

3. 1 Corinthians: the Wisdom of God

...what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6.8

Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 1 Corinthians 1.24

Then He began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are...'" Matthew 5.2-3

"...what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk _____ with your God?"

There can be no real public justice without private righteousness, or private righteousness without public justice. The two go hand in hand; they're _____. The butcher may be required by law to have honest scales in weighing the meat he sells (that's justice), but a dishonest butcher will find a way around the law (that's righteousness).

Hesed which we translate as to "love mercy" or to "love kindness"...is a reference to God's covenantal faithfulness to His people.

I coined the word "stuckedness" a few years ago to convey the idea of *hesed*, for God is "_____" on me, and on you, even when we are faithless and disobedient. And God calls me to be like Jesus, that is, God calls me to be "stuck" on those who offend me or with whom I disagree.

First, we are to do justice; second, we are love kindness, or love mercy, that is, we are to be stuck on one another, and not just stuck, but kindly stuck; and third, we are to walk humbly with your God. We can't pull off the first two without the _____, walk humbly with your God.

Without humility life in Christ is "_____ or miss."

The pure in heart now live in the very wisdom of God, Who is Christ Himself, and like Him, what was impossible now becomes _____: do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God.

Humility cannot _____ with pride in the heart of those who confess the Name of Jesus; one will eventually give way to the other causing alienation and division in the Body of Christ! There is only one way to overcome pride in our hearts: *Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.*

_____ is the power and the wisdom of God!

Come to Christ's Table and allow the Spirit to reveal to our hearts the power and wisdom of God, Christ Himself, so that the _____ will become the Message, and we will do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

