



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.

3-7-2016 Who Can Claim Salvation?

Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory
(**2 Timothy 2:10**).

If, all that sinners have to do is “claim” their salvation, why was Paul enduring “all things for the sake of the elect?” No Scripture says salvation is to be “claimed,” but:

[Jesus] became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him
(**Hebrews 5:9**).

Salvation was bought by the blood of Jesus Christ, and is only given to those who obey Him.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek
(**Romans 1:16**).

Obedience “obtains” salvation.

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**3-8-2016**

**The Gift of the Holy Spirit**

The church of Christ began when the Apostles 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**).

“The gift of the Holy Spirit” was only given by the laying on of the Apostles’ hands. Later, when Samaritans “were baptized,” Peter and John were sent to them:

... Who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit (**Acts 8:15-17**).

There are no Apostles today to give “the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

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The Wrath of Man

The inspired New Testament says:

So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God” (**James 1:19-20**).

From “road-rage” to “suicide bombers,” human wrath cannot be justified as “righteousness of God.”

Scoffers set a city aflame, But wise men turn away wrath. (**Proverbs 29:8**).

“Community organizers,” “race-baiters,” and riotous demonstrators are “scoffers” (or doubters) of what the Bible says, who stir up violent reactions to social problems. Solomon had said:

He who is slow to wrath has great understanding, But he who is impulsive exalts folly (**Proverbs 14:29**).

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful (**Colossians 3:15**).

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**The Rule for Civilization**

The Wisdom of God speaks:

The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate. Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding, I have strength. By me kings reign, And rulers decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, All the judges of the earth (**Proverbs 8:13-16**).

Without the Wisdom of God, therefore:

- (1) There is no moral standard for arrogant attitudes and filthy language;
- (2) There is no solid advice for good judgments and sound reasoning;
- (3) There is no Divine authority for government!

Jesus told the Roman, Pilate:

“You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above” (**John 19:11**).

The rule of Law and Order for Civilization is the Wisdom of God!

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3-11-2016 The God of the Seas

To a stubborn and rebellious people, God reminded them:

'Do you not fear Me?' says the LORD. 'Will you not tremble at My presence, Who have placed the sand as the bound of the sea, By a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass beyond it? And though its waves toss to and fro, Yet they cannot prevail; Though they roar, yet they cannot pass over it' (**Jeremiah 5:22**).

It was God Who ordered the rain and sea to overwhelm the entire Earth in Noah's day, and destroy sinful, rebellious humanity.

[God] did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly (**2 Peter 2:5**).

Every rainy day rainbow should remind us that God has promised never to destroy the Earth by flood, again.

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