

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Is Baptism A Condition of Salvation?

“Then Peter said unto them, 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). In light of this important verse, it is logical to ask:

- If baptism is not a condition of salvation why did Peter mention baptism since he was answering the question of what to do to be saved (Acts 2:37)?
- If baptism comes after salvation, would not repentance also follow salvation, since they are joined by the conjunction “and”?
- Are not repentance and baptism in this verse both for the same purpose?
- If salvation comes before baptism, why does Peter say it is for the remission of sins?
- If the phrase, “for the remission of sins” in Acts 2:38 means “because of” remission, would not the same phrase in Matthew 26:28 means “because of” remission of sins?
- Did Jesus shed His blood because men were already saved (Matthew 26:28)?
- If Christ did not shed His blood because men were already saved, would it not follow that men are not baptized because they are already saved?
- The Phrases in Matthew 26:28 and Acts 2:38 are identical in both the Greek and English.
- Would it not be a false doctrine to teach that Christ shed His blood because men were already saved?
- Likewise, is it not a false doctrine to teach that men are baptized because they are already saved?
- If the people on Pentecost were saved before they were baptized, why were they not added to the church until they were baptized, since such as should be saved were added to the church (Acts 2:47)?
- The word church means “the called out” and only those baptized were added to the church. If one is saved before he is baptized, would he be saved before he is called out of the world?
- Is salvation in the world or in Christ (2 Timothy 2:10)?

“They that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls” (Acts 2:41).

“He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day” (John 12:48).

“Then cometh the devil and taketh away the Word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved” (Luke 8:12).

- Can one be saved and not receive the Word?
- All who received the Word on Pentecost were baptized.
- Were there any on Pentecost who were saved that did not receive the Word?
- Does the Word say “because of remission of sins?”
- How is it possible for one to be baptized as the Word teaches, and not be baptized for the remission of sins?
- If you were not baptized for remission of sins, you were not baptized as the Word teaches and therefore, were not saved.
- If you have not been saved, why not?

“And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16).

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Glenda Hillis** who passed from this life at 1:30 am on Monday, October 3rd. Her funeral service was held at 11:00 am on Friday, October 7th at the Eisenhower Church of Christ.

Prayer Request

John Wood has been in ORMC Hospital being treated for pneumonia and also an infected kidney stone. The infection is cleared, but the stone still has to be removed.

Mark Erwin, Linda Tate's brother, was taken to the ER at MCH early last week. We need to keep him in our prayers that he receives the best treatment for a full recovery.

Concerns Update

Bruce and Trina Plyler were taken to MCH—ER a little over a week ago. They both were treated and able to be released to go home and seem to be doing okay right now. However, they are still in need of prayers.

Prayer List

Dr. Hank Abrams; Sheila Alcazar; Wayne Anderson; Betty Branson; Bill and Mary Brown; Glenna Callendar; Mario Carmona; LaDonna Chism; Debbie Cox; Catherine Eastwood; Dana Erwin; Mark Erwin; Philip Garza; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Elaine Huntington; Mildred Lee; Deysi Lopez; Arelly Martinez; Chloe Maass; Jason Moore; Melissa Moore; Zulema Morales; Juan & Estella Morolez; Richard Ochoa; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Chassidy Rayos; Carlos Reyes; David Ryan; Lisa Salas; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Darryl Williamson; Bill Wood; Charles Wood; John Wood, Aaron York, Julia York.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Glenna Callendar; LaVerne Couch, James & Joyce Drake; Ronda Lyne; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw

Events

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

Ladies, Tuesday, October 11th at 6:00 pm is **"Bunco Night."** Bring your evening meal if you need to; the dessert will be provided. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship.

Monahan's Church of Christ is hosting a **"Sandhills Event"** on October 16th at 5:30 pm. The food and entrance fee are already covered

There will be a **"Trunk or Treat"** night for all ages on Saturday, October 29th at 6:00 pm in the church parking lot. There will be candy, food, fellowship, fun and games.

Youth

Bible Knowledge ... "Some More Threes"

Esau had three wives—Judith, Basemath and Mahalath. (Genesis 26:34; 28:9)

Office News

The items requested for our **"Food Pantry"** for weeks-October 2nd and 9th are: Self-Rising Cornmeal, Vinegar and Mustard. (No glass bottles)

Food for Thought

Saints are sinners who kept on trying.

I Cor. 1:17— Paul Not Sent to Baptize

One of the arguments used by certain denominationalists in an attempt to negate the importance of baptism in the scheme of redemption is based upon Paul’s statement in 2 Corinthians 1:17: “For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel...”

For example, Norman Geisler and Thomas Howe, in their book, *When Critics Ask*, reason in this fashion. We are saved by the Gospel (Romans 1:16), but “Paul separates baptism from the Gospel, saying, ‘Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the Gospel’ ...Therefore, baptism is not part of what saves us” (p. 428). This reflects a total misunderstanding of this context.

In this setting Paul is addressing a problem in the church at Corinth. Some of those Christians were inordinately enamored with the person who had immersed them—even to the point of adopting the baptizer’s name as a religious appellation (vv. 12-13). In view of such a perversion, the apostle was thankful that he had personally immersed only a few of these people (vv.14-16).

It was within that context that Paul said: “For Christ sent me not to baptize.” The word “baptize” here denotes “to administer the rite” of baptism (J.H. Thayer, Greek Lexicon, p. 94). Paul was not sent to be an administrator of baptism; his primary mission was to proclaim the Gospel. But the inspired apostle was not disassociating baptism from the Gospel; rather, he was suggesting that no special adoration was to be attached to the one administering the rite.

Underline the word “baptize” in this passage and observe: The act of baptizing. Emphasis is upon the administrator, not the act itself.

Since baptism puts one “into Christ” (Romans 6:3; Gal. 3:27), Paul is not going to suggest that baptism is no part of the Gospel! And, by all means remember this, the apostle Peter declares, “Baptism...now saves you” (1 Peter 3:21, ESV).

—Wayne Jackson

October 9, 2022	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Oliver Hernandez	Cody Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	Jr. Munoz	Tommy Garcia
Second Prayer	Larry May	Jacob Carson
Closing Prayer	Doug Guynn	Travis Ruckman
Lords Supper	<u>Cody Wesson</u> Caleb York Trini Wood David Ryan	Craig Wesson Communion (In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Jeff Wesson 556-5547 *Deacon:* Jr. Munoz—212-2231 *Pulpit:* Jon Roemisch 202-7725 *Table:* Craig Wesson 934-4633—*Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 —*Recording Sermons:* Steven Easlon *Collec***tions:** Craig Wesson

Sunday AM

“*The Spiral into Despair*”
(Judges 21:1)

Sunday PM

“Faith that is Alive”

(Hebrews 11:20-23)

Our Records

Bible Class... 63

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