

Walking In Wisdom Series: 7

The Revelation of the Death & Resurrection

1 Corinthians 1-2

2 Timothy 2.8-15

“Think over these things I am saying [*understand them and grasp their application*], for the Lord will grant you full insight and understanding in everything. Constantly keep in mind Jesus Christ (the Messiah) [*as*] risen from the dead, [*as the prophesied King*] descended from David, according to the good news (the Gospel) that I preach.” vs7-8 (Amplified)

“Be grasping the meaning of that which I am saying, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. By remembering Jesus Christ raised out from among the dead, from the ancestry of David according to my gospel [*good news*]...” vs 7-8 (Wuest's Expanded Translation)

“Reflect upon what I say; the Lord will always help you to understand. Keep before your mind Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David, as told in the Good News entrusted to me” vs7-8 (Twentieth Century New Testament)

We are told to constantly remember and keep in mind two things. These are two principals of our Christian faith....

- **Jesus was the seed of David** – this is telling us that God became man, born of a woman. He was the Son of God but He became the Son of Man, who lived a sinless life and died for us (see [Philippians 2.5-8](#)).
- **Jesus was raised from the dead** – according to the prophecies contained in the Word ([Psalm 16.10](#)). The resurrection is our guarantee that God is faithful to His word ([Acts 13.30-33](#)).

This is what we often understand as the good news or the gospel – the message that Paul preached.

1 Corinthians 1.18-30

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” vs18

This message of the cross (death and resurrection) is regarded as foolish to the world – but for those in Christ it is God's power for salvation – it is the wisdom of God. The message of the cross (and indeed the whole of God's word) makes us wise for salvation ([2 Timothy 3.15](#))

It is written in Scripture – (vs19)

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.” (quoted from Isaiah 29.14)

What the world calls wisdom God calls foolishness. What the world regards as foolish God calls it wise.

The world says it is foolish to believe in God – but God declares that only a fool says there is no God (Psalm 14.1)

The world regards the message of the death and resurrection as foolishness – God calls it wisdom, it is His power that makes us wise for salvation.

vs21-25:

- earthly wisdom fails to recognise and know God (v21)
- God in His wisdom chose that through the foolishness of preaching (the message of the cross) to save those who trust and believe in Him (v21)
- Jesus Christ is the Power of God and the Wisdom of God (v24)
- the foolishness of God is wiser than [the wisdom of] men (v25)

(vs30) Christ became for us wisdom - that's why He said the wise hear and do what He tells them (Matthew 7.24). That [wisdom] gives us righteousness, sanctification and redemption.

2 Corinthians 2.1-16

(vs1-5) Paul didn't preach with eloquent words, excellence of speech or wisdom (of men) – he only proclaimed Christ crucified (the message of the cross) – the wisdom (and power) of God.

(vs7-8) Paul preached and proclaimed the wisdom of God, which was once hidden but has now been revealed and it is for our glory.

The wisdom of God procures for us righteousness, sanctification and redemption and there's something else – our glory. This has been foreordained from the beginning -

“But rather what we are setting forth is a wisdom of God once hidden [from the human understanding] and now revealed to us by God--[that wisdom] which God devised and decreed before the ages for our glorification [to lift us into the glory of His presence].”

(vs7 Amplified)

RAPTURE - our RESURRECTION

This wisdom had to be kept a mystery, hidden away, because if it was made known they never would have crucified the Lord

But now the wisdom of God is made manifest and revealed to us.

(vs9-16)

Isaiah wrote (Isaiah 64.4, 65.17) that this wisdom was kept hidden

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love him” (vs9)

(vs10-13) But God has revealed this wisdom to us through His Spirit – for the Holy Spirit searches the deep things of God and reveals them to us so that we may know the things given to us by God.

Jesus said that this is what the Holy Spirit would do - **John 16.12-14**

(vs14) The things of God are foolishness to the world because they need to be spiritually discerned.

(vs16) But we have the mind of Christ – **that's walking in wisdom!**