

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18

{Sunday, July 24, 2016 A.D.}

- God's wisdom for His Church, which lived(es) amidst a prosperous, arrogant and aggressively rebellious culture, yet is commanded by God to become and remain holy (moral and separate).

Matthew 28:18-20 (NASB95)

¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

1 Corinthians 1:18 (NASB95)

¹⁸ For the word of the cross

John 3:16-21 (NASB95)

John 1:12-13 (NASB95)

¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 11:25-26 (NASB95)

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

John 6:35-40 (NASB95)

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. ³⁶ "But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. ³⁷ "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. ³⁸ "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. ³⁹ "This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."

John 6:44 (NASB95)

⁴⁴ "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

John 6:47-58 (NASB95)

⁴⁷ "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ "I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ "This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ "I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh."

⁵² Then the Jews began to argue with one another, saying, "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?" ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. ⁵⁴ "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵ "For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ "As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also will live because of Me. ⁵⁸ "This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live forever."

John 8:12 (NASB95)

¹² Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

John 10:7-18 (NASB95)

⁷ So Jesus said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ "All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹ "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. ¹² "He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ "He flees because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep. ¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, ¹⁵ even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. ¹⁶ "I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd. ¹⁷ "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. ¹⁸ "No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."

John 14:6 (NASB95)

⁶ Jesus said* to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

John 15:1-11 (NASB95)

¹ **I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.** ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. **As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.** ⁵ **I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.** ⁶ **If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned.** ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. ⁹ **Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.** ¹⁰ **If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.** ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full.

Acts 2:22-24 (NASB95)

²² Men of Israel, listen to these words: **Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—** ²³ **this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.** ²⁴ **But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.**

Acts 2:36 (NASB95)

³⁶ Therefore **let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ —this Jesus whom you crucified.**

Acts 2:37-39 (NASB95)

³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" ³⁸ Peter *said* to them, **Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** ³⁹ **For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.**

Acts 5:30-31 (NASB95)

³⁰ **The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a cross.** ³¹ **He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.**

Romans 3:21-26 (NASB95)

²¹ But now apart from the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even **the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe;** for there is no distinction; ²³ **for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,** ²⁴ **being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;** ²⁵ **whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith.** *This was* to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ for the demonstration, *I say*, of His righteousness at the present time, so that **He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.**

Ephesians 1:3-14 (NASB95)

³ **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,** ⁴ **just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.** **In love** ⁵ **He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,** ⁶ **to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.** **In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace** ⁸ **which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight** ⁹ **He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him** ¹⁰ **with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times,** *that is*, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. **In Him** ¹¹ **also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,** ¹² **to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.** ¹³ **In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,** ¹⁴ **who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.**

Romans 5:6-10 (NASB95)

⁶ **For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.** ⁷ For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. ⁸ **But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.** ⁹ **Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.** ¹⁰ **For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.**

Romans 8:28-39 (NASB95)

²⁸ And we know that **God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.** ²⁹ **For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;** ³⁰ **and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.** ³¹ **What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?** ³² **He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?** ³³ **Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;** ³⁴ **who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.** ³⁵ **Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?** ³⁶ Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED." ³⁷ **But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.** ³⁸ **For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor**

powers,³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 2:1-10 (NASB95)

¹ And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.³ Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,⁷ so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is the gift of God;*⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Hebrews 9:11-15 (NASB95)

¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation;¹² and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh,¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

¹⁵ For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Hebrews 9:24-28 (NASB95)

²⁴ For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;²⁵ nor was it that He would offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with blood that is not his own.²⁶ Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.²⁷ And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment,²⁸ so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

is foolishness to those who are perishing,

Acts 7:51-53 (NASB95)

⁵¹ "You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did.⁵² "Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? They killed those who had previously announced the coming of the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become;⁵³ you who received the law as ordained by angels, and yet did not keep it."

John 12:37-43 (NASB95)

³⁷ But though He had performed so many signs before them, yet they were not believing in Him.³⁸ This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet which he spoke: "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM HAS THE ARM OF THE LORD BEEN REVEALED?"³⁹ For this reason they could not believe, for Isaiah said again,⁴⁰ "HE HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES AND HE HARDENED THEIR HEART, SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT SEE WITH THEIR EYES AND PERCEIVE WITH THEIR HEART, AND BE CONVERTED AND I HEAL THEM."⁴¹ These things Isaiah said because he saw His glory, and he spoke of Him.⁴² Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue;⁴³ for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.

Romans 1:18-25 (NASB95)

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,¹⁹ because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.²¹ For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.²² Professing to be wise, they became fools,²³ and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.²⁵ For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Romans 9:9-26 (NASB95)

1 Peter 2:7-10 (NASB95)

⁷ This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, "THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER stone,"⁸ and, "A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE"; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this doom they were also appointed.⁹ But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;¹⁰ for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Romans 1:16 (NASB95)

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

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