

Text: 1 Corinthians 1: 30-31
Topic: Wisdom Conflicts
Study First Corinthians
Week 4 of 4
Series 5

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Man's Wisdom vs. God's Wisdom

God's Wisdom: Redemption, Righteousness & Sanctification

Redemption

I. Redemption and it's meaning

- i. What does the word "redemption" mean?

- ii. Leviticus 25 shows us this beautiful motif /imagery of redemption – If someone becomes poor – if they could not redeem themselves, then their next of kin or a relative can redeem them.

II. Christ: Our Redeemer

Text for today:

1 Corinthians 1:30-31

But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God — and righteousness and sanctification and redemption — 31 that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the Lord."

Other scriptures used in this study: Leviticus 25; Deuteronomy 28; Romans 5; Ephesians 1:7-12; Galatians 3:13-14, 24-25; Colossians 2:14-15; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 7:7-9, 13; & Ruth

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE MEAN BY “REPENTANCE FROM DEAD WORKS”?

1. REPENTANCE is from the Greek METANOIA,” *a change of mind*, a turning, a new direction”. It’s not simply to be sorry for sin; but to make a determination (*choice*) to turn from sin and *turn to God* and His ways. (Lit “*take a new mind*”).
2. “DEAD WORKS” - in the NIV it reads, “acts *that lead to death*”, refers to man-made rites, customs, beliefs, “good works” done in belief, or with the motive that, they will *earn us favor with God*. God wants us to repent from all self-effort and self-righteousness and to be totally *dependent on Him*. Mark 7:7-9, 13.
3. HOW DO WE “REPENT FROM DEAD WORKS “? Several things may be involved in the process of repenting or turning from dead works:
 - a. We become dissatisfied with our spiritual life and condition even though we don’t know exactly why.
 - b. We begin to really wonder if the attempt to earn “salvation” or favor with God through self-effort can possibly make us acceptable to God.
 - c. We hear the truth of the word of God revealing to us that we are living contrary to God’s Word or commandments.
 - d. We see that the position or values that Christ has established in the church are the true values rather than our traditional, opinionated ones, and that man can only speak the truth as he agrees with God’s Word.
 - e. We can open our minds and hearts without prejudice and allow the Holy Spirit to lead us and give further insight and revelation, we then turn from the laws of man (vain traditions) to Christ. The result is to tear down or turn from everything we have built that is contrary to the teaching and the way of Christ.

APPLICATION: Take care this week to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you areas in your life which may exhibit patterns of self effort to gain God’s approval. Once these areas are identified begin to “repent” and ask God for forgiveness.

4. HOW CAN WE IDENTIFY REPENTANCE? We can clearly identify repentance. John the Baptist said in Luke 3:8 that real repentance produces visible outward results or “*fruits*”. Genuine repentance always manifests itself in visible outward change of attitude and behavior. *It produces a response*. Luke 3:8; Acts 2:30