



LIVING WISELY IN AN AGE OF FOLLY



DEFINING WISDOM

- Wisdom is living life in correspondence to reality and in distinction to alternative realities which are identified as folly. Biblical reality is a worldview that sees both the natural and supernatural world and the relationship between the two in order to understand and then live in the world as it actually is.
- Folly ignores, deconstructs or denies reality or constructs an alternative reality to alleviate guilt, pursue natural cravings or actions that result in calamity, empty fulfillment, despair, and ultimately no accountability.

WISDOM OF THE GOSPEL

- Gospel: God has acted in history to fulfill His promise to redeem His people and creation through His appointed King, Christ Jesus

The means of God accomplishing this was through the incarnation, sacrificial and substitutional death, the resurrection, and exaltation of the Lord Jesus Christ.

WISDOM OF THE GOSPEL

- The Gospel reveals reality and exposes the false narrative of folly. (1:18-20)
- The Gospel fulfills the human need to know God (1:21)
- The Gospel enables broken people to have a restored image (no longer natural, but spiritual)

WISDOM OF THE GOSPEL

The Gospel is considered foolish by the world:

- Doesn't fit into assumptions about God , and how he deals with creation or people.
- Doesn't appear to be rational to the human mind
- Doesn't allow for any human accomplishments

WISDOM OF THE GOSPEL

The Gospel message is centered on the person and work of Jesus Christ

- Jesus reveals the characteristics of God's wisdom (1:30 & Prov. 8)
- Jesus actualizes God's wisdom in His redemptive work (1:24)
- Jesus accomplishes the work of wisdom: righteousness, sanctification, and redemption (1:30)