

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 26, 2015



SINCERE, BUT SINCERELY LOST

- **The Ethiopian** was sincere, but sincerely lost until baptism (Acts 8:26-39). When Philip “preached unto him Jesus,” the eunuch wanted to be baptized immediately, because preaching Jesus equals preaching the necessity of water baptism for salvation (Acts 8:35- 36; Mk. 16:15-16). The Ethiopian did not rejoice at the point of belief in Jesus, but after obeying Jesus’ command to be immersed for salvation (Acts 8:39; Mk. 16:15-16; cf. Acts 2:38; 22:16).
- **Saul of Tarsus** was sincere, but sincerely lost until baptism (Acts 9:6,18-19; 22:16). Although Saul had been praying, fasting, and believing in Jesus after Jesus spoke to him, none of these things washed away his sins (Acts 9:9-11). Jesus told Saul that he would be told what he “must do” (Acts 9:6). Saul was not told to keep praying. He was not told, “You are already saved by God’s grace, because belief alone is enough.” Here is what he was told: “And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16). Did you know that although Saul had gone three days without food or water, he did not even get a bite to eat before he was baptized? (Acts 9:9,18-19). He wanted his sins washed away as soon as possible! This same urgency regarding baptism is found in other passages also (Acts 2:41; 8:36; 16:33). Why were 3000 souls baptized on the same day they heard the Gospel? They all understood that it was “for the remission of sins”! (Acts 2:38,41).

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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 & Pew Packers
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- Cornelius was sincere, but sincerely lost until baptism (Acts 10:6,35,48; 11:14). Cornelius' prayers did not save him. Like Saul, Cornelius was told that someone would tell him what he "ought" to do (same Greek word as "must" in Acts 9:6). Peter told Cornelius that to be accepted by God, he had to fear God and work righteousness (Acts 10:35). Cornelius did what he "ought" to do and "worked righteousness" when he obeyed Peter's command to "be baptized in the name of the Lord" (Acts 10:48; cf. 2:38). Then Cornelius was truly accepted by God (Acts 10:35; Heb. 5:9).
- Lydia was sincere, but sincerely lost until baptism (Acts 16:13-15). After her baptism, she was "judged...to be faithful" (Acts 16:15; cf. Gal. 3:26-27).
- The Ephesians who had been "baptized" were sincere, but sincerely lost until they were taught correctly and baptized with a proper understanding (Acts 19:1-5; cf. Jn. 8:32; Rom. 6:16-18). Being sincere and immersed for religious reasons is not enough, according to the Bible. Today, one cannot be properly baptized without understanding that immersion in the name of Jesus Christ is for salvation, for forgiveness of sins, to wash away sins (Mk. 16:16; Jn. 3:5; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-5; Gal. 3:26-29; Eph. 5:25-26; Heb. 10:22; 1 Pet. 3:20-21).
- What about you? Are you sincere? Do you believe in God and His resurrected Son, Jesus Christ? (Jn. 8:24). Will you repent of all past sins, deciding to live for God? (Acts 2:38; 17:30). Will you confess that you believe in Jesus as the Son of God? (Mt. 10:32; Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:10). Will you be immersed for the purpose of washing away your sins? (Acts 22:16). Will you try your best to be faithful in every way, following the New Testament pattern for worship and every aspect of life? (Jn. 4:23-24; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 10:23-31; 1 Jn. 1:6-2:6; Rev. 2:10).

–written by Jason Patrick Kilburn

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Beginning
Aug. 2nd
@ 1 p.m.



Sermon Review

A.C.T.S. — *There Arose a Great Persecution Against the Church*

(Acts 8:1–4)

How did the Lord's church respond?

- I. They were Scattered (v. 1)
- II. They were Shattered (v. 2)
- III. They were Battered (v. 3)
- IV. But They were NOT Silenced (v. 4)

Q&A

“What does 1 Corinthians 14:40 mean?”

(1 Corinthians 14:40 & surrounding verses)

- I. Let's Analyze the Context.
- II. Let's Answer the Question.

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Rejoicing for safe travels for those on mission trip; **Sammy Williams; Inez Neyman; Seth & Jan Daniel; Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Helen Bowman.**

NetCasters

Fishers of Men

Far East Missions

Family & Friends

Ally Jo Kelly, young girl whose cancer is in remission; **Corinne Elkins; Tammy Powell**, Janie Brister's daughter, very sick; **Sharon Brewer**, Chris' sister battling major nerve & mental problems; **Connie Tiller family; Terry Tuggle family; George Morris**, recovering from bypass procedure; **Claire Webster; Lawton O'Brien; Beverly Wilkes; Judy Mason and family; Elise Iglinsky; Doris Easley; Pat Hardison; Tasha Higginbotham; Walter Huffman; Coleen**, friend of Inez; **Rye family; Beverly Whitecotton; Jack Higginbotham; John & Anita Simpson and family; Peggy Hunt; Billie Kid; Andrew Jones; Jason Spencer; Joy Angel; John Smith; Elizabeth Baker; Paul Perkins; Janie Brister; Ray Hendrix; Carole Livsey; Amanda Cummings; Danielle Key; Ava Roten, Brett Rutherford; Frankie Burfield; James Cooper; Renee Loya; Eli Williams; Ray Maples; Martha Hatfield; Virginia Johnson; Mac Owen; Bob Spurlin.**

Birthdays

7/3	Ruth Brister	7/7	Aemon Ratliff
7/4	Inez Neyman	7/13	Seth Daniel
7/4	Jimmy Sowell	7/14	Jason Bayless
7/5	Layla Johnson	7/24	Jayce Brown
7/6	Cali Bayless		

Anniversaries

7/3	Sammy & Grace Williams
7/11	Chris & Billie Martin
7/14	Clifton & Lara Angel

Get Involved!

Baby Shower for Lily Ann Wilkes — TODAY
Between services, see inside bulletin for details

POWER Lectures — July 26 – 30
See flyer on bulletin board for lectureship schedule

Coldwater Singing Night — July 29 — 7 PM
Christian men, get your song choices to Clifton

Youth Devo @ the Johnson's — July 31
More details to come

DVD Series — *The Truth About Moral Issues*
Beginning August 2nd @ 1 PM

Have a Bible Question? Submit it in the ? Box!

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, July 26

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jim Jackson
Announcements	Jason Bayless
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Ron Johnson
	Joe Owen
Assist	Daniel Owen
	Dalton Owen
Opening Prayer	Chris Martin
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Billy Bland

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Ron Johnson
	Joe Owen
Closing Prayer	Jared Brown

Wednesday, July 29

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Jason Bayless
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Johnny Bayless