

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST March 28, 2021



SAUL WAS BAPTIZED

Written by Clifton Angel

PART 2

Saul's sins were washed when he obeyed Jesus' command (via Ananias) to be baptized (cf. Acts 9:18; 22:16). Yet, many will continue to object baptism as being necessary for salvation. Space will not allow the exhaustion of every objection to baptism, but let us consider a few.

Some exclaim, "The thief on the cross wasn't baptized!" First, such a claim is unwarranted. ...

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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... In fact, there may be more evidence to contend that he was baptized (cf. Luke 23:39-43), but ultimately, we do not know. Second, Jesus had "power on earth to forgive sins" (Matthew 9:6). Finally, and most importantly, this thief was saved under the old covenant, not the new (cf. Colossians 2:14; Hebrews 9:16-17).

Some quibble about Mark 16:16: "Jesus said 'he that does not believe shall be condemned;' He did not say, 'he that does not believe and is not baptized shall be condemned.'" I agree that Jesus did not reference baptism in that latter part of His command to His apostles. He had already said, "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved." If I said, "If you get in your car and drive, you will reach your destination; But, if you do not get in your car, you will not reach your destination," would someone argue that I did not mention "driving" in the latter half of my statement, and conclude, "Driving is not necessary to reach one's destination"?

Some reference how that Peter and Paul both preached, "Whosoever shall call [up]on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21; Romans 10:13). From this, many infer that faith and ...

... prayer saves us. First, "faith" is not explicitly mentioned here; therefore, the necessity of it must be brought in from another passage. This shows that this statement from Acts 2:21 and Romans 10:13 does not stand alone and rather needs to be considered in its immediate context and the context of the whole counsel of God. Second, to "call upon the name of the Lord" does not mean to pray. It means to invoke the authority of the Lord—in short, obey. Interestingly, if we continue in the context where Peter preached this, we find how he is interrupted by men who were pricked by his preaching, "Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:37-28). If "calling on the name of the Lord" means "faith and prayer," why did Peter command what he did?

Baptism is necessary for salvation because God said so. Furthermore, baptism ALONE does not save! If one approaches the waters of baptism without faith (Romans 10:17; John 8:24; Mark 16:16), repentance (Acts 2:38), and confession (Acts 8:37; Romans 10:10), he is merely getting wet.

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Wiley Tuggle, first leg surgery scheduled for 3/29; **GINNA Honeycutt**, hospital visits last week; **Noah Davis**, basic training; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**; **Sammy Williams**; **Inez Neyman**.

Far East Missions Fishers of Men NetCasters

Family & Friends

Jimmy Bland, mass on right side of brain; **Nelson Rosado**, hernia surgery scheduled for April 19; **Pauline Day**, Grace's sister, kidney cancer; **Wofford family**; **Shirley Hubbard family**; **Eddie Honeycutt**, Carl's brother.

Birthdays

3/6 Emma Wofford
3/9 Ginger Bayless
3/9 Jan Daniel
3/13 Carl Zluticky
3/15 Leah Angel
3/29 Payton Jackson

Get Involved!

Men's Leadership Class: Sundays, 12 PM
All men invited (young & old)

Return to Past Communion & Giving Order
Bread pieces will be placed in cups;
self-contained communion packets available

Coldwater Singing Night: Mar 31, 7 PM
Give song selections to Clifton ASAP

Youth Devo @ William's: Apr 3, 4:30 PM
All ages invited; Sign up sheet for food;
1 dozen filled eggs per child for egg hunt

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, March 28

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jeffrey Ferrell
Announcements	Tim Wilkes, II
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jason Bayless
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Tim Meredith
	Jim Jackson
Assist	Bodie Meredith
	Mika Meredith
	Jerry Davis

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	John Wofford
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Tim Meredith
	Bodie Meredith
	Billy Bland

Wednesday, March 31

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Tim Wilkes, II
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell

TECH: Davis Johnson
HALL: