

THE SON AS WISDOM

In the book of Proverbs, wisdom is not just a virtue. Wisdom is a person, a person with attributes and a personality (8:12-21). Wisdom is a person that we are expected to get to know. And as you read Scripture more and more it is hard to not suspect that this person is actually the second person of the Trinity, the Son. Here are three things that hint at this connection.

Creation – Solomon says that Wisdom was not just present at creation, but was used by God to create the universe (Prov. 3:19-20, 8:30). In the New Testament, however, we are told that this was specifically the role that that Son played (John 1:1-3, Col. 1:15-16).

Son as Wisdom – In the New Testament, the Son is regularly identified as “Wisdom” (1 Cor. 1:30, Col. 2:3).

Life – Proverbs describes Wisdom as life itself (Prov. 8:35-36). But the New Testament says that Jesus is life (John 1:4-5).

So we are tempted to think that Wisdom is actually Jesus. But this has been a controversial position to hold because many throughout church history have thought that this interpretation would force us to embrace a heretical understanding about the Son. But this is not actually a problem if we understand that the Son is eternally begotten.

GETTING WISDOM

So if Wisdom is Jesus this makes “getting wisdom” a much bigger deal. This is why cultural issues are actually a big deal. Becoming a fool is how you fall away from Christ. Tolerating foolishness in your house (or mutually agreed upon foolishness) is how you lose your children.

WISDOM IS NEAR

But the good news is that one of the premier attributes about wisdom is that wisdom is always near (Prov. 1:20, 8:1-3). We don’t ascend to Wisdom, because the Son came down to us. That means that nobody goes to hell for being stupid. You fall under judgment for hard heartedness, stiff-neckness, for stubbornly clinging to your foolishness. But not because you were not good at Latin.

The bad news is – this leaves you without excuse. The good news is, obedience is always right in front of you.

