

Salvation is by faith in the finished work of Christ alone, however, that faith in Christ is never alone

The more we know, the more we should apply

Proverbs 9:10 Unless our understanding starts on the foundation of knowing who God is and holding Him in reverence, we're in trouble

A healthy understanding of the wrath of God is important because it puts the severity of sin into proper focus



Jesus once-for-all substitutionary, sacrificial death is the ONLY satisfactory payment for our sins



"Wisdom" = knowledge applied and implemented

James 3:13-18





WISDOM



James 3:13

Proverbs 3:5-7

Proverbs 12:15



Judges 21:25 Left to ourselves, we are fools- true wisdom begins with recognizing the character of God and in genuine humbleness, revering God for who He is

"Wisdom" = this is where knowledge and application intersect

James 3:14-16



"Bitter" = in the Greek it changes based on the context. If positive, it means "zeal"; if negative it means "bitter"



Believers live to glorify God in everything we say, do and think (this newness of life is evident in how we live) The very clear warning being made is against this type of deadly and dangerous "wisdom" creeping into the church

Galatians 2:20

As followers of Christ, our identifying with Jesus means we have died to our old past and our old thinking patterns

James 3:17-18

At its core, wisdom from God is "pure" = completely absent from any sort of sinful attitude or motivation