

The Wisdom Of God

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Wisdom gives strength and direction

Ecclesiastes 10:10

10 If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but **wisdom is profitable to direct.**

Wisdom is essential for perfection

Colossians 1:28

28 Whom we **preach, warning** every man, and **teaching** every man in **all wisdom**; that we may present every man **perfect in Christ Jesus:**

Proverbs 4:7

7 Wisdom is the principal thing (chief, highest rank, supreme); therefore **get wisdom:** and with all thy getting (at any cost) get understanding.

Wisdom of God comes through preaching of the cross

1 Corinthians 1:18,22-24

18 For **the preaching of the cross** is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are [being] saved it is the power of God.

22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and **the wisdom of God.**

Christ crucified a stumbling block to many in Israel

Mark 15:27-32

27 And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left. 28 And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors. 29 And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, 30 Save thyself, and come down from the cross. 31 Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes, He saved others; himself he cannot save. 32 Let **Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross**, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reviled him.

Luke 24:19-21,25-27

19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

20 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.

21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel?

25 Then he said unto them, **O fools**, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

26 **Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?**

27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

Christ endured the cross

Hebrews 12:2

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him **endured the cross**, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Matthew 20:21-22

21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. 22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, **We are able.**

Wisdom for the called

1 Peter 2:21-23

21 For even hereunto were ye **called**: because Christ also **suffered for us**, leaving us an example, that ye should **follow his steps**: 22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not a gain; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

The cross separates us from the world

Galatians 6:14

14 But God forbid that **I should glory**, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom **the world is crucified unto me**, and I unto the world.

Dead to the lust of the flesh

Galatians 5:24

24 And they that are Christ's have **crucified the flesh** with the **affections and lusts**.

Obedience to the father

Philippians 2:8

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became **obedient** unto death, even **the death of the cross**.

Man's wisdom

Matthew 16:21-23

21 From that time forth began **Jesus to shew unto his disciples**, how that **he must** go unto Jerusalem, and **suffer many things** of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and **be killed**, and be raised again the third day. 22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, **Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee**. 23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those **that be of men**.

1 Corinthians 3:18-21

18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. 20 And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. 21 Therefore **let no man glory in men**.

A wise saying

2 Timothy 2:11-12

11 It is a faithful saying: For **if we be dead** with him, we shall also live with him: 12 If we suffer [endure], we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

don't deny the sufferings of Christ

2 Timothy 1:8

8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but **be thou partaker** of the **afflictions of the gospel** according to the power of God;

a wise church

2 Thessalonians 1:4-5

4 So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:

5 Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, **for which ye also suffer**

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don't lack in the wisdom of the cross

James 1:2-5

2 My brethren, **count it all joy** when ye **fall into divers temptations**; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. 5**If any of you lack wisdom**, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.