



Consequences of Baptism

by Dave Rogers

Have you ever wondered why being baptized is such a “sticking point” for some people? Much of the religious community minimizes baptism’s relationship to salvation, but Jesus’ words are plain: “He who believes **and is baptized** shall be saved” (Mark 16:16).

Are churches of Christ “water crazy?” Do we leave people with the impression that baptism is all we care about if we show that it is essential for salvation? If we do, we may overlook something just as important: What should come after baptism!

In Acts 8:37, Peter required a plain statement of faith before he baptized the Ethiopian treasurer, but then in verse 39 we see him rejoicing because he was added to the body of Christ. Deciding to obey the Lord’s words and become a Christian is a huge step, not something to take lightly! One who makes the decision to be baptized into Christ has every reason to rejoice, but many times new Christians are left to fend for themselves, without adequate guidance, or encouragement. After the biggest decision in life, a new brother or sister may be left wondering “NOW what?” Every Christian needs to understand and remember that...

When one is baptized, that person becomes something new (2 Corinthians 5:17). In Acts 11:26 the disciples were called simply “Christians.” A new Christian does not join a denomination or man-made organization; He is simply a **Christian**. Acts 2:41 says the Lord adds him to “the” church. Furthermore, one who leaves a denomination for the simplicity of new testament Christianity has NOT “switched denominations:” Jesus did not die for a denomination.

The church at Corinth struggled with denominational ideas, even “lining up” behind their favorite preachers (1 Corinthians 1:12-13)! Yet those men were speaking for Christ, and if they were faithful to Jesus they all preached the same thing (John 17:21). Paul emphasized that the Corinthians had **not** been baptized in his name, and therefore they should **not** call themselves after him!

When one is baptized, he SHOULD become a servant of righteousness (Romans 6:18). The meaning here is “one who serves what is acceptable to God.” In Galatians 1:10 Paul said he sought to serve God rather than men. To serve something other than the gospel of Jesus is to BE something “other” than a Christian (Galatians 1:6-7)!

When one is baptized, that person receives something new. Pay attention to Jesus’ words in Mark 16:16 – one who is baptized receives salvation. Jesus didn’t say it was earned, nor did He say that person already had it. Peter said in Acts 2:38 that baptism is done in order to receive salvation; “Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Peter spelled it out! The one who is baptized receives FORGIVENESS of his sins. Sin is the violation of God’s laws, His “boundaries” (1 John 3:4). It can separate us from God, making us unable to share in His fellowship (Isaiah 59:2). This is the definition of spiritual death!

By His sacrifice, Jesus turns aside the Father’s

Nobody's Perfect

By Kevin W. Rhodes

Nobody's perfect. Isn't that what everyone says? And it is almost true. After all, Paul told the Romans, "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one," later concluding, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). But some people apparently believe that by saying, "Nobody's perfect," it somehow excuses their personal imperfection and makes it acceptable. This is far from what Paul meant. It is essential for all of us to recognize that we have sinned and therefore cannot lay claim to any moral superiority. We have sinned and must pay that price regardless of how small it may seem in comparison to others' sin (James 2:10).

Sadly, a people once forgiven can forget that this is the foundation of their pleasing God, rather than their own personal record, intelligence, or financial contributions. As soon as we begin to think and act as if we or anyone else is perfect, we are heading for a fall. "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall" (Proverbs 16:18). We all need God's Word to guide us because we all proved inadequate in plotting our own course through life (Jeremiah 10:23). It is a shame that some people need to be reminded of their spiritual failures to keep returning them to a humble submission to God's Word. "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12).

Nobody is perfect except for Christ. Therefore, all of our efforts should be directed by His Will and for His glory. Our trust must no longer be in ourselves, in the world's ideas, or in the men around us but rather solely and completely in Him who died for us.

(Consequences of Baptism – conclusion)

anger at sin, Romans 3:25. He provides a "covering" for the Christian's sins, so they are no longer counted against us! We can only have access to the Father when we are "in" Christ, 1 John 5:14-15, because through Jesus is the only way anyone can approach Him acceptably, John 16:23 and 26.

What should a person do AFTER baptism? Consider the example of Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:20): "And straightway in the synagogues he proclaimed Jesus, that he is the Son of God." He set an example for each of us, 1 Corinthians 11:1. John 15:8 tells us about the responsibility of every Christian: "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples."

