

MARKET STREET



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

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Was The Thief Saved Without Baptism?

Robert Harkrider

We actually know little about the salvation of the thief. Whether he knew anything of salvation from sin through Christ would be difficult to prove. In fact, whether or not he had earlier been baptized by John the Baptist and since that time fallen into sin would be of question (Matthew 3:1-6). Without quibbling over these incidentals, the salvation of the thief was miraculous and none can be saved that way now.

The New Testament teaches that while Christ was on earth He had the power to forgive sins, as He chose. To the man sick of palsy Jesus said, "Thy sins be forgiven thee." Certain of the scribes questioned His power to do this, and Jesus replied, "But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of palsy), Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house" (Matthew 9:1-6).

Christ had the power to forgive sins on whatever conditions He chose while on earth, but He had laid down conditions of salvation to take effect after His death which will last throughout all generations. The Hebrew writer gives an illustration which explains, "For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth (Hebrews 9:16-17).

A man's last will and testament is not fixed until after his death. As long as he lives he sustains the right to change the gifts or even the beneficiaries. But after his death, the will is sealed and cannot be changed even by the courts of the land. So is the will of Christ; it became of force after His death.

To illustrate, consider a man who has two sons, and he stipulates in his will if each son is twenty-one years of age and married he shall receive his portion of the inheritance. But if shortly before his death the father finds some reason to favor one of his sons, and he gives the inheritance to him before he is married, does not the father have the power (right) to do this? We can also understand that the other son will not receive of the father until he is both twenty-one and married even though his brother was granted such without marriage. After the death of the father the will

Schedule of Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

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becomes effective and cannot be altered.

Before His death Christ had the power to forgive sins of whomever he wanted and whatever conditions he desired. But after the death, burial and resurrection of Christ the Lord's will reads: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). Both conditions of the will must be obeyed if we "shall be saved." We cannot look to the thief to justify ourselves anymore than one brother could annul the father's will upon the of what had happened to the other son. (Read Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Galatians 3:27; Romans 6:3-5).

~via *Gospel Guide*; Vol. 25 No. 9.



"In None Other Is There Salvation"

Dan Richardson

"And in none other is there salvation; for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). This story begins in Acts 3:1, when Peter and John heal a lame man "in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth" (3:5) at the door of the temple. Attracting a multitude, Peter had opportunity to preach Jesus (3:11-26). They were seized and brought before the high court of the Jews for interrogation (4:1-7).

Peter's defense before the tribunal was to proclaim the power in Jesus' name, by which this lame was healed, but more importantly, by which all are saved from sin (4:8-12). From Peter's sermon (3:11-26), we note these facts pertaining to Jesus.

He Is The Glorified Servant (Acts 3:13- 18). The Jews crucified Jesus, but the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—their God—glorified His Servant by raising Him from the dead. He was despised and rejected, bearing our griefs and afflictions which only we deserved because of our sin (Isaiah 53:3-9). His sacrifice was no accident, nor the result of man thwarting heaven's will, but it was accomplishing God's eternal purpose to redeem sinful man in His Son: "Yet it pleased Jehovah to bruise him; he hath put him to grief; when thou shalt make his soul

an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of Jehovah shall prosper in his hand" (Isaiah 53:10). Jesus was glorified because He accomplished what the Father sent Him to do - be a sacrifice for sin (John 17:4-5).

He Is The Prophet Like Moses (Acts 3:22- 24). Through Jesus, God speaks to us today (Hebrews 1:2). His message can be known (John 8:32); Peter said, "to Him shall ye hearken" (Acts 3:22a). His word is complete, allsufficient to accomplish its divine purpose; man must obey "in all things whatsoever he shall speak unto you" (Acts 3:22b; Isaiah 55:10-11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). And, His gospel is authoritative - those who don't "hearken" will be destroyed (3:23). It is God's power to save the sinner (Romans 1:16; James. 1:21; 1 Peter 1:22- 23).

He Is The Seed Of Abraham (Acts 3:25- 26). God promised Abraham He would bless all nations in his "seed" (Genesis 22:18). The inspired apostle Paul would later explain this as having reference to the blessings for mankind in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:16) - blessings which are a) universal - for "all the families of the earth" (Acts 3:25a; Galatians 3:28); b) spiritual "in turning away every one of you from your iniquities" (Acts 3:26); and c) conditional - because they were commanded to "repent...and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19; cf. Acts 2:38).

God's assurance to us of our salvation in Christ is founded in the truth of His resurrection from the dead (26). This fact is substantiated by 1) The miracle worked on the lame man, confirming the truthfulness of the sermon preached (cf. Mark 16:18, 20). 2) Eyewitness testimony (15). The apostles had seen the risen Savior (Acts 1:21-22). 3) The testimony of Old Testament scripture (Acts 3;24-25; cf. John 5:39). Truly, in none other is there salvation. Have you obeyed Him?

~via *Expository Files*; Vol .10 No. 2.

Beacon of Truth

Radio Program

Every Sunday Morning

on WVNN

770AM - 92.5 FM

8:30a.m. - 9:00a.m.

Market Street church of Christ

Noble-Minded Hearers

Fank Himmel

Preachers do not get to choose their audiences. If we did, we would doubtless opt for ones like the ancient Bereans, whom Luke describes as “more noble-minded...for they received the word with great eagerness, examing the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things were so” (Acts 17:11). Can you identify in this verse the five attributes of a good audience?

They are receptive. Some have no interest at all in what a preacher says. That is true not only of those who won't go to church but also of some who do. They sleep, read, daydream, or do whatever to pass the time. Amos described some in his day as asking when will this be over so we can get to doing what we want to do (Amos 8:5). Does that sound familiar?

