

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST January 17, 2021



The year was 2008. If memory serves me correctly, I had just finished my undergraduate work at the University of Georgia. A college classmate of mine organized a group Bible study in his home, which included a handful of young men eager to study the Scriptures. There were a series of various studies had throughout the weeks of that summer. However, there is one in particular that will forever stand out in my mind. It was the night we discussed "how to be saved." One young man said, "All you

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

**VISITORS,
WELCOME!**

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes
for all ages & fellowship
for lunch every Sunday!

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have to do is believe.” Another referenced an acronym he had heard: “A.B.C.: Admit. Believe. Confess.” A third young man at that study expressed salvation as being obtained through believing, repenting, and confessing (he specifically noted that baptism was an optional form of confession). A fourth presented that there is a need to believe, repent, confess, and be baptized; however, he believed baptism to be entirely spiritual without any physical requirement. A friend and I presented a fifth variant simply by bringing up various Scriptures. The other young men—while in disagreement with one another—joined in unison against the idea of the necessity of immersion in water (baptism) for salvation from our sins.

Perhaps the greatest example of conversion (salvation) we have in Scripture is that of Saul of Tarsus. He came from being the greatest enemy of Christ to becoming the greatest extoller of Christ. He came from being a killer of people who were followers of Christ to becoming a converter of people to be followers of Christ. He came from being a wrangler of those who spoke of Jesus to becoming a writer of Scripture promoting Jesus. The primary account of Saul’s conversion is found at Acts 9, and there are several other passages in the Bible where Paul (formerly, Saul) gives additional details in ...

... recounting his conversion.

Let's read Acts 9, in particular, verses 1-22. As an overview, Saul—being the vigilant persecutor of the church that he was—was determined to continue his “witch hunt” for Christians all the way to the city of Damascus. He first received authority to do so from the Jewish high priest. As he was on his journey to Damascus, there was a unique revelation of the risen Jesus. This occasion was life-changing for Saul. He was miraculously blinded, instructed to continue on to Damascus, and to wait there until he received instructions as to what he should do to complete this newfound realization of need for change. Saul prayed and fasted for three days, until Ananias arrived, restored Saul's sight, and instructed him to call on the authority of Christ in baptism (cf. Acts 22:1-16).

If the Lord provides the time, in coming weeks, we will analyze more closely some things pertinent that Saul saw on his road to redemption in Christ. As was noted in the beginning of this treatise, there are numerous different ideas of how a person is saved. Simply, they cannot all be correct, as they contradict one another, and many contradict the Scriptures, and God is not the author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33). The most important question any person can ask is, “What must I do to be saved?”

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

**Clarence & Faye Edwards; Wiley Tuggle;
Sammy Williams; Inez Neyman.**

Far East Missions Fishers of Men NetCasters

Family & Friends

Rick Comans family, Marc's uncle passed Monday; **Linda Rosado**, recent pneumonia, had to return to hospital; **Wendy Jackson**, Marc's friend, diagnosed with cancer; **Donny Hunt**, Tim M.'s uncle, had triple bypass surgery; **Cheryl Pegram**, Jason's friend, **Laura Vaughn & family**, her father passed; **Phil & Glenda Meredith**, Tim's parents, recovering from coronavirus; **Jillian Angel**, recovering from coronavirus.

Birthdays

1/5 Cash Jackson
1/5 Terri Sykes
1/7 Tucker Johnson
1/8 Dean Strickland
1/14 Suzanne Wofford
1/15 Clarence Edwards
1/21 John Wofford
1/23 Lara Angel
1/25 Jeffrey Ferrell

Get Involved!

Youth Devotionals 2021
Sign up to host a youth devo!

Nesbit Lectureship — Jan 27 – 31
Flyer on bulletin board

*For in Him
we live,
and move,
and have our being.*

— Acts 17:28a —

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, January 17

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jim Jackson
Announcements	John Wofford
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper: Preside	Jerry Davis
Assist	

Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland
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Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Billy Bland
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jerry Davis

Closing Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
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Wednesday, January 20

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Prayer	John Wofford
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Tim Wilkes, II

TECH:	Davis Johnson
HALL:	