

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

## *God's Wisdom In The World*

### *I Corinthians 2:6-3:4*

*Last week we saw how worldly wisdom was dividing Corinthian believers*

- *Violating the message of the cross of Christ & fracturing His body, to everyone's loss*
- *We face the same temptations today*

*After confronting & exposing the damage of worldly, human wisdom...*

- *Paul begins to reveal the godly, heavenly wisdom available to us*

***I Corinthians 2:5-6***, Your faith should **not be in the wisdom of men** but in the power of God. However, **we speak wisdom** among those who are mature, **yet not the wisdom of this age**, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.

*God's wisdom in our life is not mostly about what we do...*

- *It is about why we do it.*
- *The wisdom of men & the wisdom of God are incompatible.*

*Worldly wisdom divides. Godly wisdom unites*

- *Worldly wisdom varies greatly & has no single trusted source*
- *Godly wisdom originates in Him and never conflicts*

*Worldly wisdom is contrary to God's wisdom & authority*

- *It is foolish, and deceives its followers*

- *It's about productivity, profit & advantage*

*God's wisdom is about love, obedience & service*

- *God's wisdom never compromises for profit or advantage*

***Acts 16:16-18***, Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour.

*Was what she said true?*

- *Yes, but from a lying, godless source, inviting deception*

***Philippians 3:7-9***, But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith

**II Corinthians 6:14-18**, Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you/we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” Therefore “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

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*As Christ's people, His body, His church...*

- *We're not here to dispute worldliness*

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*We're not here to adopt worldly wisdom to counter worldliness...*

- *To beat them at their own game any more than He did. And He didn't*

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*"You've Got Mail"*

- *On-Line warning about the perfect retort*
- *Her in person realization of it*

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**Acts 1:8**, “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

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**I John 4:17**, Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because **as He is, so are we** in this world.

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*We're not here to improve on how He changed the world. And **HE DID!!***

**John 13:13-17**, You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. 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. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

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**John 13:34-35**, 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.”

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*If who He is isn't evident among us...*

- *We're not authorized to offer it to others*

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**I Corinthians 2:16**, For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

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**Colossians 1:26-28**, The mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are **the riches of the glory of this mystery** among the Gentiles: **which is Christ in you**, the hope of glory. Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

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*Living in God's wisdom is using our giftedness and ability...*

- *In complete submission to **God**, who **IS eternal wisdom**.*

*We can't avoid being exposed to worldly "wisdom".*

*We're swimming in a sea of it.*

- *To know what heavenly, godly wisdom is...  
to deliberately obtain it, we saturate  
ourselves in it.*

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***Psalm 1:1-3,***

Blessed is the man

Who walks not in the counsel of the <sup>[a]</sup>ungodly,

Nor stands in the path of sinners,

Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

But his delight is in the law of the Lord,

And in His law he meditates day and night.

He shall be like a tree

Planted by the rivers of water,

That brings forth its fruit in its season,

Whose leaf also shall not wither;

And whatever he does shall prosper.

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***Romans 12:2 & 21,*** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by **the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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*To "overcome evil with good" within ourselves,*

- *We need to displace the evil with the good...  
on purpose*
- *Doing that in our environment requires first  
living in it ourselves*