



## The Fellowship Room

**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.*

### **4-10-2017 Oneida Meeting on Forgiveness**

It is only in Jesus Christ we may have "redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins" (**Colossians 1:14**). The theme of the entire Bible is "Forgiveness," and that's the theme for every Bible lesson with the Oneida church of Christ.

April 9-12, Clyde Woods, who has taught Bible for 5 decades at University level, will be teaching this theme. Sunday services are at 10 and 11 AM and 6 PM, Monday-Wednesday at 7 PM. His lesson subjects will be:

- What Is Forgiveness?
- Why Does God Forgive?
- Why Do We Need Forgiveness?
- What Does Jesus Teach About Forgiveness?
- What Does Paul Say?
- What Happens When We Do Not Forgive?

The Oneida church of Christ has a "Wall of Forgiveness" as a constant reminder of the meaning and message of Christ. Come with us to learn what God says about our deepest need: "Forgiveness," April 9-12.

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### **4-11-2017 The Valley of Opinion**

Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones (**Proverbs 3:7-8**).

In this country, we value opinion over facts and truth. There are far more "opinion polls" than there are "fact-checkers." Make this proverb plainer,

Do not be wise in your own opinion (**Romans 12:16**).

The only way to live a good, strong life is to "fear the LORD and depart from evil." "Fear" is "respect," and "depart" is to leave it off. "But, I think" is no substitute for:

I thought about my ways, And turned my feet to Your testimonies. I made haste, and did not delay To keep Your commandments (**Psalm 119:59-60**).

The Valley of Opinion is in the Land of the Lost.

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#### **4-12-2017 Are All Saved?**

We trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe (**1 Timothy 4:10**).

God is the "Savior of all men" but not all are saved,

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (**Romans 3:23**).

God has made His offering for any who will accept it.

But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God (**Hebrews 10:12**).

Scripture is given "for obedience to the faith" (**Romans 16:26**). Jesus said:

"If you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins" (**John 8:24**).

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

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#### **4-13-2017 Try, Again**

Crimes come from the heart, not the neighborhood. Jesus Christ said,

"There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man" (**Mark 7:15**).

Murder, rape, robbery, bullying, violent injuring, sexual sins and blasphemy, Jesus said,

"All these evil things come from within and defile a man" (**Mark 7:23**).

More laws on the books, newer housing projects, larger police forces, and longer prison sentences cannot change one heart like Jesus Christ can, for

"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (**Romans 10:9**).

Jesus and the church of Christ want you to try again, with Him.

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#### **4-14-2017 No "Christian" Crusades**

In **Luke 9:51-56**, Jesus intended to go to Jerusalem and passed through a Samaritan village, and "they did not receive Him." His disciples, James and John, wanted to "command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them."

But He turned and rebuked them, and said, 'You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them' (**Luke 9:55-56**).

The Apostles learned that there is no such thing as a "Christian Crusade." People have grossly perverted Jesus' teaching who justify such, and reporters have grossly misrepresented Jesus Christ who speak of "Christian Crusades." Jesus' kingdom is "not of this world," (**John 18:36**). The Gospel of Jesus Christ converts willing souls, but does not "destroy men's lives."

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