



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.

4-18-2016 Salvation and Worship

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read (**Luke 4:16**).

Jesus began His public preaching in a Jewish synagogue. A "synagogue" was a local Jewish worship place. "Custom" is what He was brought up doing: going to "church!" People who obey the Gospel will worship with the saved. The people were told to:

Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (**Acts 2:38**). [3000] gladly received his word were baptized (**Acts 2:41**).

That church of Christ:

... Continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers (**Acts 2:41-42**).

Salvation will bring one into church worship.

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**Salvation and Prayer**

In the New Testament, there is no record of a sinner being saved by prayer alone. When the church of Christ began, sinful Jews asked, "what shall we do?" Peter told them:

Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (**Acts 2:38**).

The first Gentile sinner, Cornelius, was praying, but was told to send for Peter to tell him saving words (**Acts 10:30; 11:14**).

[Peter] commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord (**Acts 10:48**).

Saul of Tarsus saw Jesus, Who sent him into Damascus where he prayed, and was told to:

Be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord (**Acts 22:16**).

None of them were told to pray, claim their salvation, or join the church of their choice.

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Salvation and Bible Faith

No one has received a revelation from God since the New Testament was finished. God's last word to Israel was:

"Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments" (**Malachi 4:4**).

400 years of silence from God followed. God has similar statements in the New Testament:

Contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints
(Jude 3)

Remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ **(Jude 17)**

If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord **(1 Corinthians 14:37)**.

The written Scriptures are God’s last words to the world. Whoever claims more is sadly mistaken!

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**Take It To the Streets**

Violence in the streets is of great concern to puzzled survivors. But, there is no amount of discussions, panels, candles, demonstrations or government intervention that can deal with the problem. The problem is sin and evil, but without God’s explanation and guidance, no one can help. When sin had entered the world, Cain killed his brother, Abel, because:

[He] was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother’s righteous **(1 John 3:12)**.

Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ gives evil sinners an opportunity to change their lives for good. Jesus 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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**4-22-2016 No “Separation of Church and State”**

There is no such thing as “Separation of Church and State,” not in the U.S. Constitution, or in practice! The U.S. Constitution never separates “church and state.” In practice, though, the Federal Government has used “faith-based charities” for years to accomplish some of their programs. In Tennessee, Catholic Charities administer the Federal program of immigrant resettlement. Why can pulpits be used to endorse government plans, while the government smothers any influence from “the faith?”

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them (**Romans 1:18-19**).

No government prospers while willfully ignorant of God. Governments collapse with no faith to hold it up!

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