

Wise through a Person

Introduction

In this study we look at two important questions regarding Jesus and the Wisdom of God. First, we consider what it means for Jesus to be *the image of God*; second, we consider what it means for Jesus to be *Wisdom from God*. In addressing these questions we are thus thinking about how we as sinful people – people who because of our nature are not naturally wise – can in fact be wise in God's sight. Like the Bible's teaching about justification, this wisdom then has to do with our status before God, a key foundation in building true wisdom in our daily lives.

Study Questions

These questions help you to see clearly what the text is saying.

Read: Ephesians 1vs3-23; Colossians 1vs15-20; Hebrews 1vs1-2vs9.

Note: The references to Jesus as the Creator and Sustainer of the world.
The references to the present and future rule of Jesus.

Answer the following questions:

1. What is God's purpose in and through Christ?
2. When will God's purpose in Christ be brought to fulfilment?
3. What is true at the present time?

Read: 1 Corinthians 1vs26-31; Colossians 1vs9-2vs5

Answer the following questions:

1. What was true of the Corinthians when they became Christians?

2. Why did God choose them?

3. How did God view the Corinthians after their conversion?

4. What was Paul's desire for the Colossians?

Think it Through

In the light of what we have learnt from study 10-13, where would you say the starting point for wisdom is for the Christian?