

# MARKET STREET



*"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)*

## MESSENGER

### Market Street church of Christ

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#### Schedule of Services

##### Sunday

Bible Classes..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 5:00 p.m.

##### Wednesday

Bible Classes..... 7:00 p.m.

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## *Understanding Baptism*

**David A. Cox**

There are many people that have a misunderstanding of baptism and its connection with salvation. Many people will accept that there are some conditions of salvation, such as faith, confession, or repentance. However, they do not understand that the Bible teaches that baptism is essential for man to be forgiven of his sins and be saved. Let us examine what the Bible teaches about Baptism and salvation so that we can understand baptism in God's plan.

### **Baptism Is An Act of Faith**

In Colossians 2:12, we read, "Buried with him in baptism, where in ye are risen with him through faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead." Paul is telling the Christians at Colosse that they were buried in baptism and at which time their sins were removed by faith in the working of God through Christ's death. To the Romans Paul wrote, "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:3-4). Again Paul describes baptism as being that which is done in faith because of the resurrection of Christ. In being baptized, those at Rome and Colosse had been buried with Christ and were to "walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4; cf. Colossians 3:1). Baptism is seen as being an action of faith in God and His power. By submitting to baptism by faith we become sharers in the new life and have the hope of eternal life.

### **Faith Makes Baptism Complete**

The Hebrew writer wrote, "Without faith it is impossible to please God..." (Hebrews 11:6) As faith is essential, it is just as important to be obedient to God by faith in doing what He has commanded (James 1:22; 2:14-26). In John 3:5 Jesus told Nicodemus, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of

God.” On the day of Pentecost (Acts 2), the Jews that Peter was preaching to were convicted of their sins and this prompted them to ask, based on their faith that God had raised the crucified Christ from the dead, “What shall we do?” Peter responded, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:37-38). Peter did not leave the impression at all that they were saved by their apparent faith. He did not describe baptism as an “outward sign” that their sins had been forgiven. Rather, Peter told them that in order to have their sins forgiven that they must “repent and be baptized”. Again, in the conversion of Saul, we have a man living “in all good conscience”, a religious man (Acts 22:3-5), and a praying man (Acts 9:11). Ananias comes into where Paul is and says, “Why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16). The New Testament makes it clear that faith was present and that it was faith that caused Saul and those at Jerusalem on Pentecost to be buried in baptism to remove their sins.

### **Baptism's Connection With Salvation**

It clear that the Bible teaches that baptism and salvation are connected. Let us notice the connections made.

1. We know that in an unsaved state we do not have salvation because of our sins (Isaiah 59:1-2) and that our sins are forgiven or washed away at baptism (Acts 2:38; 22:16).
2. Our sins are forgiven because of the sacrifice of Christ and the shedding of His blood for our sins (1 Peter 2:22-24; 1 John 1:7; 2:2; Romans 6:3-4).
3. The connection Peter makes when speaking of Noah and his obedience to God's commands when he said, “The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 3:21).
4. The connection Jesus made when He gave the command “he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:16).

The Bible is very clear and understandable in the connection between baptism and salvation. There is never any statement or evidence in the Bible that suggests baptism being “an outward sign of an inward

grace”. Therefore, let us rest assured of what the Bible teaches. Let us follow its teachings faithfully and be assured that we are saved in the same manner as those in the first century.



## ***What Is The Value of Truth***

**Jim Stauffer**

It is interesting to observe mankind and how he reacts to the truth. We often use the same rationalization regarding truth that Pilate used when speaking to Jesus. He asked, "What is truth?" (John 18:38) His statement, like so many today, implies everyone has his version of truth and there is no definitive way of verification.

It is important to note Jesus had just said in the prior verse that truth was what He bore witness to.

Jesus had spent a reasonable amount of time before a reasonable sample of the population demonstrating His claim to be the Son of God. Rejection of Him by the Jewish leaders was actually contrary to what many of them believed about Him. We are told many of the rulers believed on Him but would not confess it because they feared the Pharisees would put them out of the synagogue.

That, in itself is a pretty clear testimony both to the truth of Jesus' teaching and an accurate commentary on the response by man to truth that does not fit his plans.

This is an accurate fulfillment of a couple of Paul's statements regarding truth. He raised the question with the Galatians as to whether the one who tells you an unpleasant truth is your enemy (Galatians 4:16). It seems Jesus became the enemy of the powerful Pharisees because He taught them an “inconvenient truth”. Paul also says man tends to choose a lie over the truth because it fits better what he wants to do. (Romans 1:25)

We must recall that Jesus speaks to the power of truth when He says it will free us from the bondage of sin. (John 8:32) He further states in His prayer in

John 17 it will sanctify the child of God.

Truth is inconvenient because we have usually already charted our course and it forces us to change. If we are really desirous of being right, we will accept that change.

Ask yourself whether a dying man deserves the truth. Whether his question relates to his health if he is unaware of his terminal condition or another matter in the past he simply wants to know the answer to before dies. It may not have much effect on matters whether he receives the answer or not. His life will end at the same time and essentially with the same effect.

Now ask yourself whether a dying man deserves to know the truth about his soul and salvation while he is on his deathbed. We would all agree he does, simply because it will allow him to affect his eternal destination.

If he deserves one on his deathbed, wouldn't it be in his best interest to hear the truth before he is in that condition? Would that not put him in a better position to do something about his lost condition?

