

July 9, 2023

Announcements
David Smith

Song Leader
Keith Newby

Scripture Reading
Bo Chapman

Opening Prayer
Terry Chapman (A.M.)
Tripp Yancey (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
J C Newby (A.M.)
Brock Lindley (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Bryan Davis

Count and Usher
Michiel Criswell & Britt Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Tripp Yancey (07/12/23)

OUR RECORD

July 2, 2023

Sunday Bible Study: 83
Sunday Morning Worship: 100
Sunday Evening Worship 80
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 90

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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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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

**PLEASE JOIN
US FOR
VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL!**

JULY 9TH – 12TH

OPERATION: CREATION

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Sunday AM: 10:00AM

Sunday PM: 2:00PM

*(Evening Service 2:00PM –
VBS immediately following)*

Monday-Wednesday 6:00 TO 7:30PM

IS BAPTISM A PART OF THE GOSPEL?

By Mark Lindley

Why would anyone affirm that baptism is not part of the Gospel? Some take that position because of a misunderstanding of I Corinthians 1:17. The scripture says, "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel." Notice that Paul was not sent "to baptize, but to preach the Gospel." Some understand this to mean that preaching the Gospel does not include preaching about baptism.

I am persuaded that the view I have explained here is false, and that it is an abuse of scripture to use Paul's statement in I Corinthians 1:17 to teach that baptism has nothing to do with preaching the Gospel or with the plan of salvation. Did Paul really mean to convey the idea that baptism is not a part of preaching the Gospel? Let us see by considering the context of I Corinthians 1.

In order to draw proper conclusions from the teachings of the Bible, we must keep verses in context. Here is a brief explanation of the context: The Corinthians, to whom Paul wrote, were divided. Some were saying "I am of Paul"; others, "I am of Apollos"; there were also some saying "I am of Cephas," and then there were those stating that they were "of Christ" (I Corinthians 1:13). The church was divided because they were exalting the men who baptized them or who taught them the Gospel.

Their divisive spirit was wrong; therefore, Paul wrote to rebuke the Corinthians for causing division by exalting men (I Corinthians 1:10; 4:6). It mattered not "who" did the baptizing. Those who were baptized by Apollos or Cephas were just as saved as those baptized by Paul, and vice versa. This is a proper understanding of the context.

When Paul wrote that he was not sent "to baptize, but to preach the Gospel," he was not excluding baptism from the Gospel; rather, he meant to teach that the one who baptized others was not to be praised or exalted. It mattered not who did the baptizing. The focus was on preaching the Gospel, and when Paul preached the Gospel in Corinth—as a direct result of his preaching—people were baptized (Acts 18:8; I Corinthians 15:1-2). This proves that Paul included baptism in his preaching!

Also, it would be good to consider this question: If Paul believed that baptism was no part of the plan of salvation, then why did "he" baptize people in Corinth? Yes, Paul himself baptized some of the Corinthians. He stated: "I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius; Lest any should say that I baptized in mine own name" (I Corinthians 1:14-15). Paul also baptized "the household of Stephanas" (I Corinthians 1:16). We must conclude therefore, that Paul considered baptism to be part of the Gospel and relevant to salvation. Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16).

UPCOMING EVENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 9TH – 12TH

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Louise Kelly (Bobby Bridges' Aunt), Juanita Fitzgerald (Kirsten's Grandmother).

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

HOSPITAL: Emily Cissom (Baptist East)

HOSPICE: Lisa Miller (Hospice House), Stevie Barnes (Hospice)

SURGERY RECOVERY: Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father)

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Joanie Kate Reese, Loxlee Eaton (6-yr old, Chris Lewellen's Granddaughter), Olivia Pounders, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, Louise Pannell (Sharon's Mother), Malone Hurt, Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

CANCER: Stevie Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler's Son-in-law), 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), Tom Muir (Cindy Pruitt's Brother-in-law), 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, Gerohn Childs, Joe Clark

A Plea For Prayers

Please pray for spiritual and numerical growth for the Chapman Congregation in 2023.

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