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God's Wisdom vs. Human Wisdom (Ken Weliever)

There's an old story about a little girl who proudly wore a shiny cross on a chain around her neck. One day she was approached by a man who said to her, "Little girl, don't you know that the cross Jesus died on wasn't beautiful like the one you're wearing? It was an ugly, wooden thing." She was surprised by the stranger's affront. But then quickly replied: "Yes, I know. But they told me in Sunday School that whatever Jesus touches, He changes."

Now that's just a story. It may sound foolish. Or silly. Or at least a bit trite. But isn't that the crux of Paul's message to the Corinthians about preaching the gospel and the cross of Christ? "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and bring to

nothing the understanding of the prudent.' Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. (1 Corinthians 1:18-21)

GOD'S WISDOM

MAN'S WISDOM

To the erudite and educated at Corinth, the cross was foolishness. That was the attitude of many on Mar's Hill when Paul preached to them the nature of the "unknown God."

Let's see if we get this right. A baby boy was born to a Jewish virgin girl. He was actually God becoming a man. He, for 30 years, lived a simple, unpretentious life in an obscure little village, working at manual labor.

Then for three-and-a-half years, he walked all over Palestine preaching God's message. During that time, he trained folks like fishermen, tax collectors, and



Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. (John 13:16)

zealots to be his ambassadors. He befriended prostitutes, publicans, and sinners. He ignored the politicians. Criticized the religious leaders. And catering to the outcast of society.

Finally, he was arrested for his teaching. Sentenced to death as a blasphemer. And crucified like a common criminal. Is that about right?

And now, the message is salvation through the cross? Sounds like a lot of foolishness. That's what the Greeks thought. It's what many "enlightened" folks think today.

It doesn't sound like a success story. It doesn't look like victory. It doesn't even sound reasonable.

Yet in what appeared to be weakness, defeat, and failure, God's eternal wisdom was exhibited. Friday's "foolishness" became Sunday's triumphant

vindication. The girl was a virgin. The man was God. He did die for our sins. What was deemed to be foolishness by mankind was a vivid demonstration of God's power and purpose.

As William Farley expressed it in his book *Outrageous Mercy* "The Cross is our teacher. The cross is a window through which we learn everything we need to know about God, humanity, wisdom, worship, the purpose of suffering, the purpose of life, and a host of other issues. If you knew nothing else but the cross, but you knew it thoroughly, you would know everything essential for this life and the next."

Don't be discouraged by foolishness by this world's wisdom. Or disheartened. Or dissuaded. Don't be deceived by the lure of money, the lust of sex, or the illusion of power. And don't be deluded by the world's "enlightened" rejection of the cross. Repudiation of Biblical morality. And renunciation of family values.

Our God, who raised Jesus from the dead, turned defeat into victory, confounded the world's wisdom, and transformed the cross into a symbol of salvation, will triumph.

And so, we press on. Teaching. Preaching. Writing. And walking in the light of the cross. How about you?

Make Her Apologize! (Paul R. Blake)

Too many Christians are like the little girl that was fighting with her friend. Her mother heard the quarrel and talked with her daughter about it in an attempt to show her she had done wrong to her friend and that she needed to ask for God's forgiveness.

So, when the little girl knelt down to pray, she humbly asked, "O Lord, please forgive me for getting angry and quarreling with my friend

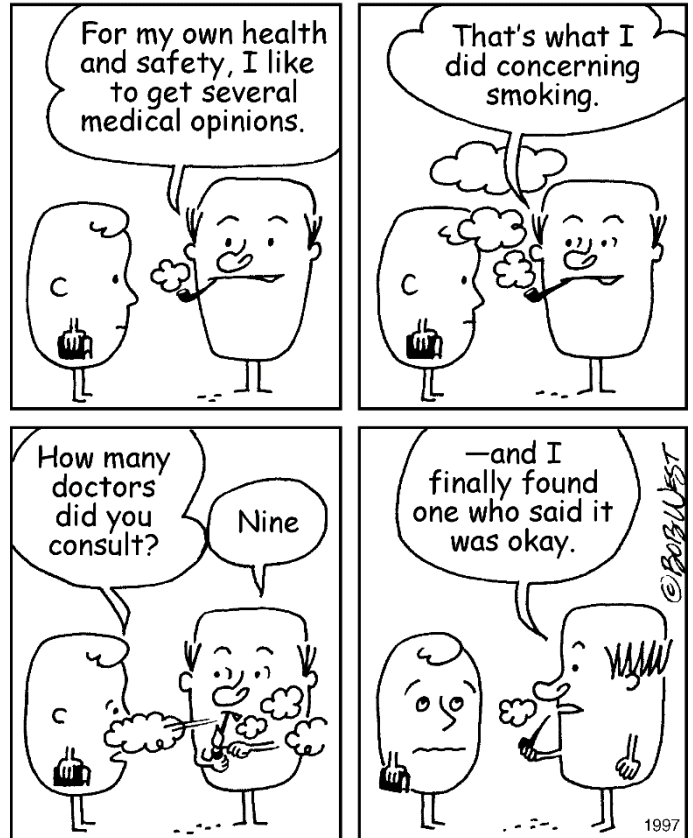


Charlotte." So far so good. But the child went on to say, "And God, make Charlotte come and apologize to me and to ask my forgiveness. Lord, give her no rest until she is sorry and comes and tells me so!"

This reminds me of an experience I had as a boy preacher many years ago. An erring and unfaithful brother responded to the invitation and came forward to confess and ask for prayers. He did well right up until he finished by saying, "And there are a lot more people in here that need to come forward and confess, too!"

THEOPHILUS

Medical Research



Penitence is about sorrow for my own sins, not anger about the sins of others. Whether others repent of their sins or not is between them and God. I will be in a much better position to help them turn from their sins if I am humble and focus on ridding myself of my own sins first.

"Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, 'But Lord, what about this man?' Jesus said to him, 'If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me'" (John 21:21-22).

Sin Takes Us Farther Than We Want To Go, Costs Us More Than We Want To Pay, And Keeps Us Longer Than We Want To Stay.

Retirement: Most wives define retirement as twice as much husband and half as much money.

The Holy Bible & The TV Guide

(Author Unknown)

They lie on the table side by side
The Holy Bible and the TV guide.

One is well worn and
cherished with pride.

Not the Bible, but the TV guide.

One is used daily to
help folks decide.

No, not the Bible,
but the TV guide.

As the pages are turned,
what shall they see?

Oh, what does it matter,
turn on the TV.

Then confusion reigns,
they can't all agree

On what they should
watch on the old TV.

So they open the book
in which they confide,

No, not the Bible,
but the TV guide.

The Word of God is seldom read,
Maybe a verse as they fall into bed.

Exhausted and sleepy
and tired as can be;

Not from reading the Bible,
from watching TV.

So then back to the table
side by side,

Lie the Holy Bible
and the TV guide.

No time for prayer,
no time for the Word,

The plan of salvation
is seldom heard.

But forgiveness of sin,
so full and free,

Is found in the Bible,
not on TV.



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Times of Services

Sunday Bible Class for all ages (10:00am)

Sunday Worship all Welcome (11:00am & 6:00pm)

Wednesday Bible Class for all ages (7:00pm)

Supporting the GOSPEL in other places:

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↪ Zeke Flores, Columbus, Texas; Philip North, Branson, Missouri

↪ The saints in Nicaragua

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