

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



“every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b

WHEN DOES GOD MEAN WHAT HE SAYS?

From what we are hearing in some circles, the answer would be: "Whenever the subject of grace enters the picture."

You probably thought that you have to be baptized in order to be saved, since that is what the Son of God said, along with the inspired writers who wrote the Bible (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21). But now we are being told that to teach the essentiality of baptism for salvation is to be legalistic even though the Bible teaches it.

You also probably thought that repentance is necessary for salvation, since that is what Christ taught (Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 17:30-31). But supposedly only self-righteous people now teach that, because grace covers all our mistakes.

Perhaps you also thought that faith is absolutely demanded of mankind in order to be saved (John 8:24; Heb. 11:6), but even faith is a work (John 6:29), and that would bring us back to the legalistic charge being hurled once again! However, since the works that God demands of us are not the meritorious works of men, then we are still obligated to work the works of God.

No, we cannot earn our salvation, but doing what God says is not earning salvation. It is loving the Lord (John 14:16; Luke 6:46). Since Paul taught that we are not to "continue in sin, that grace may abound?" (Rom. 6:1-2), we better just keep on trying to obey God, truly relying upon the grace of God, instead of accepting man's perverted version of a cheap grace that makes no demands (Titus 2:11-12). Cheap grace ultimately leads to universalism!

- Wayne Price, Gospel preacher, Radford Virginia

“If ye love me, keep my commandments” - John 14:15

“And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not:
for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him:
the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.” - John 12:47,48

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: HARVEY ALLEN

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REMEMBER OUR GOSPEL MEETING 4/22-4/25—INVITE PEOPLE TO VISIT!

“As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:
Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding
therein with thanksgiving.” - Colossians 2:6,7

A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!
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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** *Margaret Herring, Wilson Burton, Betty Mathis, Lamar Reeves, Elma Berrier and Phyllis Johnson.*
- Our sister **Dorothy Gray** came forward last Sunday requesting the prayers of the church that she be strengthened.
- Remember **Judy Walker** who's been fighting pneumonia.
- **Jan Kelleher** and **Merrie Christmus** are back from visiting Merrie's family in San Antonio, TX.
- Remember **Kaitlyn Sheppard** in your prayers, she hasn't been well recently.
- Give thanks to God for His mercy, and pray for all these, and the work of the Lord here at West Columbia.

**"He that loveth his life shall lose it;
and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal." - John 12:25**

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Men's business meeting** after the luncheon this Sunday.
- **Signup sheet** for times when **Lorraine Porter** will need a ride to the assembly. **Jan Kelleher** has been handling this mostly, but will be out some Sundays in the next few months. Please take a look and help out where you can.
- **Building Cleaning** signup for the New Year is posted in the Foyer.
- **Marshal Mancuso** has gotten some **new cards** to send to visitors and those we haven't seen recently. See Marshall to get some to use. **Jones Gamble** publishes a list each week of visitors and those we missed on Sunday. Give those folks a call, or send a card to see if they're ok, and to encourage them and let them know we miss them.
- **Bible Study at Church Building, Saturdays 3 pm**, all are invited and please invite visitors to come! It's a good way for people to learn more of us. An informal session around a table with everyone using their bibles and Strong's Concordances.

“If God be for us, who can be against us?” - Romans 8:31

**Inviting people to our Gospel Meeting is one way to ensure ...
IN THE BIBLE WE'LL DELVE IN 2012**

SAVE THE DATES!

- Ladies Day—St. Andrews Road Saturday 4/21/12.
- Gospel Meeting at West Columbia with David Pharr Sun-Wed April 22-25.
- Bible Studies at the building, most Saturday afternoons at 3pm. Invite people!

**“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:
and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you
a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:” - 1 Peter 3:15**

Justification By Faith Includes Baptism

"By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians as-saying to do were swallowed up" (Heb. 11:29 ASV). The Israelites crossed the Red Sea "by faith," but they were not on the other side the moment they believed. They spent a night of anxious toil and great fear before they could sing the song of deliverance on the other side. Here the phrase "by faith" spans the Red Sea, and includes every step they took in crossing.

By some it is thought that because Paul says we are "justified by faith" (Rom. 5:1) that baptism is excluded. But the phrase "by faith," instead of excluding the acts of faith, which, in reality, make faith perfect, actually includes obedience. And it can be plainly shown that "by faith" in this case includes baptism. Paul says, **"For I would not, brethren, have you ignorant, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea" (1 Corinthians 10:1-2 ASV).**

They crossed the Red Sea "by faith," and in crossing they were baptized. "By faith" includes what was done in crossing. But in crossing they were baptized. Therefore, "by faith," in this example includes baptism.

- **C. R. Nichol**, 1876-1961, Gospel Preacher

A Matter Of Bible Authority

My objection to mechanical instruments in worship is not out of bitterness toward them; not because I think there is harm in the instrument, per se, but the objection is simply this: I have adopted the principle and pledged myself to the platform of not going beyond that which the Bible authorizes.

My digressive brother asks me, "Where does the Bible prohibit it?" I answer, "Where does the Bible authorize it?" Christians walk by faith (2 Cor. 5:7). No man can use mechanical instruments and walk by faith.

By searching the scriptures you will find that God does not authorize it, does not command it, does not demand it, and that there is no example in all apostolic history for such a practice. The man who is faithful and loyal to God's word will not go beyond it.

**"Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ,
hath not God" - 2 John 9 ASV**

- **N. B. Hardeman**, 1874-1965, Gospel Preacher

“For we walk by faith, not by sight:” - 2 Corinthians 5:7