



**Words of Wisdom** by [John T Polk II](#)  
For *WECO FM 101.3* and [The Fellowship Room](#)

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

**9-28-2015 Peter Or Jesus Christ?**

The Holy Spirit-inspired Apostle Paul referred to the Israelites in their wilderness wandering when he said they:

They drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ (**1 Corinthians 10:4**).

The New Testament Greek word here for "Rock" is "petra." Peter had confessed that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God," and Jesus replied,

"I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" (**Matthew 16:16, 18**).

"Peter" is "petros," and "rock" is "petra." Jesus had named Peter "petros" (**John 1:42**) which avoids confusion. The church of Christ is built upon Jesus, NOT Peter! There is NO "successor" of Peter who heads the church of Christ!

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**9-29-2015 Love Or Legalism?**

There are many who believe in the love of God, but reject the "legalism" of commandments. God said mercy is:

"... To those who love Me and keep My commandments" (**Exodus 20:6**).

Jesus said:

“If you love Me, keep My commandments” and, “He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him” (**John 14:15, 21**). “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love” (**John 15:10**). “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments” (**1 John 5:3**).

No one has the “love of God” who rejects His commandments.

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**9-30-2015 Waters Of Mars**

Once again, the headlines proclaim “Nasa scientists find evidence of flowing water on Mars.” “There is liquid water today on the surface of Mars,” Michael Meyer, the lead scientist on Nasa’s Mars exploration programme, told the **Guardian (9/28/15)**.

Satellite images of Mars only show streaks on its surface, which are assumed (without proof!) to be the result of water. But no water has yet been sighted! “Evolution” is always established by false headlines, not scientific facts. Evolutionists are desperate to find water because they falsely teach life evolved from water on the Earth! Whereas scientific facts prove:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (**Genesis 1:1**).

Strange, isn’t it, that water in space shows the possibility of life, but a fertilized egg in a mother’s womb doesn’t prove a live human?

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**10-01-2015 Settled Word of God**

Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven (**Psalm 119:89**).

After predicting the destruction of Jerusalem, Jesus said,

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away” (**Matthew 24:35**). “The grass withers, And its flower falls away, But the word of the LORD endures forever.’ Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you” (**1 Peter 1:24-25**).

None of this sounds like the Bible is a haphazard collection of superstitions thrown together by ignorant fanatics, does it? The Word of God hasn’t changed, neither should it’s preaching.

Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus (**2 Timothy 1:13**).

Come with churches of Christ to hear the Word of God.

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**10-02-2015 Baptized Or Not?**

Jesus’ last word on salvation was:

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned” (**Mark 16:15-16**).

It is baptism, not faith, that puts one into the saving benefit of Jesus’ death, as the Apostle Paul wrote:

Do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? (**Romans 6:3**).

Pitting verses on "faith" against verses on "baptism" was the kind of thing Pharisees did that Jesus condemned.

"Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition" (**Matthew 15:6**).

Some say, "baptism is non-essential," but Jesus said it was. Since "baptism" is into Jesus' death, how can anyone be saved before it?

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