obedience.

[Paul] preached to you the gospel of God. (1 Thessalonians 2:9)

And:

You obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. (Romans 6:17)

And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized. (Acts 18:8)

Don't be forced to be baptized.

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2-3-2022 What Prophecy Did Jesus Fulfill?

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled." - Jesus (Matthew 5:17-18)

Jesus, then, gave 6 quotes from the Law of Moses which He contrasted with His own Laws (Matthew 5:21-48). After He was raised from the dead,

He said to them, 'These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.' And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. (Luke 24:44-45)

Once fulfilled, the Law of Moses was removed by Jesus' cross.

He takes away the first that He may establish the second. (**Hebrews** 10:9)

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2-4-2022 Evil Approved and Good Condemned

He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just, Both of them alike are an abomination to the LORD. (**Proverbs 17:15**)

Approving evil or condemning those who do good are "abomination to the LORD." That's as bad as it can get. Rulers are "God's minister to you for good," and "God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil" (Romans 13:3-4). What makes it confusing for some people is when government policy or laws become abominable to God. Only the Bible gives a clear description of what is "good," and what is "evil."

Whoever rewards evil for good, Evil will not depart from his house. (**Proverbs 17:13**)

The Christian, however, must

See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all. (1 Thessalonians 5:15)

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