What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
6. Be Faithful (Revelation 2:10).

I suppose I leaned over too much, lost my balance, and, you guessed it—down into the frigid water I went! I went all the way under the water, and then popped back up like a cork. It must have been a sight for my son to see. The cold water nearly took my breath away, but between gasps for air I managed to tell him to “pull me out.” He grabbed my arms and snatched me from the water, quickly pulling me over the side of the boat. No harm was done. I just had to wear wet clothes the rest of the afternoon.

I told this story to make a point: we never know what a day will bring! “Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth” (Proverbs 27:1). James wrote, “Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For that ye know not what a vapour is, which appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that” (James 4:13-15).

It is for this reason that we should always be ready for death; ready to meet God; ready for judgment. It seems that everyone “plans” to make their lives right with God “someday.” Many have plans to “get started back to church” sometime. Many have plans to give up a sinful way of life. Many intend to give up drinking and adultery. Many have plans to obey the Gospel and to get involved in the work of the church. But planning it is not the same as doing it.

Notice this warning from Scripture: “To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts” (Hebrews 3:7-8). The only day we have is today, and “today is the day of salvation” (II Corinthians 6:2). Don’t put off making your life right with God.

For 47 years, I never fell out of a fishing boat. Things that we never dream will happen often do. Be ready!
WHO STARTED THE CHURCH OF CHRIST? Gerald Cowan

The answer may surprise those who think of the church of the Lord in terms of a denomination, or as a conglomerate of disparate groups claiming to be parts of “the universal church of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Most denominations trace their origin to the work of some notable person – sometimes they are even named to honor their founder. Some think of the church of Christ as a predominantly American “denomination” with its origin and roots in the works of Thomas and Alexander Campbell, men who came to the United States from Britain in the early 1800’s. Of course we know, or should know that the Campbells and many others of that time were intent on simply returning to the New Testament pattern, as initiated by Christ and implemented by his apostles. They wanted to become part of the historic people called together by the Lord and added to each time anyone person obeyed the commands of Christ and met his requirements for inclusion in his spiritual family.

The church of Christ existed long before 17th century England or 19th century America. It was predicted some five hundred years before Christ (Dan. 2:44), was promised by Jesus (Mt. 16:18), and was announced as existing on the day of Pentecost, with the saved being added into it (Acts 2:41, 47). It has continued to exist without change since that day, with the only variable being those being saved by obedience to Christ and his gospel and assembling in various places as his church (1 Cor. 12:13) – even now.

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SURGERY: Robin Chapman

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Hollis Fowler (Frankie Fowler’s Father), Ed James Pannell, Connie Mauney, Shelley Cissom, Erik Longoria, Randall Hamilton (Patient & Kimberly Transplant – Down Stouppe’s Father), Taylor Crawford, Georgia Collette (Mildred Shackelford’s Sister), Tony Morrison, Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

CANCER: Lester Wommack, Grady Chandler, Lorrie Christian, Deborah Gullick (Mother of Stephanie McClister, Bo & Brian Chapman), Doug Pannell, Don Allen Riggs (19, student at FD from El Paso, TX), has stage 3 cancer. Cards may be sent to Target House 1, 1811 Poplar Ave, Apt. 211, Memphis, TN 38104), Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Rodney Hilliard, Bob Shelton, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman’s Sister), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Ann Bennett, Danny Edmonds, Telse. The Pannells, John Reno, Ruth Greer, Marig James.

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