

WEDNESDAY SERMON

Willow, Alaska

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Scripture Reading: John 1:18

Text: Multiple

Subject: CONFESSION OF FAITH SERIES – Christ: The Wisdom of God, Article 15

In our last message from our Confession of Faith, we considered articles 14 concerning Jesus Christ as Prophet, Priest, and King. Now we come to the next article in which we study his offices as Christ: The Wisdom of God.

15. Christ: The Wisdom of God

Concerning the prophecy of Christ, it is that by which He has revealed the will of God; whatsoever is needful for His servants to know and obey. Therefore, He is called not only a prophet and master, and the apostle of our profession, and the messenger of the covenant, but also the very wisdom of God, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. He will forever continue to reveal the truths of the everlasting gospel to His people.

Jn.1:18; 12:49, 50; 17:8; Deu.18:15; Mt.23:10; He.3:1; Mal.3:1; 1Co.1:24; Col.2:3; Rev.14:6.

Joh 1:18 (KJV) No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

- The wisdom of God, Jesus Christ, declared the Father. He is the fulness of the godhead bodily.

- **Col 2:9 (KJV)** *For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.*
- **Col 1:19 (KJV)** *For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;*

Joh 12:48-50 (KJV) *He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. 49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. 50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.*

- The words from Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, shall judge those who rejects him in the last day – for he spoke the words of the Father.

Joh 17:8 (KJV) *For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.*

- The words of Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, were given to them whom the Father gave the son and they have received them.

De 18:15 (KJV) *The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;*

- Christ is “that prophet” like unto Moses raised up unto them from the midst of Israel and to him the elect hearkened.

Mt 23:9-10 (KJV) *And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. 10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.*

- Jesus Christ is our master as the wisdom of God. He has the wisdom and power to bid us to call no man “father” upon the earth, for one is our Father, which is in heaven.

Heb 3:1 (KJV) *Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;*

- Jesus Christ is the Apostle and High Priest of our profession.

Mal 3:1 (KJV) *Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.*

- Jesus Christ is the messenger of the covenant – the New Covenant.

1Co 1:22-24 (KJV) *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.*

In verse 24 of this 1st chapter of 1st Corinthians, we read of Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Wisdom comes to us from the Greek word “σοφία Sophia” which is found 51 times in the New Testament and is always translated as Wisdom.

In the Old Testament, wisdom comes from the Hebrew word “חכמה chokmah” which is found 149 times and is translated 145 times as wisdom. The other four times, it is translated as “wisely, skillful man, and wits.”

1Co 1:26-31 (KJV) *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.*

Jesus Christ, in whom is all the wisdom of God – and is wisdom itself. Not only does he possess more wisdom than any creature – he is wisdom. He is made of God to us who believe in Him *wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption* ([1Co 1:30](#)): He is all we need, or all that we can desire. We are foolishness, ignorant and blind in the things of God, and even in how to conduct our lives in this present world – we may (and do) boast emptily of knowledge; but he is made wisdom to us.

Wisdom is greater than all the knowledge on earth. A person may accumulate great hosts of knowledge and be totally destitute of wisdom – having no practical sense.

Pr 1:1-4 (KJV) *The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; 2 To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; 3 To receive the instruction of **wisdom**, justice, and judgment, and equity; 4 To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.*

Pr 2:1-5 (KJV) *My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; 2 So that thou incline thine ear unto **wisdom**, and apply thine heart to understanding; 3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; 4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; 5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.*

Job 28:12-28 (KJV) *But where shall **wisdom** be found? and where is the place of **understanding**? 13 Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living. 14 The depth saith, It is not in me: and the sea saith, It is not with me. 15 It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof. 16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire. 17 The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold. 18 No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of **wisdom** is above rubies. 19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold. 20 **Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?** 21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air. 22 Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears. 23 God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof. 24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven; 25 To make the weight for the winds; and he*

*weigheth the waters by measure. 26 When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder: 27 Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out. 28 And unto man he said, **Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.***

Pr 4:7-11 (KJV) *Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. 8 Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. 9 She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee. 10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many. 11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.*

What is wisdom? It is the capacity of judging rightly in matters of life and conduct; soundness of judgment in the choice of means and ends; sometimes sound sense in practical affairs. Now, think of it brothers and sisters! Jesus Christ is of God made unto us, wisdom. Is it any wonder that the saints shall judge the world? Are not you and I the salt of the earth? Are not you and I the light of the world? Shall we not judge angels? Do not even the least esteemed among us – even babes in Christ, have wisdom enough to judge matters of this life? Why? Because Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, is made unto us wisdom!

Col 2:1-3 (KJV) *For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; 2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father,*

and of Christ; 3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Re 14:6-7 (KJV) *And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.*

- Even in the time the greatest trouble on earth that ever has been, or every shall be, an angel of heaven will fly through the heaven preaching the everlasting gospel to them that are on earth, undoubtedly, as a witness against them – for none shall be given repentance.

What a blessing! Jesus Christ is the wisdom of God! And he is made unto us wisdom by God the Father! This is the wisdom of heaven – far unlike the earthly wisdom of men!

1Co 1:18-21 (KJV) *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.*