



## **Words of Wisdom Radio, July 1 - 5, 2024 by [John T Polk II](#)**

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

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### **Tragic Events And Innocent People**

Do bad things happen to only to sinners? Jesus dealt with this issue in **Luke 13:1-5**. Were the Galileans, whom Pilate killed with their sacrifices, sinners? Were the eighteen accidentally killed when the tower in Siloam fell, sinners? For each case, Jesus said, "I tell you, no." Persecutions, ambushes and murders happen, whether by guns, trucks, or explosives, because there are hate-filled, ungodly people "out there." Tragic accidents happen caused by human errors in judgment, faulty construction, or inadequate protection. To those who blame all who die as sinners,

[Jesus said], "Unless you repent you will all likewise perish."  
(**Luke 13:3,5**)

We live in a world where such things occur, and must repent of the judgmental attitude that condemns others only. Truly, Solomon said,

Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth. (**Proverbs 27:1**)

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### **Church of Love**

Jesus taught,

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (**John 13:34-35**)

Christians should be characterized by love for their brethren, and all people.

Let brotherly love continue. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels. (**Hebrews 13:1-2**)

Love means doing good to others, but does not mean forgetting the difference between right and wrong.

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.  
(**Romans 12:9**)

Nor does love mean ignoring Jesus' commandments, for He said,

"If you love Me, keep My commandments." (**John 14:15**) and ...

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved." (**Mark 16:16**)

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**The Church of Your Choice**

And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.  
(**Colossians 1:18**)

Jesus Christ is "the head of the body, the church" — all singular. There may be many named "Hesus" or "Jesus," but there is only one Jesus Christ. There may be many churches, but there is only one "body" of Christ. There may be many heads of churches, but there is only one preeminent "head of the body, the church" of Christ! Pick any "Jesus" or "Hesus" you wish, but only "the Christ" can save souls. Choose any "church" you wish, but only Christ's church is made up of the saved. Follow any church "head" you wish, but only Jesus Christ is "preeminent" over the church of Christ.

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**Freedom to Obey Christ**

There is no such thing as complete freedom. The American Revolution cast off abusive law for the freedom to establish our own law. Since sin is universal, Jesus' Gospel invites all everywhere to cast off their shackles of sin for the freedom to serve under Jesus' Law.

Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. (**Romans 6:16-18**)

No one can be freed from sins to do as they please. Liberty is not license or lawlessness.

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**The Cost Of Liberty**

On June 23, 2016, the United Kingdom (U.K.) voted to remove itself from the European Union (E.U.) of countries. The recriminations and repercussions throughout Europe, and stock markets worldwide, still reverberate. Voters in the U.K. wanted to make their own decisions about their own lives.

The same happens to sinners who obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Peter wrote to those who knew Jesus "was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God" (**1 Peter 1:20-21**), and were saved by baptism (**1 Peter 3:21**), having been redeemed "with the precious blood of Christ" (**1 Peter 1:19**). Their former sinner "friends":

... Think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you. (**1 Peter 4:4**)

Obedying Jesus Christ and doing right loses fake "friends," but makes friends with the best of friends!

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