

April 7, 2024

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Randell Koon

Song Leader
Logan Yancey

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Mason McAlister

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Bobby Bridges (A.M.)
Mickey Chandler (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Bo Chapman A.M.)
Terry Chapman (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Keith Newby

Count and Usher
Rickey Cissom & David Smith

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Tripp Yancey (04/10/24)

OUR RECORD

March 31, 2024

Sunday Bible Study: 92
Sunday Morning Worship: 113
Sunday Evening Worship: 87
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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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WHY BE BAPTIZED?

Mark Lindley

This question regarding water baptism has been debated for many years. Some maintain that baptism is essential to salvation, while others teach that it is not. Both positions cannot be right. Either God *has* commanded men to be baptized to be saved or He *has not*, but both doctrines cannot be true since they contradict each other. What really matters is what the Bible teaches, not what men say. Let us therefore appeal to the Scriptures to find out why one should be baptized?

1. Baptism puts one into Christ. “For as many of you as have been **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ” (Galatians 3:27). One cannot be saved without being in the Savior (II Timothy 2:10), and one gets into Him through the door of baptism.

2. Jesus made baptism a condition for salvation. “He that believeth **and is baptized** shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:16). According to this statement of Christ, the “he” who “shall be saved” is the “he” who “believeth **and is baptized.**” Both belief and baptism precede salvation according to this passage.

3. Baptism is “for the remission of sins.” When men asked what to do to be saved, Peter responded, saying, “Repent, **and be baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ **for the remission of sins**, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” (Acts 2:38). To receive the remission of sins is to be saved from sin. Question: What did Peter tell men to do to obtain the remission of sins? He told them to “repent **and be baptized.**”

4. Baptism is for the washing away of sin. Ananias said to Saul of Tarsus, “And now why tarriest thou? arise, and **be baptized, and wash away thy sins**, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16). To have sins “washed away” is the same as having the “remission of sins.” Please understand this: It is not the power of the water that does the washing, it is Jesus’ blood (Revelation 1:5). The blood, however, only washes when we obey the Gospel *including the command to be baptized.*

I believe these verses are clear and easily understood. In view of these texts, each one should ask: Have I been baptized for the remission of my sins?

**IF YOU FEEL LIKE YOU ARE SAVED,
MAKE SURE
Robert Kinglsey**

Each of us faces the need of being guided safely in spiritual matters. Some think following our feelings is a safe guide. Is that true or not? Our answer to that can only be found in our Bibles.

It is good, first of all, to understand that our feelings result from believing something to be true. We can see that in the life of Jacob. We read in Genesis 37 that Joseph's brothers sold him into Egypt. Then they dipped his coat in goat's blood and presented it to Jacob. He naturally believed that some wild animal had killed his son. Therefore, he had terrible feelings. That was because he believed false evidence to be true. Therefore, he said: "I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning" (Genesis 37:35).

About twenty years later, Jacob's sons found Joseph alive and well in Egypt. They told Jacob about it, but he refused to believe them. Look at the situation, Jacob's feeling that Joseph was dead was based on false evidence. That feeling was so strong that now he refuses to believe the truth. Can feelings be misleading? They surely can. So, we must know that our feelings are not a safe guide.

Pointing back to the time when Paul persecuted Christians, he said: in Acts 26:9: "indeed, I myself thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth." Paul said something similar in Acts 23:1: "...I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day."

Does this mean that Paul was following his good feeling in holding the coats of the people who stoned Stephen (Acts 7)? Yes. Remember, he really thought that he should do many things which he later learned were contrary to the name of Jesus.

Paul made havoc of the church (Acts 8:3). He was a great persecutor and had a good feeling about it. Can our feelings be misleading? Without doubt, feeling is not a safe guide.

Think of a situation like this. A person desires to be saved. Contact is made with an individual believed to be a man of God. Therefore, he has confidence that he will be led in the truth concerning how to be saved. So, he follows his instruction. Now how does he feel? He feels really good. Why? Because he believed he was taught God's plan of salvation and obeyed it.

But what if the teaching he received was error concerning how to be saved? Would he have a good feeling? He surely would. Why? Because he accepted false teaching to be the truth. Dear friend, it is obvious that feeling can be very misleading.

If we ever think that our feeling is a safe guide, we should see this mistake by reading Proverbs 14:12: "there is a way that seems right unto a man, but its end is the way of death."

What if I am told by one who knocks on my door that I have won the million-dollar sweepstakes? How would I feel? A good feeling would surely result. Why? My good feeling would result from believing I was hearing the truth about the great win. But what if I learn later that this was false report? The real winner was a person with the same name as mine. So just as we can be misled by our feelings in matters like this, we can also be led astray by our feelings in something as important as the salvation of our souls.

God's plan of salvation is plain and simple. First, one must have faith in Christ (Hebrews 11:6). This faith comes by hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17). The believer is not saved yet. Repentance must take place (Acts 17:30; Luke 13:3). Then the believing, penitent person must openly confess his faith in the Lord (Matthew 10:32; Acts 8:37). Baptism is the final step in God's plan of salvation (Mark 16:16). After that, a faithful life must follow (Revelation 2:10).

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING BRING

April 14, 2024

10 AM Bible Study

10:45 AM Worship

12 Noon Fellowship Meal

1:30 PM Evening Service

CHAPMAN YOUNG MEN:

The Chapman Young Men did a wonderful job conducting the evening service last Sunday. Each one of them is to be commended.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Remember count your blessings, pray for our lost ones, the sick, the world and the broken-hearted.

SICK SUNDAY: Karen Yancey, Wilma Wood, Jimmy & Doris Williford,

HOSPITAL: Bobbye Nunnally (Robin Chapman's Mother)

SURGERY RECOVERY: Wayne Vandygriff

TEST: Billy McBryde (Nashville)

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Joanie Kate Reese, Everett Hurt, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

CANCER:) Tiny Willis, Dorothy Hopper (John's Mother) Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley's Aunt), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman's Son-in-law), Loxlee Eaton , David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

SHUT-INS: Tippah County Health & Rehab: Romia Palmer, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Joe Clark

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