If it is courage we lack or opportunity we lack, let us pray to be useful in teaching the truth of the gospel plan of salvation to those who are lost.

~via *The Lenexa Edifer*; Lenexa, Kansas



## *Jesus, A Better Way*

**Shane Williams**

We are always looking for better ways to accomplish day-to-day tasks. God is the Originator of the better way. The author of Hebrews said that the Old Law was only a "shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things" (Hebrews 10:1). Jesus and His death on the cross are the reality. He is the Mediator of a better covenant, enacted on better promises (Hebrews 8:6).

"But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the

good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this reason He is the Mediator of a new covenant, in order that since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance" (Hebrews 9:11-15).

Before Jesus came, people waited for the annual Day of Atonement, when the high priest entered the Most Holy Place (Hebrews 9:7). The Jews call the day Yom Kippur. In that magnificent place where the Ark of the Covenant was located, the High Priest offered the blood of animals on behalf of himself and the Israelites (Leviticus 16:11-34). When Jesus Christ came to earth, something better was revealed. He Himself became our High Priest by sacrificing His life and shedding His blood for atonement of our sins (Hebrews 9:28), "so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many." Now, when we take advantage of His gift of forgiveness, we can rejoice that the penalty of our sins has been paid and our guilt removed. "Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life" (Romans 5:9-10).

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus:" (Romans 8:1). Salvation through the Messiah is the only way we can be forgiven and be reconciled to God. Isn't this a much better way? Are you "in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:26-27)?

~via *The Melrose Memo*; Richardson, Texas.

## *Remember Our Study Periods*

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

# News & Notes

## THE SICK:

Hazel Toone	Mary Ruth Gardner
Tim Dean	Martha Rice
Matt Poff	Patsy Burroughs
Don Osborne	Margaret Reed
Brent Lowman	Barbara Ogles
Larry Owens	Gladys Sandlin
Betty Faye Holt	Una King Currier
Rhett Bailey	Randy Graviett
Phillip Harwell	Paige Phillips
Joe Collier	Sarah Collier

## In The Hospital:

*Rachel Grubbs*; Windsor House Rehab. - rm. 300

## Athens Convalescent Center:

Betty Bates, rm. 11

Audrey Moyers, rm. 76

## Limestone Health Facility:

Janet Berryhill, rm. 65      Annie Mae Bragg, rm. 57

Curtis Fudge, rm. 24      Mary Smith, rm. 85

J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E      Rosella Pugh, rm. 74

## Limestone Manor:

Albert Norton, rm. 98

## Shut-In:

Reba Adams, at home

Lola Colwell, at home

Polly Davis, River City Care, Decatur, rm. 74

**OUT OF TOWN:** *The Coblenz*: Tommy and Marcella continue on a vacation in Florida... *David and Hunter Cox* are in East Orange, New Jersey today.

**PREACHING TODAY:** *Carrol Sutton* of Albertville, Alabama will be preaching today. He will be preaching at all services. I know you will be glad to hear him.

**SYMPATHY:** We want to extend our deepest sympathy to *Warren Glass* and *all the family*, in the tragic passing of his niece, *Trinity Sledge*, this past Sunday night.

## THE RECORD: For the Week of November 6th

<b>Sunday:</b>	Bible Classes..... 135
	Morning Worship ..... 180
	Evening Worship ..... 114

## Wednesday:

Bible Classes.....NA

Remember Our Service This Evening at 5:00.

## Men Privileged To Serve:

### Sunday, November 13th:

#### Morning Worship

Announcements .....	Jerry McGlocklin
Song Leader .....	Stefan Fudge
Prayer .....	Larry Mitchell
Preaching .....	Carrol Sutton
Lord's Supper	
Presiding .....	Bonnie Sutton
Assisting .....	Jordan Lovell
Serving .....	Marvin Putman ... Nathaniel Adams
.....	Brandon Griswold ... Ronnie Locke
Closing Prayer .....	Jack Cannon

#### Evening Worship

Announcements .....	Jerry McGlocklin
Song Leader .....	Tyler Cox
Prayer .....	Marion Mitchell
Preaching .....	Carrol Sutton
Lord's Supper .....	Bonnie Sutton
Closing Prayer .....	Joel Hamm

Other Assignments for Sunday, November 13th:

Usher .....	Russ Wulfekuuhl
Work Sound System .....	Stuart Wilson

### Wednesday, November 16th:

Song Leader .....	Stefan Fudge
Bible Reading.....	(Isaiah 33:7-13)
.....	Harold Davis
Prayer .....	Bonnie Sutton
Invitation .....	Warren Glass
Closing Prayer .....	Jerry McGlocklin

### Sunday, November 20th:

#### Morning Worship

Announcements .....	Kenneth Smith
Song Leader .....	Tyler Cox
Prayer .....	Joel Hamm
Preaching .....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding .....	Ronnie Locke
Assisting .....	Larry Mitchell
Serving .....	Marion Pepper..... Terry Andrews
.....	Paul Hasting..... Marty Adams
Closing Prayer .....	Tommy Burns

#### Evening Worship

Announcements .....	Kenneth Smith
Song Leader .....	Joel Hamm
Prayer .....	Jerry McGlocklin
Preaching .....	Marty Adams
Lord's Supper .....	Ronnie Locke
Closing Prayer .....	Dwaine Allfrey

Other Assignments for Sunday, November 20th:

Usher .....	Russ Wulfekuuhl
Work Sound System .....	Marty Adams