



# LIVING WISELY IN AN AGE OF FOLLY



# DEFINING WISDOM

- Our working definition: 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 fulfilment, despair and ultimately no final accountability.

# MORAL THERAPEUTIC DEISM

- 1. A God exists who created and orders the world and watches over human life on earth.
- 2. God wants people to be good, nice, and fair to each other, as taught in the Bible and by most world religions.
- 3. The central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself.
- 4. God does not need to be particularly involved in one's life except when God is needed to resolve a problem.
- 5. Good people go to heaven when they die.

# WISDOM OF REDEMPTION

- You however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:14-15

# WISDOM OF REDEMPTION

- Sacred writings (Old Testament Scripture) gives us wisdom that leads to salvation
  - God has revealed to us the way of wisdom
  - The need of our life is salvation (deliverance)
  - Salvation involves faith in a person; Jesus Christ
  - The sacred writings speak of the Christ, and so God must providentially work to fulfill His word concerning the Christ

# WISDOM OF REDEMPTION

- to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him with a view to an administration suitable to the fulness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and on the earth.

Ephesians 1:6-10

# WISDOM OF REDEMPTION

- Redemption: to be released by the payment of a price
  - What are we released from? : our sin (violation of God's standard)
  - What was the price? : the blood (sacrificial death) of Jesus Christ
  - How do we earn the payment? : we don't! It is by God's grace
  - When is redemption complete? : when all things are summed up in Christ

# WISDOM OF REDEMPTION

- Folly's Redemption: a temporary release from shame by a gospel that promises good feelings about yourself to promote the goal of personal happiness
- Wisdom's Redemption: the freedom that comes from an eternal forgiveness through Christ that restores my relationship to God and fulfills my purpose for eternal life.
  - Wisdom's gospel is that God has acted in history to fulfill his promise to redeem His people and creation through His appointed King, Jesus Christ.