

Who is Wise? James 3:13-18

I. Introduction - Are Jesus and His Gospel all we ever talk about in church? Colossians 2:3

II. Review of James – Book of life’s contradictions

III. James 3:13-18

13Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. **14**But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. **15**This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. **16**For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. **17**But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. **18**And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

IV. Three answers to life about wisdom?

a. Who is wise? Shown by 2 basic qualities:

i. “Good Behavior” –

ii. “Deeds done in the gentleness of wisdom” –

b. Where does disorder and evil come from?

i. It’s character –

ii. It’s source – 3 Places:

iii. It’s results –

c. How can I live right?

i. It’s character – 8 qualities

1. Pure-

2. Peaceable-

3. Gentle –

4. Reasonable -

5. Merciful -

6. Good fruits -

7. Not wavering

8. Not hypocritical

ii. It’s source –

iii. It’s result -