

**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.*

**11-14-2016      A Moral Equivalent**

A "moral equivalency" argument is when a person justifies their evil deed because they can point to someone else's evil deed. It's the old childish, "he hit me first." A few white people in the 1800's owned slaves, so African-Americans justify burning, looting, beating up, or murdering white people today. "Evil for evil" makes the world "evil." Jesus told His disciples, after betrayal,

"They will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify" (**Matthew 20:18-19**).

Knowing what evil was to be done to Him, Jesus said,

"Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?" (**Matthew 26:53**).

Following Jesus' example, Christians must:

"Repay no one evil for evil" (**Romans 12:17**).

Try "forgiveness" for a change, it's non-"racial!"

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**11-15-2016      Salvation From Racism**

The word "skin" is not even used in the New Testament. No one can truthfully say "the Gospel of Jesus Christ is racist!" "White" describes clothing of Jesus (**Mark 9:3**) or angels (**Acts 1:10**), but not skin!

An angel of the Lord [had a face] like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow (**Matthew 28:3**).

Jesus' appearance to His churches said

[He had] head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow (**Revelation 1:14**).

Everyone who lives their lives avoiding or hating certain skin colors always:

... Have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone (**Matthew 23:23**).

Isaiah knew God had:

... Lovingly delivered my soul from the pit of corruption, For You have cast all my sins behind Your back (**Isaiah 38:17**).

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### **11-16-2016      God Limits Himself**

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, 'Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.' And He said to them, 'What do you want Me to do for you?' They said to Him, 'Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you ask' (**Mark 10:35-38**).

Many people come to Jesus with selfish requests, but Jesus called it "ignorant." Jesus had said,

"With God all things are possible" (**Mark 10:27**).

But He told James and John their request

... "Is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared" (**Mark 10:40**).

No one should tell God to do something that contradicts what He says He will do in the Bible.

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### **11-17-2016      Jesus Shows Us His Way**

In **Luke 7:36-50**, Jesus sat down to eat at a Pharisee's house, "a woman in the city who was a sinner" washed His feet with her tears, wiped them with her hair, anointed them with fragrant oil. The Pharisee thought Jesus was wrong to let a "sinner" touch Him. After Jesus' parable to Simon, Jesus said,

"Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little.' Then He said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven' (**Luke 7:47-48**).

- 1)** On earth, Jesus could pronounce sins forgiven, because He was God.
- 2)** What her sins were doesn't matter, but coming to Jesus to be saved does!
- 3)** Jesus says to all of us,

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (**Mark 16:16**)

And in Heaven He saves those who obey.

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**11-18-2016      Jesus Saves Believers Only**

And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him -- the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day (**John 12:47-48**).

Jesus is simply stating that while He lived on earth, He did not make a final judgment against anyone, but He will one day! The warnings against, and descriptions of, sin are to help us make the right choice. Before He left this earth and went back into Heaven, Jesus also said,

"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**).

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