

## **Snake Handlers Wanted**

Mark 16:15-18(NLT): "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. <sup>16</sup> Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup> These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. <sup>18</sup> They will be able to handle snakes with safety..."

Luke 10:19: "I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you."

"Through a long and circuitous route, the story of the Exodus eventually came to influence not only Jews but Western civilization as a whole. In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, through such figures as John Locke and Thomas Jefferson, it gave rise to a new vision of freedom. It told of how a people might liberate itself from oppressive governments and construct a society in which 'all men are created equal,' possessing inalienable dignity and collective freedom. It set forth a narrative, never surpassed, of the human drama as the long journey to redemption, not in heaven but on earth, in the structures of our common life. No story has had greater influence in inspiring revolution or evolution toward a just and humane society. It is the West's great meta-narrative of liberty." Jonathan Sacks

Colossians 1:15-21: "The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.<sup>21</sup> Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds..."

The Key to Biblical Wisdom is to have our minds filled with \_\_\_\_\_\_from God

Exodus 34:6,7 : "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup> maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin."

2 Corinthians 10:3-5(VOICE): "For though we walk in the world, we do not fight according to this world's rules of warfare. <sup>4</sup> The weapons of the war we're fighting are not of this world but are powered by God and effective at tearing down the strongholds *erected against His truth.* <sup>5</sup> We are demolishing arguments and ideas, every high-and-mighty philosophy that pits itself against the knowledge of *the one true* God. We are taking prisoners of every thought, *every emotion*, and subduing them into obedience to the Anointed One."

Colossians 2:15: "...having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross."