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A life of Righteousness lived out on earth, is something which every follower of Jesus is to desire and aspire to be able to model, as this is a Christ like life. Jesus Himself lived out a life of righteousness unto His Father, and we too are to imitate this life of righteousness.

This is what we are going to unpack over the coming weeks and look at what goes into making up a life of righteousness. What are the divine elements that one needs to be living from to be able to be the demonstration of the divine wisdom of God?

A life of righteousness is a life that has the ability within itself, to be able to live out and demonstrate the eternal divine wisdom of God.

Matthew 11:18-19 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon!' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

The religious spirit accused John the Baptist of having a demon and Jesus of being a drunkard, and yet their behaviour was the complete opposite, and both were able to be the demonstration of this divine eternal life of righteousness.

Paul was another who while on earth, and to the measure he was in Christ, was able to be the demonstration of this life of righteousness, or in other words, the demonstration of the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 2:4 and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

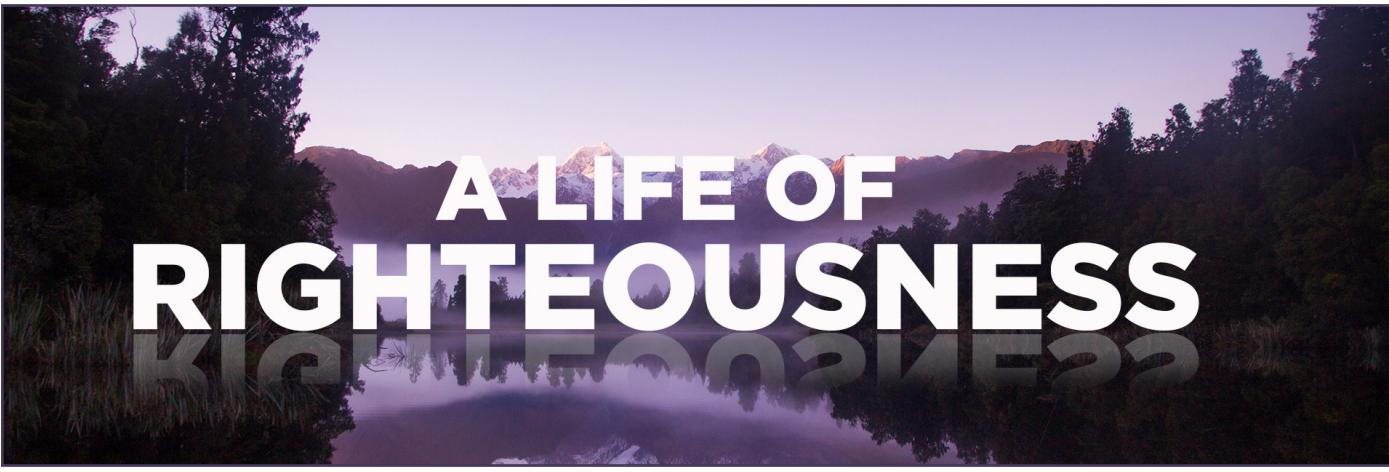
Paul's message was his life and what he was able to model and live out. He went from being a man of words to a man of demonstration. His very life was the wisdom of God and it is this life he calls us to imitate.

How many followers find pride in how well they can speak the scriptures or what they think they know, and how many followers get all caught up in these messages of words, as opposed to demonstrating the divine wisdom of God. This is the standard that one is to aspire for and be able to live out, through surrendering, the losing of one's life and receiving of Christ Himself through resurrection power.

Ephesians 3:10-11 so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,

1 John 4:17 says "as Jesus was, so are we in this world", and 1 John 2:6 says "we are to walk in the manner He walked". None of this is to be heavy or burdensome, but light and exciting, encouraging and urging us to seek this life in Christ, so we too like Jesus, Paul, John, Stephen, and all those of faith, live out this life of righteousness in our life time.

The more mature we are in Christ the more we will find ourselves being able to live this life of righteousness out. Maturity is not based on how many years we say we have been a Christian, but maturity is based on our ability to



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demonstrate the nature, character and life of Christ. This is all made possible from the receiving and partaking of His Divine Eternal Word, the Bread of Life.

It's essential we all are aware of where we are truly at, within our spiritual relationship with Christ, so we know what we need to be able to grow and mature.

QUESTIONS

1. What do you think it would have been like to be Paul, who was living this life of righteousness out?
2. What are the characteristics that this life of righteousness is able to demonstrate?
3. What is your current understanding of what it means for the church to be the manifold wisdom of God?
4. Why is wisdom about demonstration and not about intellectual knowledge?
5. The church has been called and chosen to live lives of righteousness. What does this mean for you personally and how is this truth impacting your life?