They are eager. The Bereans were not merely receptive, they were eager! Learning God's will was exciting to them. “Like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation” (1 Peter 2:2).

They are concerned about truth. The Bereans were not interested in being entertained. They did not want to have their ears tickled by someone telling them how great they were or saying what they wanted to hear. They wanted the truth. That desire prompted them to verify what was said. Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world” (1 John 4:1).

They search the Scriptures. This is the way to verify what is said. Read the Bible for yourself. You cannot always rely on the preacher's citations. Preachers sometimes misquote the Bible. They may attribute to it statements or ideas that are not there. They may leave out essential parts. God's word is truth (John 17:17), the truth that makes us free (John 8;31-32).

They search the Scriptures daily. The best hearers continue to think about what was said long after the sermon is over. They continue their verification and further study of the subject. And, of course, they put it into practice, as many Bereans did (Acts 17:12). “But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves” (James 1:22). Are you a noble-minded hearer?

~via *Manslick Road Speaker*; Louisville, Kentucky.

Gospel Meeting

April 23-27, 2017

(Sunday through Thursday)

Schedule of Services

Sunday 9:45 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Thursday- 7:00 p.m.

Gerry Sandusky, Speaking

**MARKET STREET
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Kenia Adams	Mary Will Johnston
Louise Melvin	Pat Nixon
JoAnn Gilbert	Bobbie Adcock
Lucille Craig	Doris Lovell
Patsy Thomas	Donna Wright
Cindy Glass	Wayne Bolton
Ashley Sims	Linda Jones
Shelly Scruggs	Sara Ogles
Wayne Gooch	Shaun Carruth
Everette “Bud” Dollar	Ann Bush

Updates:

Pat Nixon had shots put in her neck on Tuesday of this past week ... **Bobbie Adcock** returned home following her rehabilitation... **Rebecca Sims** is scheduled to have a procedure on her heart done on April 24th...**Mary Will Johnston** has been diagnosed with Acute Lukemia

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Joe Leopard	Gayle Ball
Reba Byram	Irene Inman
Janice Cagle	Jeanette Weir
Ella Melvin	Daniel Ogles
Diane Kilpatrick	Linda Ordones
Wayne Wooldridge	Cindy Walker
Jenny Pickens	Gene Carpenter
Charles Burns	Betty Christopher
Al Pollard	Ava Brooke Campbell
Elizabeth Howard	Matt Poff
Phillip Harwell	Una King Currier
Shayna Tollison	Eli Williams

Brittany Bates Carter Betty Brackeen

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Nelva Reed, rm. 61 Helen Trousdale, rm. 43
Judith Groce, rm. 10-B Dorothy Draper, rm. 73
Mattye Murray, rm. 2 Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7 Joyce Martin, rm. 73
Mable Crafts, rm. 39 Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
Gayle Mills, rm. 15 Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at Morningside, Decatur
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Wynell Casteel, at home
Marjorie Dunnivant, at Brookdale Farms, Huntsville
Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter's home in Hartselle
Essie Hardison, at home
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home
William Thomas, at home

SINGING AT NURSING HOME: Tuesday, April 4th, we will resume the singings on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 at *Athens Rehab & Senior Care*. The singing last about 45 minutes. The residents really enjoy our coming to sing and I have heard from several family members of residents of how much they appreciate it. If you are available to participate in this, I know that you would be benefitted from the time spent there.

OUT OF TOWN: The Stiles: Chuck & Benita are in South Dakota... **The Coblentz':** Tommy and Marcella have been in the mountians this past week... **Jim Whitt** has been in Louisanna with his work this past week... **Marvella & Nathaniel Adams** have been in Washington, DC this past week.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Somerville Road church* in Decatur is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. The speaker in the meeting will be *David Maxon*... The *Anderson church* in Anderson is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Thursday. The speaker in this meeting will be *Ed Harrell*.

WORK GROUPS: Work Group three will be meet- ing this evening after our evening service. If you are in group three, member to meet with your group tonight.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of March 12th

Sunday: Bible Classes 112
Morning Worship 152
Evening Worship 115
Wednesday: Bible Classes 91

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, March 19th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....Keith Hinkle
Song Leader Hunter Cox
Prayer.....A. J. Price
Preaching..... David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding..... Dwaine Allfrey
Assisting.....Tommy Coblentz
ServingMatthew Vaughn..... Danny Holt
.....Charles Vaughn..... Kenneth Adams
Closing PrayerMike Ogles

Evening Worship

Announcements.....Keith Hinkle
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer.....Jerry McGlocklin
Preaching..... David Cox
Lord's Supper Dwaine Allfrey
Closing PrayerKeenon Currier

Other Assignments for Sunday, March 19th:
Ushers..... Terry Andrews/Larry Mitchell
Work Sound System..... Landon Adams

Wednesday, March 22th:

Song LeaderAshton Gatlin
Bible Reading..... Philippians 3:1-30
.....Marcus Morris
Prayer..... Marty Adams
Invitation Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer Tommy Burns

Sunday, March 26th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....Marcus Morris
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer..... Landon Adams
Preaching..... David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding..... Harvey Nixon
Assisting Keith Hinkle
ServingKeenon Currier..... Heath Dollar
.....David Terry James Johnson
Closing Prayer Terry Andrews

Evening Worship

Announcements.....Marcus Morris
Song Leader Marty Adams
Prayer..... Steve Usery
Preaching Song Service
Lord's Supper Harvey Nixon
Closing PrayerDan Reed

Other Assignments for Sunday, March 26th:
Ushers..... Tommy Cobentlz/Danny Johnson
Work Sound System..... Nathaniel Adams