



Words of Wisdom September 25 - 29, 2023 by [John T Polk II](#)

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

9/25/2023 "Rosh Hashanah"

God commanded Moses:

"On the first day of the first month you shall set up the tabernacle of the tent of meeting" (**Exodus 40:2**).

This first "Rosh Hashanah" began Jewish religious worship obeying Moses' Law. The New Testament teaches:

It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience -- concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation. But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation (**Hebrews 9:9-11**).

Everyone celebrating "Rosh Hashanah" today is celebrating a people, worship, and law that Jesus Christ has removed. "Rosh Hashanah" denies the Priesthood of Jesus Christ!

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### **9/26/2023      Looking for the Messiah**

Daniel the Prophet prophesied Jerusalem would be rebuilt and last "Until Messiah the Prince" (**Daniel 9:25**). Andrew told Peter, his brother,

'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus (**John 1:41-42**).

From prison, John the Baptist asked,

'Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?' Jesus answered and said to them, 'Go and tell John the things which you hear and see' (**Matthew 11:3-4**).

Proof that "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God" (**John 20:31**) is found in fulfilled prophecy and the Gospel records of **Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John**. Everyone who continues to look for "The Messiah" must deny:

- 1) The Gospel is true;
- 2) The Apostles knew; and
- 3) That Jesus has saved anyone!

[Jesus said,] "He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (**Mark 16:16**).

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Jewish Special Days

In God's Law through Moses, the Israelites were given annual special days in **Leviticus 23** which were given to them as reminders that God had delivered them out of Egyptian bondage:

- 1) Passover;
- 2) Firstfruits of Harvest and Pentecost;
- 3) Day of Atonement; and
- 4) Feast of Tabernacles (or booths, or tents).

These are meaningless to Christians, for:

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law (**Galatians 3:13**):

- 1) "For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us" (**1 Corinthians 5:7**);
- 2) On Pentecost, Peter commanded: "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (**Acts 2:38**);
- 3) God's mercy "made us alive together with Christ" (**Ephesians 2:5**);
- 4) Jesus ministers "the true tabernacle" (**Hebrews 8:2**).

Jews keep the "old days," Christians keep the New!

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**There Are No Judeo-Christians**

Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law (**Galatians 5:2-3**).

Clearly, Christians must not go back to Moses for their religious duties. There are people who claim to preach Jesus, believe in Jesus, and obey Jesus, but add the obligations of Moses. They must:

- 1) Be like Jews, keeping all of Moses: 10 commandments, fleshly circumcision, animal sacrifices, religious feasts and days; and
- 2) Know their "Christian faith" amounts to nothing!

[Paul said,] "if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain" (**Galatians 2:21**).

[Jesus took Moses' Law] out of the way, having nailed it to the cross (**Colossians 2:14**).

Celebrating any of that "old law" today rejects the cross of God's Only Begotten Son!

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Receiving Christ Jesus

As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving (**Colossians 2:6-7**).

To "receive Jesus," a person must be "taught" "in the faith." Paul wrote,

We urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God (**1 Thessalonians 4:1**).

If the Thessalonians had "received Jesus" apart from Scripture, why did Paul need to write Scripture to them to tell them how "to walk and to please God?" Paul warned to:

Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men (**Colossians 2:8**).

"Receive Jesus" the Scriptural way, not by man-made traditional teaching.

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