

Eisenhower Church of Christ

“Where Did God Put Salvation?”

For many, the question of “Where did God put salvation?” is an unanswered one. Many denominations teach salvation upon belief alone, others teach the salvation of an elect group, without any effort on the part of the subject. Where did God put salvation? I believe that with a few passages, we can answer this question.

“Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:15-16). This clearly states belief plus baptism equals salvation, does it not? A 3rd grade child can easily see it. If you will be honest with yourself, you also will see it. In this verse God put salvation after belief and baptism.

“Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you...for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:37-38). This passage clearly states that repentance plus baptism equals remission of sins, does it not? Remission of sin is the clearing away of sin. Therefore, remission of sins must be synonymous with salvation, for no man can be saved except his sins be remitted or washed away. So very clearly in Acts 2:38 salvation comes after repentance and baptism.

“And now why tarriest thou?” arise, and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16). In this passage, Ananias was speaking to Saul of Tarsus. Saul already believed on Jesus (Acts 22:10), but his sins were not washed away. Is not washing away of sin the act which brings us back into a covenant relationship with God? The passage clearly states arise plus baptism equals the washing away of sin, does it not? Again, this passage puts salvation after the arising and the baptizing.

“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore, we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection” (Romans 6:3-5). Verse four clearly states we are buried in baptism and raised to walk in newness of life. Can we be a new creature without burying the old? Not according to God’s Word! Clearly in this verse God put salvation or newness of life after baptism.

“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Galatians 3:26-27). When we are baptized, we put on Christ. How simple, how plain. Where did God put salvation? No doubt after we have Christ in our life. How do we put Christ into our lives? By being baptized. God put salvation after baptism.

“The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 3:21). All the shuffling in the world cannot change what this verse says. Any man who will be honest with himself can plainly see that salvation is placed after baptism. Let God’s Word answer your questions. Not the technical jargon of a so-called religious scholar.

God's Word can be understood by any common man. Just sit down and read it (Ephesians 3:4). Once you have read it and understood it, that is the only way you will ever know where God put salvation.

—M. Floyd Bailey, Jr.

Response

Jon Easley responded to last Sunday evening's invitation making this statement: "I ask that you pray for me, I haven't followed the Lord's way for many years. I ask that you will pray that the Lord will forgive my transgressions against Him." Please keep Jon in your prayers that he will become stronger in faith and in his service to the Lord.

Prayer Request

Jurlean Warren has been very sick with flu-like symptoms and wasn't getting much better. She was checking with her doctor to see if she could get some prescribed medication. Keep Jurlean in your prayers that she gets to feeling better soon.

Bill Tolbert was in the hospital over a week ago, but is home now. His problem is not known at this time. Please keep Bill in your prayers that his health improves.

Concerns Update

Leigh Ann McFarland is seeing some improvement from her cancer treatments. Please continue to keep her in your daily prayers that the treatments continue to be effective.

Prayer List

David Alaniz; Mary Anchondo; Maria Baeza; Irene Balerio; Ameer Blumenauer; Betty Branson; Mary Brown; Naomi and Adelynn Bustillos; Glenna Callendar; Arthur Campos; Sylvia Campos; LaDonna Chism; James Drake; Jon Easley; Cathy Eastwood; Daniel Eastwood; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Brent Harrell; Lon & Lana Howard; Connie Jimenez; Vanessa Machuca; Leigh Ann McFarland; Charlene McFatter, Keith Mitchell; Milous Mitchell; Juan & Estella Morelez; Inocencio Munoz, Sr; Julie Munoz; Bruce Plyler; K' Lynn Roberts; Linda Straw; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Lindsey Wells; Carolyn Wilkerson; John Wood; Wilene Wright.

Eisenhower's Homebound....

Glenna Callendar; James & Joyce Drake; Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley & Marilyn Upshaw. Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

Events

Watch "*In Search of the Lord's Way*" Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9

Just a reminder: **Jeff Miller, Ph.D.** will be here on April 19th, 20th and 21st to present lessons on "Fossils" deposited in the earth's foundation proving evidence of God's creation model. We want to encourage everyone to attend, if at all possible.

We want to update our "**Membership Picture Board**" in the foyer. There is a signup sheet posted in the "South" foyer for you to select the day you want to have your picture taken. We will only be working with one month at a time beginning with January.

Thank You

For all the ladies that made all the delicious goodies. It was so very thoughtful of you all. I enjoyed every one of them. May God Bless you all. Love you, Carolyn Wilkerson

George & I want to say “Thank You” to all the ladies for the wonderful bag of “Christmas cookies” delivered to us. It was so very much appreciated. Again, Thank you, The Warrens

Office News...

We will have a “**Potluck Luncheon**” on January 28th following our morning service followed by our P.M. service. Our visitors are welcome to join us.

“January Attended Nursery”

1/07/24 Devida & Linda

BAPTISM WILL:

SAVE (Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21)

REMOVE SIN (Acts 2:38; 22:16)

PUT ON CHRIST (Galatians 3:26-27)

APPLY THE BLOOD (Romans 6:3-4)

GIVE HOPE (Matthew 7:21; Hebrews 5:8-9)

BAPTISM WILL NOT:

SAVE ALONE (Ephesians 2:8-9; James 2:24)

REMOVE LATER SIN (2 Peter 2:20; Acts 8:18-22)

MAKE PERFECT (1 John 1:7-10; 1 Corinthians 9:27)

LET JOIN CHURCH (Acts 2:41-47)

ASSURE HEAVEN (1 Peter 1:9; Revelation 2:10b)

—Selected

January 7th, 2024

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture Reading
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Allen Weakland
Jon Roemisch
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Jr. Munoz
Jeff Wesson
Oliver Hernandez

P.M.

Allen Weakland
Jacob Carson
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Gary Loving
Jon Roemisch
Trini Wood

Lord's Supper

Craig Wesson
Richard Siler
David Ryan
Larry May

Bill Ryan
Communion
(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Allen Weakland 254-8209— *Deacon:* Jacob Carson 940-3775—*Pulpit:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332—*Table:* Bill Ryan 272-5507 — *Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 —*Recording Sermons:* Cody Wesson *Contributions:* Tommy Garcia

Sunday AM

“Obedience”

(Joshua 1:7)

Sunday PM

“Jesus Calms the Storm”

(Mark 4:35-41)

Our Records

Bible Class... 62

Morning Worship...91

Evening Worship ... 47

Wednesday...NC

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