

Thursday

March 19

R-submission is voluntary J- husbands don't

bring your troubles home JILL- Christian

employees & employers work for God R-prayer not

food satisfies our deepest needs

Walking in Wisdom

What is the most important truth that we, as Christians, can know? Of course, it is that WE ARE SINNERS, THAT Jesus Christ, BY HIS GRACE AND HIS FAITHFULNESS, died for our sins, and that, through faith in Him, WE CAN BE BROUGHT BACK INTO CLOSE INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, WHICH IS LIFE ETERNAL ~~have eternal life.~~ This is a truth that we could have never figured out on

our own. Instead, it was a truth that had to be told, or revealed, to us. And it has been revealed to us—in the Word of God.

There's a great deal of truth, knowledge, and wisdom that we would never have known were it not for what God has revealed to us in His Word. But this knowledge and wisdom have not been given to us just as knowledge, just as something to know. Rather, we are to live out in our own lives this truth, this knowledge, and this wisdom.

Read Colossians 4:5, 6. In what situations does Paul indicate we especially need to "walk in wisdom"? Why might that be?

"Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."

Colossians 4:5-6 KJV

"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." Colossians 4:5-6 NIV

GRACE AND SALT — PLATE OF POTATOES
SPRINKLED WITH SALT — NOT A PLATE OF SALT
SPRINKLED WITH POTATOES.

LETS NOT LEAVE OFF THE SALT THOUGH. THE
WORLD IS BLAND WITH INIQUITY AND NEEDS THE SALT
OF TRUTH, THE STRAIGHT UNDILUTED TRUTH OF GOD'S
WORD. JUST LET THIS TRUTH BE SHARED WITH GRACE.

JOHN 1:14, 17

"AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, AND DWELT AMONG
US, (AND WE BEHELD HIS GLORY, THE GLORY AS OF THE
ONLY BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER,) FULL OF GRACE AND
TRUTH. FOR THE LAW WAS GIVEN BY MOSES, BUT GRACE
AND TRUTH CAME BY JESUS CHRIST." JOHN 1:14, 17 KJV

GRACE AND TRUTH NOT GRACE OR TRUTH - WE
BELIEVE THE TRUTH IF YOU WANT GRACE YOU CAN VISIT
GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH DOWN THE ROAD.

FULL REVELATION OF GOD'S CHARACTER IN JESUS
CHRIST.

JOHN 3 - NICODEMUS

DANIEL 4 - NEBUCHADNEZZAR

REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST - MOST
MISREPRESENTED BOOK IN THE ENTIRE BIBLE - LARGELY
BY CHRISTIANS, NOT EXCLUDING SDA'S

THE BOOK ITSELF FOLLOWS COLOSSIANS 4:6

OVERVIEW OF CHAPTER 1 - HERE'S ABOUT JESUS THE
SEES JESUS FIRST

Unfortunately, as Christians, sometimes we
are anything but Christian! And, as Paul
indicated (quoting Isaiah 52:5), Israel was also
a stumbling block for unbelievers: "For the name
of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through

you" (Rom. 2:24). How we act toward others,
especially those not of our faith, matters a lot
(see Titus 2:5, 2 Pet. 2:2). A Christian home, a
gathering of youth for prayer rather than for
mischievousness, simple kindnesses, and a calm, patient
spirit speak volumes to those who are watching
to see whether our profession is genuine or
not.

In Colossians 4:6, Paul focuses especially
on the words we speak: "Let your speech always
be gracious" (ESV). More than simply kind or
polite, the words we speak should be prompted
and permeated by God's grace through the
influence of the Holy Spirit.

"Seasoned with salt." Opposite to the
world's definition of "salty" speech, our words
should be fitting and appealing to those we
address.

"That you may know how you ought to answer
each one" (NKJV). Only the Holy Spirit can give

us the right words at the right time for the right purpose and prepare the minds of the hearers for the message we “must” share (here, too, *dei* is used—see yesterday’s comments on *Colossians 4:4*).

Think about your words, your actions, and how you walk before others. What message are you sending about your faith and what it means to be a Christian?