It should not be our goal to form a "non-denominational denomination," or to be "different" just for the sake of being different; nor should we be protestant, catholic, liberal or conservative: Christians should just be BIBLICAL. If we will seek **this** goal, we can all be what the apostles were; **just "Christians."**

G.S.O.P. Summer 2016 Short Courses at Piedmont Road church of Christ

June 16-18 1-2 Peter, Instructor, Eric Owens

July 21-23 The Godhead, Instructor, Phil Sanders

		Coordinator	Service Project
1	Visitation Project	Paul Lyons	Lillian Gray @ Daughters House
		Tom Durden	Small group to build a ramp for Equillar Butler @ Daughters House
2	Building Projects	Andy Johnson	Projects around the building
3	LTL Project	Sally Wallace	Puppets
4	Encouragement Project	Joan Poskevich	Write letters of encouragement to previous visitors

Family Matters

Becky Higginbotham – May need further surgery in August.
Butch Trawick – Is recuperating at home.
Joann Trawick – Is having problems with her neck and back.
Bob Howell – Will have a PET scan in June.
Ron Cox – Donna's Hagin's father is waiting on biopsy results.
Jean Benefield – Annette's daughter-in-law will undergo a bone marrow transplant.

Prayer Request

Rory Bell came forward Sunday evening requesting prayers for his family, decisions they need to make and Rosa's safe return home.

Deepest Sympathy

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to David & Shirley Lee for the loss of their sister-in-law, Betty Lee, a member of the Forest Park Church of Christ.

Also to Mike McCullough for the loss of his brother, Joe McCullough, a member of the Main Street Church of Christ in Manchester, TN.

Also to Decieta and Paul Lyons, on the death of Decieta's sister-in-law, Annie Elder. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Members With Health Problems: Brenda Mitchell, Equillar Butler, Theresa Green, Ruby Fowler, Bill Benton, Shirley Jones, Lucille Amon, Marlene Etheridge, RuPearl Sharpe, Mattie Williams, Bernice Gillespie, Maylon Swann, Hick & Estell Higginbotham, Una Fortson, David & Shirley Lee, Forrest & Burma Chapman

Shut-ins: David & Shirley Lee, Valorye Whittaker, Annette Benefield, Lillian Gray, David Nash, Audrey Shaw, Jane Lankford, Joe Clark & Frances Elder

Others With Health Problems: Norma Tolle (Lewis Armstrong's cousin), Greta Newsome (Jill Nash's sister), Ron Cox (Donna Hagin's father), Harry Johnson & Joanne Daugherty (David & Wayne Nash's B-in-L & Sister), Carol Bomar (Charity Nash's aunt), Dylan Carter (11 month-old daughter of the Hagins' friends), Loretta Russell (Ray's mother), Nelda Hayes (Jack Sorrell's aunt), Tom Holcomb and Jean Benefield (Annette Benefield's S-in-L and D-in-L), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Virginia Poskevich (David's mother), Xernonia Fortson (Una's daughter), Eddie & Lil Cauthen (Joan Poskevich's B-i-L/S-i-L), Joe Hand (Jim Scoma's B-in-L) and Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson's brother)

Prayer Requested - Scott Kelly's email address jpay.com (Web site) #1001380630 (Scott / Robert Kelly)

Prayer Requested - Jamie & Jason Campbell (Sylvester & Missy's sons).

Calendar

May 29 - Service Sunday. We will have a covered dish lunch followed by a brief devotional and service groups.

May 30 - Office Closed for Memorial Day

June 5 - Jordan Pyron's Bridal Shower at 2:30 pm. The couple is registered Bed Bath Beyond, The Container Store & Amazon.

June 14 - Tuesday Ladies' Night Out hosted by Linda Howell and Annette Benefield

June 24 - SilverWings Dinner, hosted by Teri Durden & Susie Graham

June 26 - Singing @ Hope Center, 2 pm

July 1 - Game Night at 6pm

July 10-13 - VBS "The Voyage". Teachers are needed.

