

MESSAGE

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Text/s :

Col 4:5-6

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Bible Reading :

1 Cor 1:18-31

18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

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Song/s :

- Higher Ground
- Surely Goodness and Mercy
- I Don't Know About Tomorrow

Other references :

Instructions :

INTRODUCTION

We have, a number of times, during this period of pandemic, since last year, been talking about wisdom.

I have often times explained the differences between knowledge, wisdom and understanding by using the illustration of the person who learns how to drive.

Knowledge is often internalization. Wisdom is externalization. And externalization, when applied properly for the benefit of another, results to edification. Edification always has an object.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xmlpi_zZiSQ

Google defines...

Edification is defined as spiritual, moral or intellectual improvement. ... The act of edifying, or the state of being edified; a building up, especially in a moral, emotional, or spiritual sense; moral, intellectual, or spiritual improvement; through encouragement and instruction.

But Biblical terms cannot simply be defined by the world.

See the following verses...

1 Cor 14:12-17

12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.

14 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?

17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.

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1 Cor 14:26

26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

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1 Thess 5:11

11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

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But this is not our main topic today. It is walking in wisdom.

Matt 10:16

16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

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2 Cor 11:3

3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

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Gen 3:1

3 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

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Serpents are seen as symbols of wisdom in several cultures because of the ponderous manner in which they pose before attacking their prey.

Snake as A Symbol of Creation, Rebirth, and Transformation

It comes as no surprise that the snake is a symbol of rebirth and transformation. This symbolism is closely related to the shedding process of the snake. Not only does shedding allow the snake to heal and look new again, the snake looks reborn. Many cultures all over the world have associated snakes with rebirth and transformation.

Similarly, snakes are seen as a symbol of immortality as snakes have been observed biting their own tails to form a circle. A circle or a spiral is a symbol of immortality. The serpent god Danh from the African Dahomeyan culture circles the earth and prevents it from falling apart.

Similarly, the Jörmungandr from Norse mythology also circles the earth. Likewise, the Hindu Ananta is responsible for holding the world together. Additionally, the Cosmic Serpent wraps itself around an egg as a symbol of fertility and rebirth. In Egypt, the god Ra and all creation originated from the many-coiled serpent called the Amduat.

Snake as A Symbol of Fertility

Because many snakes crawl on the ground, they are seen as a symbol of the earth in many cultures across the world, from Native American cultures to European cultures and African cultures. Their close proximity to the earth as creatures with no limbs means they are seen as agents of fertility, prosperity, and fruitfulness.

Snake as A Symbol of Wisdom and Guardianship

Serpents are seen as symbols of wisdom in several cultures because of the ponderous manner in which they pose before attacking their prey. In West Africa, traditional fetish priests and healers copy this pose as they deliver prophetic teaching.



<https://www.snaketracks.com/snake-symbolism/>

BODY

1) **Wisdom is a walk. A life. A conversation. A behavior.**

Wisdom is actually the translation of Biblical truth into our lives.

When the Bible speaks of wisdom, it always refers to a walk, not a talk. But in today's world, wisdom is all talk and not walk. We all look for words of wisdom. Not walk of wisdom.

That is the reason why people often love debates, because they perceive that the winner is wise. But that is the world.

For us, we stick to the word of truth, that wisdom is always walk.

Col 4:5-6

5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

6 Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

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James 3:13

13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

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2) **Wisdom is the word of Christ dwelling in us richly in all walks, activity and engagement in life.**

Wisdom is Christ being lived out by the believers. And the more accurate meaning is, wisdom is how God's people who know the love of Christ, manifest Him and His love in all the breadth, length, depth and height. A manifestation in which all of them, altogether, working as one, express the indwelling Christ in them.

Eph 3:17-19

17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

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Eph 4:13

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

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Col 3:15-17

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

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1 Thess 2:11-12

11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,

12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

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1 Cor 12:20-27

20 But now are they many members, yet but one body.

21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

23 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.

24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked:

25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

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This is why the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom!

Ps 111:10

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

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Job 28:28

28 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

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Prov 1:7

7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

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Prov 15:33

33 The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.

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3) Wisdom is translated to us, as Ekklesia, to be a “teaching” in all wisdom. In all life application.

Col 1:28-29

28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

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Col 1:9-12

9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

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Rom 12:3-8

3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

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4) Wisdom is be appreciated not just by everyone, but in every period

Eph 5:15-20

15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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Col 4:5

5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

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1 Cor 7:29-31

29 But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none;

30 And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not;

31 And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away.

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2 Tim 3:1-5

1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

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5) True wisdom is not in conformity with the world.

1 Cor 3:18-21

18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

20 And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

21 Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours;

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Rom 12:1-2

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

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6) True wisdom always results in fruits of righteousness

James 1:5

5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

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James 3:13-18

13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

18 And the **fruit of righteousness is sown in peace** of them that make peace.

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Phil 1:10-11

10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

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7) True wisdom comes by the grace of God!

We have all the essential needs in the grace of God.

2 Cor 9:8-9

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

9 (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.

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2 Cor 9:10-12

10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the **fruits of your righteousness;**)

11 Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

12 For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;

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CONCLUSION