Jesus Is Perfect Wisdom From God | Episode 2

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SESSION 1: THE WISDOM OF GOD

JESUS IS WISDOM FROM GOD

Wisdom: wisdom, insight, skill (human or divine), intelligence.

1 Corinthians 1:30 - And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, **righteousness** and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

WISDOM IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 4:6 - Keep them and do them, for **that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples,** who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'

Deuteronomy 34:9 - And Joshua the son of Nun was **full of the spirit of wisdom,** for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

1 Kings 3:7-9 - And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. **Give your servant therefore an understanding mind** to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

2 Chronicles 1:10 - **Give me now wisdom and knowledge** to go out and come in before this people, for who can govern this people of yours, which is so great?

1 Kings 3:28 - And all Israel heard of the judgment that the king had rendered, and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived **that the wisdom of God** was in him to do justice.

Proverbs 1:20 - **Wisdom cries aloud in the street,** in the markets she raises her voice;

Proverbs 19:10 - **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom**, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Isaiah 11:1-3 - There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

JESUS AS OUR WISDOM IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 12:42 - The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth **to hear the wisdom of Solomon**, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

Luke 2:40, 52 - And the child grew and became strong, **filled with wisdom.** And the favor of God was upon him. And Jesus **increased in wisdom** and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Colossians 1:27 - To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of **this mystery, which is Christ in you,** the hope of glory.

Colossians 2:1-3 - For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge

SESSION 1: PERSONAL APPLICATION QUESTION

• Read through the Scriptures for this week and think about what wisdom really is.

SESSION 1: GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1. What do you think it means to walk in God's wisdom? (Be as specific as possible)
- 2. How have you seen God's wisdom at work in your life recently? Name practical examples.
- 3. Throughout your life, has your view of God's wisdom changed? If so, how? When?
- 4. In Deuteronomy 4:6, God tells Israel that <u>His Laws will be their wisdom</u> in the sight of all people. What do you believe God means when He tells this to Israel?
- 5. As new covenant believers, should we expect God's Laws to be our wisdom in the sight of "unbelievers" or was this promise only for old covenant Israelites? Explain your thoughts.
- 6. Proverbs 1:20 says that wisdom can be found in markets and streets. Why does Solomon specifically use <u>common places</u> as the example for where wisdom can be found?
- 7. What does this tell us about wisdom?
- 8. How does a community of people pursue wisdom together?
- 9. What might this practically look like?

SESSION 2: WALKING IN WISDOM

Colossians 1:9-12 - And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be **filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom** and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

Ephesians 1:17 - that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you **the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation** in the knowledge of him,

Ephesians 3:10 - so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

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1 Corinthians 1:17-30 -
1 Corinthians 2:1-13 -
1 Corinthians 3:16-23 -
James 3:13-17 -
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SESSION 2: PERSONAL APPLICATION QUESTION

• Read through the Scriptures for this week and consider what it looks like for us to walk in God's wisdom.

SESSION 2: GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1. In what ways have you been allowing wisdom to lead your life this week? What are some <u>obvious differences</u> in your life when you choose to follow God's wisdom?
- 2. Have you been sharing God's wisdom with those around you? If so, how?
- 3. How can you begin helping lead others into the wisdom of God?
- 4. Luke 2 says that Jesus increased in wisdom. But, Jesus is God in the flesh, and He already possesses all possible wisdom, so how can He grow in wisdom He already has?
- 5. Colossians 1:9-12 connects two ideas together: God's <u>spiritual wisdom</u> and a <u>knowledge of</u> His will. What are some connections you notice?
- 6. How does this help us <u>understand God's wisdom</u> even deeper? What does it teach us?
- 7. Colossians 2 says that all the treasures of wisdom are <u>hidden in Jesus</u>. What does this mean?
- 8. And, what does this mean for us, as a community, as we seek to grow in God's wisdom? How might this truth influence the way we grow in wisdom together, as a community?
- 9. In what ways can our community <u>submit to the wisdom of God</u> even more? (Consider which areas that you sense God is inviting you all to let His wisdom lead you.)