



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.

9-11-2017 The End Times

The expression "end times" doesn't even occur in the Bible! This is doctrine invented by people who:

... Twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures" (**2 Peter 3:16**).

In "the last days," Scriptures teach us:

- (1) the Holy Spirit would be poured out on the Day of Pentecost (**Acts 2:14-21**);
- (2) God's Spokesman would be Jesus Christ (**Hebrews 1:2**);
- (3) scoffers would come (**2 Peter 3:3**);
- (4) sins would make for "grievous" times (**2 Timothy 3:1-5**).

If those "last days" are just happening now, then: Jesus Christ has not preached, the Holy Spirit has no Scriptures, no one has yet challenged the Bible, and sins have not be committed!!! If not, why not? The expression, "last days," was upon the Jews as God's chosen people, NOT for the entire world!

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9-12-2017 Let's Come Together

When tragedy strikes, whether natural (such as tornado, hurricane, earthquake, or volcano), man-made (such as automobile wrecks, construction failures, or industrial disasters), or evil-doings (such as mass murders, beheadings, rapes, abuse or neglect of children, or abortions), people call for everyone to "come together" and share in

the grief and concern. Isn't that what the church of Christ is all about? Those who obey the Gospel of Christ are added to His church for worship of God and fellowship with one another.

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body
(**1 Corinthians 12:13**).

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin
(**1 John 1:7**).

It's as close as your Bible!

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**9-13-2017      Why Blame God**

Whenever disaster or evil-inflicted events occur, people are quick to blame God for that evil. They ignore 2 important facts:

- (1) The Devil is real and against us. Jesus went "through death" to destroy "him who had the power of death that is, the devil" (**Hebrews 2:14**). The Devil makes death horrible to see.
- (2) Evil is in the world because people have not listened to God.

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting  
(**Romans 1:28**).

[Jesus] learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him  
(**Hebrews 5:8-9**).

Jesus said:

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

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9-14-2017 Who Honors God?

For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him (**John 5:22-23**).

God does not judge anyone without His Son, Jesus Christ. And Jesus says no one honors God who dishonors Jesus!

"And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God" (**John 8:46-47**).

Jesus has said:

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

No one honors God who avoids this teaching! Claiming salvation before baptism dishonors God!

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**9-15-2017                      Holy Spirit Baptize Believers?**

[Jesus said,] "You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (**Acts 1:5**).

Some teach that in **Acts 1:5**,

[Jesus] told His disciples that He would send one who would teach and guide all those who believe in Him (**The Wonderful Spirit-Filled Life** by Charles Stanley).

Why would Jesus say that? If the Holy Spirit would directly "teach and guide" all believers, then why have the Apostles inspired to preach the Gospel (**Acts 2:1-4**), and the Israelites to "hear these words" (**Acts 2:22**)?

- (1) Jesus's promise was "to the apostles whom He had chosen" (**Acts 1:3**), and He "assembled together with them" (**Acts 1:4**);
- (2) this Holy Spirit baptism on those Apostles was fulfilled on Pentecost, "not many days from now" (**Acts 2:16-21**). Applying this promise for Apostles to anyone else deliberately misrepresents Bible teaching.

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