“Wisdom From Above” Pt. I

Intro: The Bible is full of ____________.

A. James points out the contrast between ____________ _________ and non-saving faith.

B. James also teaches us that not only will those who possess saving faith live rightly, but they will also ____________ rightly.

C. The salvation that is granted by God ______________ right words and right works.

D. Those who know God will, more and more, without exception, live lives that ____________ the ____________ and understanding of God.

E. Having read (this past Sunday) of the destructive wisdom that is of the world as illustrated in 3:14-16, we will read today of the contrasting ______________ wisdom of God in verses 17 & 18.

James 3:13-18

I. The wisdom from ____________.

A. Good Christian, rejoice! There is a heavenly wisdom that ________ _________ Himself!

   1. In contrast to the wisdom that is earthly, natural, and demonic, which results in disorder and every evil thing, the wisdom that is from God produces godliness, ____________, and every ____________ thing!

B. The term “wisdom” as used in the New Testament and as James employs it is synonymous with saving faith and ______________.

   1. Apart from faith in ______________ we cannot ____________ the wisdom that is from above!

II. The ______________ of the wisdom from above.

A. Wisdom from above is ____________ ____________!

   1. The word “pure” refers to the ____________ quality of the heart. It speaks of the inward ____________ of right living.

   2. ____________ pure hearts!

      a. Christ Jesus came from heaven like a burning coal of fire to purify the hearts of men! (cf. Isaiah 6) “If we will ____________ our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins” (1 Jo. 1:9)! And, “... the blood of Jesus His Son ______________ us from all sin” (1:7).
b. In Christ we have been granted ____________ we need for life and godliness. 2 Peter 1:3-4, “seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. 4 For by these He has ____________ to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become ____________ of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.”

3. We who possess salvation in Christ possess the wisdom of God ____________. But, it only shows up in the living of lives to the ____________ that we have a knowledge and understanding of Him.
   a. Let us gain an ____________ of the characteristics of wisdom that we might live according to it!

III. ____________ of the wisdom that is from above.
   A. Wisdom from above is ____________.
      1. Beloved, we possess this in Christ, let us ________ according to it!
   B. The wisdom from above is ____________.
      1. Gentle carries the idea of being considerate, courteous, equitable, fair, fitting, ____________, and moderate.

Concluding thoughts:

1. If we have faith in Christ, then He has granted us wisdom from above and this heavenly peace and divine gentleness lay in our heart. The question is, “Due to a lack of understanding, does it lay ____________?”

2. Dear Christian, this isn’t something we need to attain, but what God has already granted and planted in us. ________ _____ the gifts that lie within your heart!

Be provoked to good works! Say to yourself, “_________ _____, you sleeper! You’ve been asleep too long!” And, begin this very day to live a peaceable and gentle life according to the wisdom God has granted you!

What ____________ await those who live in the wisdom and understanding of God!

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