

July 17, 2022

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Ross Shackelford

Song Leader
John Hopper

Scripture Reading
Gene Yancey

Opening Prayer
David Smith (A.M.)
Wayne Vandygriff (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Ross Shackelford (A.M.)
Mason McAlister (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Danny Shackelford

Count and Usher
Michiel Criswell & Britt Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Tripp Yancey (07/20/22)

OUR RECORD

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Sunday Bible Study: 98
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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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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).

What the Church Offers By Bill Brandstatter

Too many folks look upon church attendance as being secondary to anything else on their schedule. They are not opposed to religion. They may even look upon it as a vital part of life. But they have no conscience against neglecting it. Perhaps the attitude is: "I'll go to church if nothing comes up, or if I am not too tired." But to stay away because we have so many other engagements or because we have so little strength left is like staying away from the dinner table because we are too weak from hunger to go to the table.

The Bible tells us that this was not uncommon in the first century. The writer of Hebrews notes "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some" (Heb. 10:25)..

What then does the church have to offer that a person cannot get anywhere else? One man said, "I do not go to church anymore because I can get what the church has to offer in better form elsewhere."

When the church gets into the business of offering the world what the world already has, it is in the wrong business, and is not the church of the New Testament.

The mission of God's church is to save souls. God's power for saving souls is in the gospel of Christ. It is the mission of the church to preach the gospel.

The church offers a family atmosphere to believers not found elsewhere. The early church was said to be "together and had all things common." (Acts 2:42).

Each member of the church is important. The church offers assistance to the believer in need (1 John 3:17).

The church is where the saved are (Acts 2:47). Their names are enrolled in heaven (Heb. 12:23). Where else can men have fellowship, communion with God and associations that they have in the church? In what other institution can we find the same assurance? Where else is offered the hope of everlasting life?

UPCOMING EVENTS

WOW! WHAT A GREAT VBS!

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Vacation Bible School such a great success! The decorations were awesome. Food was delicious. Great job!!!

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

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