

**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.*

## **1-23-2017 Wisdom of Words**

For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect (**1 Corinthians 1:17**).

Paul did not personally baptize all who obeyed the Gospel. Why? As he said:

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name (**1 Corinthians 1:14-15**).

The importance was not who did the baptizing, but into whom they were baptized. In Corinth, Paul had preached the Gospel,

Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized (**Acts 18:8**).

To tell people not to be baptized into Jesus' death, uses "wisdom of words" to make "the cross of Christ" "of no effect!"

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## **1-24-2017 Moses, Not Christ**

I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain (**Galatians 2:21**).

Jesus, "by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone" (**Hebrews 2:9**). God's grace is offered to the world through the cross of Jesus Christ.

[Noah had] found grace in the eyes of the LORD (**Genesis 6:8**).

The LORD told Moses,

"You have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name" (**Exodus 33:17**).

However,

The law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ (**John 1:17**).

The Gospel of Christ teaches that:

A man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ (**Galatians 2:16**).

Keeping the 10 commandments, Sabbath day, Seder, musical instruments, incense, or any of Moses' Law, means "Christ died in vain."

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### **1-25-2017 Believing in Vain**

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain (**1 Corinthians 15:1-4**).

What Paul preached was that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and rose to life the third day, all according to the Scriptures. He followed the sinners' response to "die to sins," and be "baptized into Christ Jesus'" death (**Romans 6:2-3**). Believing in vain happens when a Christian believes doctrines that deny Gospel truth. Faith becomes "vain," or empty, if Jesus' resurrection is denied (**1 Corinthians 15:14**); or people fellowship God and live in darkness (**1 John 1:6**); or once- saved, always saved (**1 John 1:8**); or that people are saved by faith only and before baptism.

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### **1-26-2017 Grace In Vain**

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me (**1 Corinthians 15:10-11**).

God's "gospel of grace" saved Paul when he washed away his sins in baptism, calling on the name of the Lord (**Acts 22:16**). But he knew it was not "once-saved-always-saved," because he "had labored more abundantly than" the rest of the Apostles. Paul taught:

This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men (**Titus 3:8**).

A Christian must continually be obedient, or else God's grace was given "in vain." "Good works" are the proper response to God's grace.

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### **1-27-2017 Fake Resurrection News**

Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, saying, 'Tell them, "His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept." And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure.' So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day (**Matthew 28:11-15**).

It's amazing how "fake news" of lies and misrepresentations of truth seem to go on and on, because some people want to believe it!

[The Apostles] taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead (**Acts 4:2**).

Circulate the real news!

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