July 15 - SilverWings Dinner at 6pm

Aug 4-13 - Scotland Mission Trip

Aug 14 - Singing @ Hope Center, 2pm

Aug 17 - Graham McDonald USA Visit

Aug 19-25 - Polishing the Pulpit Week

September 18-21 - Fall Gospel Meeting, Speaker: Joey Barkley

October 7-8 - Ladies' Retreat at Calvin Center.

Summer Teachers Needed - Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board

Summer Quarter starts July 3rd - Sept 28th

Sunday Morning - 3-4 year olds, 2-3 grades & 4-5 grades

Wednesday - Cradle Roll, K-1 grade & 2-3 grades

VBS Teachers on July 10-13th

Youth Events

May 31 - God's Ranch, all ages, PCT Food Bank, 8:30am-2pm

June 7 & 9 - Puppet Practice, ages 5-19, 9-11am.

June 6-10 - Girl's Day Camp at McDonough Church of Christ

June 14 - God's Ranch, Flag Day in Downtown Fayetteville, ages 5-99, 8:30am-2pm

June 12-17 - Camp Inagehi Week

June 23 - God's Ranch, Oakland Cemetery & Olympic Park, 8:30am-2pm

June 24 - God's Ranch Movie Night, ages 5-99, 6pm (dinner with SilverWings)

June 24 - Church of Christ Day at Six Flags

June 28 & 30 - Puppet Practice, ages 5-19, 9-11am

July 10-13 - VBS "The Voyage"

July 10 - 15 - Connections 16 - Future Leaders Training Camp, RISE UP, Young Men Grades 6-12, at McDonough Church of Christ

July 15 - God's Ranch Movie Night

July 19 - God's Ranch Feed the Homeless, 9am-2pm

July 26 - God's Ranch Peaches, 9am-2pm

Aug 6 - Bible Bowl Stone Mountain Trip

Aug 19 - God's Ranch Movie Night 6pm

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

Call To Worship

Scripture Reading
Prayer
Song Leader
Preside Lord's Supper
Server
Server
Server
Server
Server
Server
Server
Server
Sermon
Response Elder
Announcements
Song
Closing Prayer

5/29
Zeke Poskevich
Curtis Hurt

Rick Sharpe
Shirley Allender
Randal Bell
Ray Russell
Gayle Pelfrey
Jake Garner
Jimmy Garner
Morris Jones
Cliff Nash
Dave Rogers
Greg Nash
Greg Nash

Tom Durden

Evening Service

Prayer
Sermon
Server
Server
Closing Prayer

David Riley
Service Sunday
Anthony Ravenell
Rick Sharpe
Jim Obrien



2016 VBS
July 10th-13
The VOYAGE

Communion Preparation

Morris Jones

Nursery

29 Michelle Chapman

Care of Building

6/1-15 Hugh Kelly/Ray Russell
16-30 Andy Johnson/Dennis Graham

Ushers

29 Ron Biles/Jack Sorrell
5 Shirley Allender/Michael Boelsterli
12 Steve Burdett/David Hopkins

Media Center Helpers

15 & 22 Brad Hopkins
May 29 & June 5 Jordan Madison

Open Arms

29 Susie Graham, Zeke Poskevich,
Barbara Edmonds, Anne Siebert,
Rick & RuPearl Sharpe
6/5 Jessa Quinn, Martha Vickery, Sally Wallace, Connie Kelly,
Linda Armstrong, Tommy & Gail Chapman

Wednesday Evening Devotional

6/1 Ray Russell, 8 Rory Bell
15 Paul Lyons, 25 Stan Mitchell &
29 Eric Hagin

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David Hopkins
Hugh Kelly
Jerry Kendrix
Andy Johnson
Paul Lyons
Stan Mitchell
David Poskevich
Anthony Ravenell
Jack Sorrell

Assembly Schedule:

Sunday
9:00 am Bible Classes
10:00 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Worship Service

10:00 am Tuesday Morning
Bible Class
(September 11—May 14)

7:00 pm Wednesday Night
Bible Study

7:00 pm Thursday Night
Ladies Class
(September-May)

Donna Hagin will be taking family pictures this Sunday.

The Fountain of Life with Larry Acuff
Saturdays at 7 am

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way
Sunday at 7:30 am, on channel 57
May 29—Search Me, O God!

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June 2016

Evangelism

Response Elder - Jim Pelfrey

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father." John 14:12

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