

WHO IS WISE?

"Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom." (James 3:13).

Answers to the question, "Who are the wise?" vary depending upon who you ask. But for the most conclusive answer, God's Word will suffice. In fact, the most definitive answer to the above-cited question can be found in Matthew's Gospel, chapter two. Therein we read of the wise men from the East who came to Jerusalem seeking Jesus after His birth. Once finding Him, they worship Him and give Him precious gifts (Matt.2:1-12). The actions of these wise men help to answer the proposed question, "Who is wise?"

Those who are wise **seek Jesus** (Matt.2:1). These men came seeking the Lord. Wise men today still look upward into the heavens, seeking Him above all else (Matt. 6:33; Col. 3:1-2). In addition, they allow the light of His Word to lead them (Psm.119:105; Prov. 6:23).

Those who are wise **tell others about Him** (Matt. 2:2-8). As these wise men neared their destination, they heralded His birth and the intent for their coming. Wise men today proclaim Him; that is, Christ came to earth, died on the cross, and rose again the third day so that man might be saved! That's the Good News, and those who are wise will want to tell others about it (Mark 16:15; Acts 5:20; 18:9).

Those who are wise **worship Him** (Matt. 2:9-11). Once finding Him, the wise men fell down and worshiped Him, presenting Him with precious gifts. Likewise, wise men today worship Him, giving Him their very best (John 4:24).

Those who are wise **heed His warnings** (Matt. 2:12). The wise men heeded God's warning and departed to their country another way. Wise men today heed the warnings of God; that is, they do all that God commands, following the path He subscribes for them (Matt. 7:13-24; James 1:21).

Paul, by pen of inspiration, states: *"See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is"* (Eph. 5:15-17).

- Terry R. Townsend, *Bulletin Digest* -

The wisest mind has something yet to learn. - George Santayana (1863-1952)

News & Notes

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: ALL services are at the church building. **Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.** The Covid-19 restrictions still apply (masks & distancing).

CONGRATULATIONS: To MaClay Moore on her graduation Magna Cum Laude from West Liberty University. Best wishes to MaClay.

SYMPATHY: To Imogene Aebi and family at the passing of her husband, Charles. Charles preached here several times, and he and Imogene became dear Christian friends to this congregation. We pray God's blessings and comfort for the Aebi Family. Contact Imogene at: 2660 Lyman Road, Vincent, OH 45784. Phone: 740-525-2926.

BULLETIN INSERT: Bro. Charles Aebi was one of the ministers at Barlow Vincent Church of Christ and a professor at the WV School of Preaching. He had a question and answer page, "Dear Aebi" on the church's web site. One of those Q & A's, "Commitment" is inserted in today's bulletin.

POTTERS HOME: Give your monetary donations to one of the elders or Rico.

PANTRY: Vegetable soup.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Linda Parkes, Randy Waite, Randy Beagle, Brenda Akers, Charlie DeLong, David McCoy, Jim Hadley, Josh Morrison (son of Joyce Morrison Murdock), Cam Adamson, Marlene Evans, Shirley Beagle, Russell Martin, Doris Dunham, Rick Beck (minister at Weston, WV), John McClung (address on bulletin board), Alex Harless. **FOX:** Tom Postlethwait. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore, (Room 210). **IN TENNESSEE:** Steve Higginbotham. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

ARISE FROM TRUTH

In the early 1500's when only the elite clergy of the Catholic Church were privy to the Bible, which was in Latin, men began to translate it into the languages of the People. They took Romans 12:1 to heart and literally sacrificed their physical bodies to imprisonment, and even death in order to provide God's Word to the common man in his language.

William Tyndale, 1494 to 1536, gave his life (strangled and burned at the stake) in order that the English could have the Bible in their language. From royalty to the lowliest of peasantry, they received Bibles printed in Cologne, Germany and smuggled to England by wealthy, sympathetic merchants. This completely changed the spiritual climate of their nation. For the first time in history, people could read and study God's word and challenge those who were teaching in error while learning how they themselves should live the Christian life.

The Bible is God's Word. It can change us for the better, protect us from falling into false beliefs and deliver us from Satan. All scripture from God will teach us, correct us, and train us to be right, according to 2 Tim 3:16-17. That is why men like Tyndale were willing to die to give it to us. This may be a time that God has given us to read and study the Bible to His Glory and our salvation.

- Bill McDonough -

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