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Scripture Reading

Dale Vandygriff

Opening Prayer

Larry Wood (A.M.)

Luke Hobson (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Terry Chapman (A.M.)

Gene Yancey (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Kevin Shackelford

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Rickey Loveless & Brock Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brock Lindley (06/11/25)

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June 1, 2025

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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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DOES PRAYER REALLY WORK?

Mark Lindley

One of the great privileges of the Christian life is the opportunity to approach the heavenly Father in prayer. God's people are encouraged to draw near to the Father's heavenly throne with boldness, seeking help in time of need.

Sometimes, Christians get discouraged and may wonder if prayer really works. One might say, "I prayed that God would heal my loved-one, but now my loved-one is dead. Why did my prayer not work?" I suppose we all struggle with the question, "Why?" The answer to the question is not always easy to understand, and, frankly, in some instances we may never find an answer that satisfies.

Nevertheless, Christians can know with all certainty that God hears and answers prayer. Biblical proof of this is James 5:16: "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." This passage declares that "prayer...availeth much." In other words, prayer not only works, but it also works powerfully and accomplishes much! This should settle the issue for everyone who believes the Bible—God really hears and answers prayer. Prayer works!

But notice the kind of prayer that works. The verse cited from James chapter 5 indicates that an "effectual fervent" prayer is the kind that works. The term "effectual fervent" means "powerful or energetic." Prayer that avails is not merely uttering words in a cold, routine manner. It is not simply "saying" a prayer, but rather it is "praying" a prayer with sincerity, eagerness, and faith. The one praying pours out his heart to God.

Another characteristic of prayer that works is that it is prayed by "a righteous man." A righteous man is one who is just and holy, one who is a faithful child of God. God does not promise to honor the prayers of those living in rebellion to his will (Psalm 66:18), but the prayers of his righteous children avail much.

God does not always answer prayers with a "yes." However, God's people have assurance that God hears; He cares; and He answers according to his divine will.

In view of these thoughts, how comforting it is when a righteous child of God says, "I'll be praying for you." No wonder Paul encouraged, "Brethren, pray for us" (II Thessalonians 3:1).

FURTHER CATHOLIC ERRORS

James Pilgrim

A previous bulletin carried an article on the election of the new head of the Catholic Church. These facts are not meant to hurt or embarrass anyone. The writer has a number of good friends of the Catholic faith, as well as other religions. Perhaps his closest Catholic friend told the writer's second son, "Your dad is one of my closest friends. He doesn't think much of my religion, but he is one of my best friends." That remains the case, and his picture and the writers are displayed together in the writer's living room. We call each other during each year. This is about each of us learning, knowing and obeying **the truth**, not **a truth**. (John 8:32). All quotations following are from an official document entitled, "the PARRISH CATECHISM, written BY FATHER FERRELL, updated and revised." The booklet has "The Nihil Obstat and Imprimatur...official declarations that a book or pamphlet is free from doctrinal or moral error." (Title Page).

There are many errors taught regarding baptism. First, uninspired people say that "Baptism gives the special grace to become a Christian." (Page 64, No. 6). However, an inspired apostle, Peter, said, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins,..." (Acts 2:38; 22:16; 26:27, 28). Some three thousand were baptized and were "added unto them (the church, verse 47), becoming Christians. (Acts 11:26).

Second, uninspired people say, "It is necessary to baptize all human beings. Babies should be baptized shortly after birth." Again, the same uninspired people say, "If you neglect the baptism of your infant you commit mortal sin. It is_ extremely doubtful that unbaptized infants will go to heaven." (Pages 66, 67, Nos. 6, 10).

To these people a mortal sin is one that will send one to hell if there is not repentance. In other words, an unbaptized infant if it dies in infancy will be lost in hell, and so will the parent(s) who did not have it baptized. What does God say? Babies are not sinners, therefore they have no sins to wash away. (Matthew 18:1-6). To have sin one must have sinned. (Romans 3:10-12, 23). What sin(s) has an infant committed? They were not born out of the way, born unprofitable, etc. Also, to have sin(s) forgiven in being baptized, becoming a Christian, one must believe (Hebrews 11:6), repent (Acts 17:30, 31), and confess the deity of Jesus (Acts 8:36, 37). What baby has the capacity to believe, repent and understand and confess that Jesus is the Son of God?

Third, again, uninspired teachers say, for a conscious person, baptism is done "by pouring water on the head of the person you are baptizing...." after teaching them. (Page 67, No. 8). For an unconscious one, do the same, saying, "If you are sorry for your sins, and want to be baptized...." For unbaptized dying children under six "simply baptize him." (Page 67, No. 10).

Question: Where does God tell anyone to baptize an unconscious person???

Lastly, regarding baptism by burial (Romans 6:1-7), Father Ferrell says, "It is not necessary or even customary today. He rejects sprinkling "because if the water does not flow on the body of the person, there is no real Baptism. Paul **WAS inspired** when he wrote Romans 6:1-7. (Galatians 1:11, 12; 2 Peter 1:20, 21). Father Ferrell was **NOT!** Cf. Colossians 2:8. How much of the body is covered in Pouring?

UPCOMING EVENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 15-18

GOD MEANT IT FOR GOOD

The Story of Joseph

Lesson 1 – PROVIDENCE

Lesson 2 – DILIGENCE

Lesson 3 – RESPONSIBILITY

Lesson 4 – FORGIVENESS

Lesson 5 – GOOD

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

❖**EXPECTING MOTHERS:** Breanna Bullock,
Kristen McVey

❖**SICK AT HOME:** Juan Stroupe, Wayne
Vandygriff, Betty Derrick

❖**HOSPITAL:** Lannie Benefield

❖**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Chris Hobson,
Chase Chapman

❖**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Caleb McAlister,
Wilma Wood, Pam Mathis, Lori Chapman,
Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, Thad Berryman,
John Walker Perry

❖**CANCER:** Kelly Foster, Paula Curtis,
Maverick Speck (3 yr. old), Cindy Moffitt,
Nadine Hurt, Kenny James, Chris Grisham,
Benny Wallis, Billy Gross, Wade Carmichael,
Tiny Willis, Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's
Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer's
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Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Tish
Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz

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