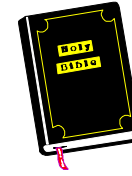


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



"every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master." Luke 6:40b

Are All Who Are Baptized, Christians?

In every example of New Testament conversion people were baptized for remission of sins. "**Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**" (Acts 2:38) One cannot be a Christian without being baptized, but not all who have been baptized are Christians. Why would this be true?

Many that have been baptized have not been baptized as accountable people. Baptism is an act of submission that must come from the heart. "**But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.**" (Romans 6:17) Baptizing babies is no more Bible baptism than it would be for several strong men to baptize adults against their will. Babies have no sin and therefore do not need baptism, and certainly could not be baptized as a voluntary act of obedience.

Many that have been baptized have not been baptized as the Bible teaches. Bible baptism is a burial in water and it is for the remission of sins. Both the reason for which baptism is done and the way in which it is done are important. Bible baptism is a burial. "**Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.**" (Romans 6:4) Bible baptism is never sprinkling or pouring. Bible baptism is essential to our salvation. The Bible is plain in teaching that: **(1)** Baptism comes before salvation (Mark 16:16), **(2)** Baptism is for remission of sins (Acts 2:38), **(3)** Baptism washes away sins (Acts 22:16), **(4)** Baptism comes before being a child of God (Galatians 3:26-27), and **(5)** Baptism puts one into Christ (Romans 6:3-4). In view of such plain Bible teaching, how can the Southern Baptist Church (and most other churches) teach that, "Baptism does not help a person to be saved or to become a Christian?"

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GOD'S WORD WITHIN WILL ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!

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SERMONS 5/23/2010

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 52
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 75
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 50
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 36
CONTRIBUTION: \$1537

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PM: Joshua Manning

ACCESS TO THE THRONE

STEP BY STEP

"Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him,

upon them that hope in his mercy;

To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield. " - Psalm 33:18

A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Lamar Reeves, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- **Eddie Sheppard** was in LMC for pain that turned out to be a muscle strain, but they found a lesion on his kidney they want to check up on.
- **Jean Boyd** is in Lexington Hospital, Room 431 as her health continues to decline and is having more tests.
- **Deborah Stoyk** is not at all well. She was to have a temporary pacemaker put in and then brain surgery Wed.
- **Ron Hall** requests prayers for his wife **Rose** and for **Bobby Wiley**, the son of a friend of hers who has a brain tumor.
- Brother **Lamar Reeves** and Sister **Amy Wintermute** are both going through very difficult, trying times. Pray for them. We are all encouraged by their faithfulness to God.
- **Margaret Herring** isn't doing well either, and on top of that had very bad family news about 2 of her nephews she helped raise. Please keep her in your prayers.
- **Tommy White** requests prayers for his sister-in-law **Nancy White**, in Georgia who had a seizure and was diagnosed with a large mass on her brain.
- **Tom Rinehart** thanks all for their prayers and thoughts on his recent hospital stay.
- **Elgene Sanders** requests prayers for **Sarah Shealy** who was to have surgery Wed. in Newberry. Also for her grand daughter **Stacy Cooper** who will be on mission work in Honduras for a year.
- **Anna Porter** reported that **Jean Godley** is about half way through here chemo treatment for extensive cancer and requests our continued prayers.
- **Courtney Gamble** her aunt will be travelling in Spain and France for two weeks.
- **We have many that are ill: Jean Boyd, Marilyn Brooks, Ron Banks, Margie DeYoung, Margaret Herring, Anna Porter and Carolyn Lee.**
- Remember all these in your prayers. Write them a card, give them a call, let them know you're praying for them and see if they'd like a visit:
- **Brother Manning** has many Bible studies during the week, remember them.

"I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live:

I will sing praise to my God while I have my being." - Psalm 104:33

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Youth Devo SATURDAYS 7 pm, College age Bible study TUESDAYS 7 pm.**
- **Pantry items** to bring to the church building. Remember, pop-tops are best.

5/23 Chef Boyardee ABC's 123's & Meatballs 5/16 Delmonte Citrus Salad

"And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profits me nothing." - 1 Corinthians 13:3

LOOK TO HEAVEN AND ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!

WHAT DO YOU GLORY IN?

What things about us would we like others to see? Do we want other's approval and praise? What is it we might boast of or be proud of? The Bible tells of many men and women who loved God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength. What did they glory in? What do **you** glory in? Their example is there for us to follow.

Paul wrote, "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" - Galatians 6:14

"Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD." - Jeremiah 9:23,24

“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!” - Romans 12:15

The youth had a wonderful, spiritual time together with the church in Thompson Georgia. There were many devotional lessons given, good singing and fellowship in Christ. We rejoice that **Caitlin Bingham** responded to the Gospel and put our Lord on in baptism while there. We all are greatly encouraged by the zeal and faithfulness of our youth and those who work them.

"But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness." - Romans 6:17,18

Are All Who Are Baptized Christians? —(cont. from page 1)

Many that have been baptized scripturally have not remained faithful.

They have not grown in faith. They have stopped following Christ and are in a worse condition than before they obeyed the gospel. The Bible says in **2 Peter 2:20-22**: **"For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."** Jesus said, **"...If you continue in My word, then are you My disciples indeed."** (John 8:31) All accountable people must be baptized for remission of sins and must remain faithful to God; but not all who have been baptized are Christians!

- By **Charles Box**, Evangelist, Walnut Street Church of Christ, Greenville, Alabama