



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.

1-25-2016 Saint Or Sinner?

The line between saint and sinner has been blurred in many people’s minds so they think they are followers of Christ without repenting of their sins!

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth (**1 John 1:6**).

God’s line has not changed, though:

For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them (**Ephesians 5:5-7**).

[Jesus said:] “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life” (**John 8:12**).

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1-26-2016 Live Good Enough Without Christ

Many seem to think that if they live by Christian principles, they do not need to repent of sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us (**1 John 1:8**).

It's true that ungodly people may do good, but it is not true that ungodly people who do good do not need to be converted to Jesus Christ. God's "grace and truth came through Jesus Christ" (**John 1:17**), but He taught that all must "Repent, and believe in the gospel" (**Mark 1:15**).

[Jesus said:] "He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (**Mark 16:16**),

[That allows God to work] "in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ" (**Hebrews 13:21**).

[Jesus also said,] "Without Me you can do nothing" (**John 15:5**).

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**1-27-2016      Once Saved, Not Always Saved**

There are many who think they have been saved and sealed so that they cannot sin and be lost.

If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us (**1 John 1:10**).

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous (**1 John 2:1**).

If God's written Word is obeyed, people would not willingly choose to remain in sin. But Christians may sin. Paul wrote "to the church of God in Corinth" to:

Let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall (**1 Corinthians 1:2; 1 Corinthians 10:12**).

Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall (**Hebrews 4:11**).

Those who can enter "that rest" can "fall," hence the warning.

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1-28-2016 Look Closely

If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also (**1 John 4:20-21**).

[All those who were] baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were 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 6:3-4**).

Since "the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (**Acts 2:47**), no one, in or out of the church of Christ, can hate Christians and claim to "love God."

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**1-29-2016 Say And Do Not**

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, 'I know Him,' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him (**1 John 2:3-4**).

Saying but not obeying only deceives one's own self. Commands "in Jesus' name" are "His commandments." Jesus' Apostle Peter commanded,

Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (**Acts 2:38**).

To claim "remission of sins" before repenting and being baptized, means a person has not kept "His commandments."

[Jesus said of Pharisees:] "They say, and do not do" (**Matthew 23:3**).

[Jesus said,] "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me" (**John 14:21**).

Do you love Jesus Christ?

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