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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Harvey Allen

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A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!

DO YOU WANT GOD LOOKING AT YOU?

**"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

Examine yourself! Are you really in the faith? (2 Cor 13:5)

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CHRISTIANITY
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INFORMAL BIBLE STUDY

Saturdays 3 pm
Everyone Welcome!
Bring your friends & Bible questions

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none at present time
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"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?" — **(Continued on page 3)**

Examine yourself, whether you are in the faith ... or not! (2 Cor 13:5)

"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: Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him." - 1 Peter 3:21

“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Merrie Christmus, Dorothy Gray & family, Margaret Herring, Pat Joyner, Jan Kelleher, Gwen Pittman, Stephanie Rigney.*

- **Connie and Floyd Richbourg** were able to be with us Wednesday after several weeks of illness. It was good to have them.
- **Laura Nichols** requests prayers for her nephew **Eddie** in Colorado.
- **Amy Strickland** is having continued health issues, that are not getting better. Keep **Amy** and the family in your prayers. It'd difficult when mom is sick.
- **Katie Kennedy** is traveling in Texas for the USO. **Mike Kennedy** is able to drive to dialysis 3 times a week.
- Also remember **Margaret Herring**, and **Lauren** in your prayers.
- Continue to remember **Stephanie** in your prayers.
- **Jan Kelleher** continues to suffer debilitating side effects from chemotherapy. She also continues to be in pain from bone cancer, but so far she is coping well and it is not spreading. All thanks and glory to **God** that the cancer is still not spreading, **Pray for all these**, and our search for an **evangelist** to help us with the work of the Lord here at West Columbia. Give **thanks** to God for his goodness and love for us.

"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

- **First Sunday!** All are invited to stay after the morning assembly to share a meal. Men's meeting to follow.
- **ALL! Contact** those on the Directory list you've not seen recently (like last Sunday).
- **ALL! INVITE SOMEONE TO VISIT US!** Give them one of the **church cards** that are on the table in the foyer. If you take some, please use them.

"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

SEE THAT YOU ABOUND IN THIS GRACE ALSO

“Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also. Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.” - 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

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

HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYETH

“Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” - Revelation 3:4-6

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