

## Words of Wisdom Radio Transcripts by John T Polk II

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

#### 9/6/2021 - Re-Enactment Or Remembrance?

The Apostles, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached to the Jews in Jerusalem that "Jesus of Nazareth" had been:

... Delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it (Acts 2:22-24).

We can read, study, and learn the lessons of the cross of Jesus Christ. No reenactment can adequately portray it.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes (1 Corinthians 11:26).

But no one should hate the Romans for doing it! Love Jesus for the memory. History is not to promote hate, but to learn.

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### **9/7/2021 - Living In the Past**

God said to the Edomites:

'Because you have had an ancient hatred, and have shed the blood of the children of Israel by the power of the sword at the time of their calamity,

when their iniquity came to an end, therefore, as I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I will prepare you for blood, and blood shall pursue you; since you have not hated blood, therefore blood shall pursue you' (Ezekiel 35:5-6).

The atrocities of wars or the abuses of slavery can never be satisfied, but must be forgiven and forgotten to live in the present. Before worshiping God, Jesus said, "First be reconciled to your brother" (Matthew 5:24). Obeying Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, would reconcile Jews with Germans, Muslims with Catholics, Japanese with Americans, and Afro-Americans with Euro-Americans!

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9/8/2021 Who Can Cast a Stone?

When the "scribes and Pharisees" brought to Jesus "a woman caught in adultery," Jesus said:

"He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first" (John 8:3-7).

Many mistakenly believe that Jesus condemned all judging of sinful behavior. They were under Moses' Law, which commanded that both the adulterer and the adulteress should be put to death (**Leviticus 20:10**). Since they had brought only the woman, they had violated God's Law as she had. They were, therefore, in no position to condemn her adultery for they had wrongly dealt with it. Jesus' statement convicted their conscience, for they:

... Went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. (John 8:9)

He told her to "sin no more" (John 8:11). It is not wrong to reveal sin with Scripture!

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# 9/9/2021 Live "In," Not "Of", the World

Paul wrote to Corinthian Christians:

I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world (1 Corinthians 5:9-10).

To "keep company" is participating with, or sharing in, "sexual immorality." A Christian must stay spiritually safe, but at the same time continue living among worldly people. Jesus prayed about His disciples,

"I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one" (John 17:15).

On earth, Jesus showed how we must:

"Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time" (Colossians 4:5).

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### 9/10/2021 Faith Or Cowardice

And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. 'And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled' (1 Peter 3:13-14).

Christians stand for the truth of God's Word, having no dread from "threats, nor be troubled." Our confidence comes from obeying God's Word.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7).

This "spirit of fear" is "cowardice," or shrinking back from. The Bible shows us God's "power" over everything; it brings out the best in us as "love;" and gives us "a sound mind," or controlled attitude, we call "confidence." Christians fear less and have less to fear.

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