

February 16, 2020
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Danny Shackelford

Song Leader

John Hopper

Scripture Reading

Mason McAlister

Opening Prayer

Brad McAlister (A.M.)

Palmer Jones (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Jarvene Shackelford (A.M.)

J C Newby (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Bryan Davis (Presiding),

Brock Lindley, Kevin Shackelford,

Gene Yancey

Count and Usher

Randell Koon

Devin McVey

Prepare Communion

Angela Bridges & Dala Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Logan Yancey (02/19/20)

OUR RECORD

February 9, 2020

Sunday Bible Study: 99

Sunday Morning Worship: 117

Sunday Evening Worship: 108

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 76

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).



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Are All Who Are Baptized Christians?

Charles Box

In every example of New Testament conversion people were baptized for remission of sins. "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38) One cannot be a Christian without being baptized but not all who have been baptized are Christians. Why would this be true?

Many that have been baptized have not been baptized as accountable people. Baptism is an act of submission that must come from the heart. "But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered." (Romans 6:17) Baptizing babies is no more Bible baptism than it would be for several strong men to baptize adults against their will. Babies have no sin and therefore do not need baptism and certainly could not be baptized as a voluntary act of obedience.

Many that have been baptized have not been baptized like the Bible teaches. Bible baptism is a burial in water and it is for the remission of sins. Both the reason for which baptism is done and the way in which it is done are important. Bible baptism is a burial. "Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4) Bible baptism is never sprinkling or pouring. Bible baptism is essential to our salvation. The Bible is plain in teaching that: (1) Baptism comes before salvation (Mark 16:16), (2) Baptism is for remission of sins (Acts 2:38), (3) Baptism washes away sins (Acts 22:16), (4) Baptism comes before being a child of God (Galatians 3:26-27), and (5) Baptism puts one into Christ. (Romans 6:3-4) In view of such plain Bible teaching how can the Southern Baptist Church (and most other churches) teach that, "Baptism does not help a person to be saved or to become a Christian?"

Many that have been baptized scripturally

have not remained faithful. They have not grown in faith. They have stopped following Christ and are in a worse condition than before they obeyed the gospel. 2 Peter 2:20-22 says "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." Jesus said, "...If you continue in My word, then are you My disciples indeed." (John 8:31.) All accountable people must be baptized for remission of sins and must remain faithful to God. But, not all who have been baptized are Christians!

Obeying God by Gene Taylor

Some people have the attitude, even some of our brethren, that strict obedience to the gospel and its commands is really not necessary. They feel that as long as a person generally does what is right that he does not have to strictly adhere to all the teachings of the "perfect law of liberty" (James 1:25). Consequently, they brand those who would propose that kind of adherence as "legalists."

It is interesting to note, though, that God has always required strict obedience to all His commands. No matter what law from God man was under, he was always to know and diligently follow the will of God. Noah had to explicitly follow the specific instructions of God when he built the ark in order to save his family. Cain's sacrifice was not pleasing to God because he did not heed God's instructions when making his offering. Moses was not allowed to enter Canaan or to lead the children of Israel into it because he had failed on just one occasion to give God the proper honor before the people.

Nadab and Abihu

Consider the two priests, Nadab and Abihu, and what is said of them in Leviticus 10:1,2. God commanded them to use a specific fire when burning incense in the tabernacle. But they chose to use a different one. They might have said, as some would today, "So what. Fire's fire. It doesn't make a difference." It did make a difference—a real one. God was displeased and they perished.

Uzzah

The example of the well-meaning Uzzah in 2 Sam. 6:1-7 shows that even though a person may be sincere in what he is doing, it is not enough. One must follow the instructions of God.

The incident with Uzzah takes place when the children of Israel were bringing the ark of God back from the Philistines who had captured it in battle. They had constructed a cart on which to transport it even though God had commanded that it be carried by certain of the Levites (Ex. 25:14-15; Num. 4:4-6). The law also stated that no one was to touch the ark lest they die (Num. 4:15).

While transporting the ark in this unauthorized manner, the oxen that pulled the cart stumbled. The ark was ready to fall. Uzzah, not wanting the ark of God to fall, reached out his hand and put it on the ark to steady it. God immediately struck him dead.

In trying to keep the ark from crashing to the ground, did he not mean to do well? Was he not trying to do a kind and good thing? As man might see it, yes, but in the eyes of God he was violating a direct command. God would not tolerate such a sin.

King David, seeing what had happened to Uzzah, stopped the ark's journey. Its trek was not resumed until three months later when, having learned from God's judgment on Uzzah, it was transported as God commanded it to be—the Levites bearing it on their shoulders (1 Chron. 15:12-15).

The Pharisees

Some might say, "But didn't Jesus condemn the Pharisees for strict law-keeping? Didn't He tell them they need not be concerned with the details of the law?"

In Matthew 23, Jesus pronounced numerous woes upon the scribes and Pharisees because of their hypocrisy. In verse 23 He says, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye tithe mint and anise and cummin, and have left undone the weightier matters of the law, justice, and mercy, and faith: but these ye ought to have done, and not to have left the other undone." Some have gone to this passage to show that it is only the weightier matters of Scripture that one should obey and not, what they consider, the incidentals.

Notice, though, exactly what Jesus said. He says they should have done both—those weightier and those possibly not so weighty. They were to have kept all the law. Does God require obedience to all His precepts? Jesus did in this passage. He still does today.

Conclusion

Matthew 7:21 ("Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father who is in heaven") and Hebrews 5:8,9 are but two of the many passages which teach the word of God must be obeyed. What portion of it can one fail to obey and still please God? None. Consider James 2:10, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is become guilty of all." God has always demanded obedience. He requires it of us today. Such obedience does not negate His grace and mercy. If we fail to live up to His expectations, if we stumble or fall, we can go to Him, confess our sins and pray for forgiveness (1 John 1:9). He, through His love, mercy and grace, will forgive us. But His grace never gives us license to do as we please or to neglect to submit to something He has commanded of us (see Rom. 6:1-4). We must seek to do the will of the Lord in all things.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Feb 20, Thursday 6:30

Lesson 9 available in Foyer.

Book is "Whatever Happened to Fried Chicken" by Celine Sparks

LADS TO LEADERS

BIBLE BOWL & PEARLS TEST

Sunday, February 23rd

After Morning Services

Ripley Church of Christ

Christ is King Lectureship

February 23-26, 2020

"Fruit of the Spirit"

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March 15 – 18, 2020

Adam Miller,

10:00 a.m. Sunday Bible Study

10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship:
Fellowship Meal to Follow

2:00 p.m. Sunday Evening

7:00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday Evening

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•**HOSPITAL:** Jo Chapman (Corinth)

•**REHAB:** Freida Hurt

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Justin Bridges, Pat McBryde (Rita Smith's Mother)

•**MILITARY:** James B Chapman
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•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Buffie Moore, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Jimmy Hopper, Keith Hall, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Lanny Yancey (Treatments), Sandra Jones, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Niani Colom-Omotesa

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