



WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Are All Who Are Baptized, Christians?

In every example of New Testament conversion people were baptized for remission of sins. "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38) One cannot be a Christian without being baptized, but not all who have been baptized are Christians. Why would this be true?

Many that have been baptized have not been baptized as accountable people. Baptism is an act of submission that must come from the heart. "But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered." (Romans 6:17) Baptizing babies is no more Bible baptism than it would be for several strong men to baptize adults against their will. Babies have no sin and therefore do not need baptism, and certainly could not be baptized as a voluntary act of obedience.

Many that have been baptized have not been baptized as the Bible teaches. Bible baptism is a burial in water and it is for the remission of sins. Both the reason for which baptism is done and the way in which it is done are important. Bible baptism is a burial. "Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4) Bible baptism is never sprinkling or pouring. Bible baptism is essential to our salvation. The Bible is plain in teaching that: **(1)** Baptism comes before salvation (Mark 16:16), **(2)** Baptism is for remission of sins (Acts 2:38), **(3)** Baptism washes away sins (Acts 22:16), **(4)** Baptism comes before being a child of God (Galatians 3:26-27), and **(5)** Baptism puts one into Christ (Romans 6:3-4). In view of such plain Bible teaching, how can the Southern Baptist Church (and most other churches) teach that, "Baptism does not help a person to be saved or to become a Christian?"

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: TJ BOLEN— "Simply" Being More Like Jesus
PM: TJ BOLEN— Basic Thoughts on the Holy Spirit

JOIN US IN
NEW TESTAMENT
CHRISTIANITY
TODAY!

"Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him,
upon them that hope in his mercy;

To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield. " - Psalm 33:18

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Dorothy Gray and family, Pat Joyner, Gwen Pittman, Anna Porter, Judy Walker, also Richard Ramkinson, Wilson Burton.*

- **Judy Walker** is in Baptist Hospital, Room 827.
- Prayers are requested for **Floyd Richbourg** who is suffering a knee problem.
- Remember: **Anna Porter, Gwen Pittman,** and **Carolyn Stidham** as they continue on the road to recovery from various ills.
- **Anna** is home now, recovering from therapy but is very weak.
- Remember **Stephanie Rigney** as she continues renewed treatment for cancer.
- Keep **Lisa and Josiah Jenkins** and **Dorothy Gray** in your prayers as they endure difficulties; that they be strengthened and overcome.
- **Correction: Magie DeYoung** is in National Health Care, Room 226.
- Remember to pray for and send cards to those we've not seen for awhile.
- Pray also that we all grow in **faith, hope, love, humility, zeal, mercy, knowledge.**

"I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live:

I will sing praise to my God while I have my being." - Psalm 104:33

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Gospel Meeting**, Twin City church of Christ in Batesburg Leesville with **David Gurchiek**, Castalian Springs, Tennessee. Sun-Tue 6/1/14—6/3/13.
- **Bible study, Saturdays, 3pm, informal, bring friends and your Bible questions.**
- **YOUNG ADULT and NEW CONVERT** class Sundays, 10 am, upstairs classroom.
- We need **volunteers** to take the DVD and the Lord's supper to our shut-ins.

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"And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profits me nothing." - 1 Corinthians 13:3

Sun AM Sermon— *"Simply" Being More Like Jesus.*

Sometimes the best thing to do in order to be more like our Savior is to slow down, and observe His teachings. Most of them are not complicated. Jesus delivered powerful, life-altering teachings, and those teachings were delivered in very simple terms.

A few taken from Luke 9-19, as Jesus makes His way to Jerusalem.

1. Love God; Love Neighbor
2. One thing is necessary
3. Genuineness
4. No worrying allowed.
5. Forgive
6. Glorify Jesus. .

WHAT DO YOU GLORY IN?

What things about us would we like others to notice? Do we want other's approval and praise? What is it about ourselves we might think is worth notice by others—that we might enjoy or feel rewarded or justified by it?

The Bible tells of many men and women who loved God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength. What did they glory in? What was important to them? What do **you** glory in? Their example is there for us to follow.

Paul wrote, "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" - Galatians 6:14

“Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.” - Jeremiah 9:23,24 [Note—See Sunday AM sermon]

GOOD TO MEMORIZE AND KEEP WITH YOU

“Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.” - Psalm 100

Are All Who Are Baptized Christians? —(cont. from page 1)

Many that have been baptized scripturally have not remained faithful.

They have not grown in faith. They have stopped following Christ and are in a worse condition than before they obeyed the gospel. The Bible says in **2 Peter 2:20-22:** **“For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.”** Jesus said, **“...If you continue in My word, then are you My disciples indeed.” (John 8:31)** All accountable people must be baptized for remission of sins and must remain faithful to God; but not all who have been baptized are Christians!

- By **Charles Box**, Evangelist, Walnut Street Church of Christ, Greenville, Alabama