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Church of Christ**

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Assembly Times

Sundays
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

***Retaining The Standard
Of Sound Doctrine***

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Know Your Bible: Answers

1. Haman (Esther)
2. Cain (Genesis 4:8)
3. Pontius Pilate (John 18-19)
4. Herod [the Great] (Matthew 2:16)
5. Herod [Antipas] (Matthew 14:10)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Tyler Blazek
Announcements: Ronnie Ramsey
Encouragement Talk: Eddie Bowen
Opening Prayer: Robert McCorkle
Song Leader: Ryan Haarmann
Table Talk: Harper Flores
Contribution: Brad Smith
Helper: Kevin Buckner
Fruit of Vine: Eddie Bowen
Helper: Chris Beard
Helper: Lester Mabry
Scripture Reading: Jacob McAdams
Closing Prayer: Arturo Orozco

Sunday Afternoons

Feb 26 4PM Parent Class; Children's Drill Class
Mar 5 4PM Devotionals (Men, Women, Youth)
Mar 12 3PM Bible Fundamentals Class
4PM Outdoor Work Day
Mar 19 5PM Singing/Member Preaches

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Corwin Richardson
Speaker: Harper Flores



Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist
in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”
Ephesians 6:13

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According To The Pattern

Moses was told *“According to all that I am going to show you, as the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, just so you shall construct it... See that you make them after the pattern for them, which was shown to you on the mountain”* (Ex. 25:9, 40).

God was very explicit in that he gave complete patterns to Moses and the people of God. These were meticulously copied into a book by Moses, and passed on to God's people. Faith will require one to follow the pattern. God said, *“You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you”* (Deut. 4:2). One cannot alter that which inspiration has given and maintain God acceptability.

Jesus, through inspiration, has given unto us the final law from God. *“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness”* (2 Tim. 3:16). *“You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free”* (John 8:32). Human creeds and opinions cannot change that which God has given. Only in the keeping of Divine truth is one able to acceptably follow the Lord.

Jesus informs one: *“He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day”* (John 12:48).

Human responsibility is to receive the Word of God, and obey...because He is God. Without Him, one is lost!

By Donald Willis

The Wisdom Of God

by Charles Willis

Hannah prayed *“the Lord is a God of knowledge”* (1 Sam. 2:3). Paul wrote, *“Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!”* (Rom. 11:33). Man will never be able to find the bottom (end) of God’s ways. We will never be able to fully understand all that is God. We will never know things to a depth that God knows. *“His understanding is infinite”* (Ps. 147:5). *“Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts”* (Is. 55:8–9). *“For among all the wise men of the nations And in all their kingdoms, There is none like You”* (Jer. 10:7).

God’s wisdom is demonstrated in *“Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done”* (Is. 46:10). David wrote, *“Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O Lord, You know it all”* (Ps. 139:4). *“There is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do”* (Heb. 4:13). Jesus said, *“your Father knows what you need before you ask Him”* (Matt. 6:8), and *“the very hairs of your head are all numbered”* (Matt. 10:30).

God in His great and boundless wisdom understood that mankind would have to be saved from their sin. If any man were to be saved to live eternally with Him, He would have to do something about it. God *“predetermined”* a plan through His *“foreknowledge”* that Jesus would have to come to the earth and die on a cross for the sins of man (Acts 2:23). *“So that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord”* (Eph. 3:10–11).

God has provided our salvation and in wisdom has given His Holy Word that we might know how to live in righteousness. All praises be to the one and only God.

Know Your Bible

Villains

1. Who plotted to have the entire Hebrew nation exterminated?
2. Who committed the first murder?
3. What declared the innocence of Jesus and allowed him to be crucified anyway?
4. Who ordered the killing of all the infant boys in Bethlehem?
5. What ruler had John the Baptists beheaded?

Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



The Wisdom Of Man

by Charles Willis

Paul referred to *“the wisdom of the wise”* (1 Cor. 1:19), *“the wisdom of this world”* (1 Cor. 1:20), *“human wisdom”* (1 Cor. 2:4), *“the wisdom of men”* (1 Cor. 2:5), and *“fleshly wisdom”* (2 Cor. 1:12). These all refer to the same thing. Man’s understanding of the world we live in, how to get along successfully, how to avoid problems - there is some wisdom of man (epitomized in the aged). But this wisdom cannot be compared to the wisdom of God.

The majority of mankind have a mind-set that they know what is best for themselves, or even for others. For this reason we now see an abundance of religions - man doing what he thinks is best. *“False prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned”* (2 Pet. 2:1–2). Man thinks highly of the wisdom of man - those with high levels of education in religious studies are given more attention than the word of God. Some even taking on the name of a man they follow. This is condemned severely in 1 Corinthians 1:13–17.

False teachers have gone so far to argue that baptism is not needed for salvation. They disregard the Word of God to believe what they want. *“Wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires”* (2 Tim. 4:3). They prefer to do *“what is right in their own eyes”* (Judges 17:6), which God has always condemned. It is a rejection of God, for *“baptism now saves you”* (1 Peter 3:21). No matter what the wisdom of man says (regarding religion or anything else), the truth of God is what will judge us.

We are not left to wonder what is the wisdom of man and what is the truth. God has always made that clear. Paul wrote, *“my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God”* (1 Cor. 2:4–5). The miracles were a testament that God was with Paul and that his message was truth. *“All Scripture is inspired of God”* (2 Tim. 3:16). It is known to be truth because of the evidence of God being with the writer. No modern man has a “new” wisdom from God. The words Christ spoke are what will judge us (John 12:48).

“Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe” (1 Cor. 1:20).