The Fellowship Room

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.

12-14-2015 No Bible Myths

For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty (2 Peter 1:16).

Peter, James, and John had seen what took place on that Mount of Transfiguration that is recorded in **Matthew 17:1-9**; **Mark 9:2-9**; and **Luke 9:28-36**. It is important that we know:

- (1) the written accounts of this are accurately recorded;
- (2) Peter, as an eyewitness, verified that event in Christ's life on earth;
- (3) God had spoken from Heaven to point out Jesus as "My beloved Son. Hear Him."

The Bible is not full of "fables" (the Greek word is "myths"), and should not be treated as such. What is written in the Bible should not be "jumbled up" as if it doesn't matter, and outside stories must never be added into the Bible text.

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12-15-2015 Whose Church Is It?

Who started the church of Christ? Jesus Christ, of course. After Peter confessed: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," Jesus told the Apostles,

"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:16-18).

The church of Christ "He [has] purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28). People who want to be in the church must:

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

Those who "gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them" (Acts 2:41).

And since "the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47), that's exactly who the church of Christ is today.

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12-16-2015 Whose Denominations Are They?

For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints (1 Corinthians 14:33).

Then, who is? Jesus had prayed over the Apostles:

"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me" (John 17:20-21).

The Apostle Paul wrote to the church of Christ in Corinth:

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but

that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment (1 Corinthians 1:10).

If there are splits, divisions, or denominations among believers, they are NOT OF GOD!

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12-17-2015 Who Has Seen Jesus?

Jesus is revealed in the Bible – not on an iron, foil on a bottle of cider, a drainpipe, a cloud, a tortilla, the side of a freezer, a potted asparagus fern, or a shroud of Turin!

But there is NO physical description of Jesus Christ anywhere in Scripture!

Every depiction of Jesus, whether as a baby or on a cross, is totally without Scriptural fact, and entirely made-up by someone's imagination! To Thomas, who had trouble believing that Jesus was raised from the dead, Jesus said:

Jesus said to him, 'Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed' (John 20:29).

We are to be looking in the Scriptures for Jesus Christ, not imagining Him in any other place!

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12-18-2015 Jesus: More Than Meets the Eye

Peter reminded Christians of Jesus:

... Whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory (1 Peter 1:8).

Peter was there when Jesus said,

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29).

The Bible describes everything about Jesus Christ we need to know to love Him, His: character, personality, compassion, doctrine, motive, knowledge, power, wisdom, dedication, and purity. Everything, that is, except His physical appearance. The churches of Christ in the New Testament, Christians, never had statues, pictures, or any physical representation of Jesus Christ; only what was revealed in written Scriptures. According to Jesus' statement, and Peter's letter, the Holy Spirit intended that everyone look inside Jesus to be like Him.

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