



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.

3-21-2016 None Are Saved IN Sin

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved (**John 3:16-17**).

This Scripture is often misunderstood by sinners, who think since God loves “the world,” and they are in “the world,” then they may already be saved, though they keep their sinful practices! But **verse 19** says:

And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil (**John 3:19**).

“The world” has people who reject Jesus’ “light,” and practice “evil.” God’s Son saves anyone in the world who will repent and come to Him.

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3-22-2016 Sinners Need God’s Love

Everybody on earth needs to be loved. Many are the shattered, battered lives in people who think they are too vile for God to love them.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (**Romans 5:8**).

The greatest demonstration of God's love to sinners was Jesus' death on the cross. Everyone must also know that:

Whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him (**1 John 2:5**).

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome (**1 John 5:3**).

To every creature in "the world" Jesus said,

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned (**Mark 16:16**).

Accept His love by moving toward Him.

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**3-23-2016**

**Evil For Good**

Do not keep silent, O God of my praise! For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful Have opened against me; They have spoken against me with a lying tongue. They have also surrounded me with words of hatred, And fought against me without a cause. In return for my love they are my accusers, But I give myself to prayer. Thus they have rewarded me evil for good, And hatred for my love (**Psalms 109:1-5**).

This certainly described some events in David's life. It definitely happened to Jesus Christ.

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

[Paul wrote that Jews had] killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us (**1 Thessalonians 2:15**).

The churches of Christ will do you good.

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**3-24-2016**

**We Didn't Start the Fire**

Scoffers set a city aflame, But wise men turn away wrath. If a wise man contends with a foolish man, Whether the fool rages or laughs, there is no peace. The bloodthirsty hate the blameless, But the upright seek his well-being (**Proverbs 29:8-10**).

Only scoffers, who reject God's Word, "set a city aflame," that is, hurt and destroy, as happened in Brussels, Belgium on March 22, 2016. Jesus said the Devil "was a murderer from the beginning" (**John 8:44**), so regardless of the group name, only the Devil would claim responsibility for such slaughter! Those responsible should become as Assyria, "fallen by the sword, Who caused terror in the land of the living" (**Ezekiel 32:23**). The response should be:

Preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved (**Mark 16:15-16**).

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**3-25-2016 Does He Have To Repeat It?**

Doing good for the poor brings a blessing:

For you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just (**Luke 14:14**).

There will not be two resurrections, because one time, Jesus said,

“All who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation” (**John 5:28-29**).

A familiar verse says,

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life (**John 3:16**).

No one can be saved by faith only, however, for the resurrected Jesus said,

“He who believes and is baptized will be saved” (**Mark 16:16**).

Denying the necessity of baptism denies Jesus' resurrection. If not, why not?

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