

Travelling

Keep Travis in your prayers. Thank God for Aryanna's safe return.

Holiday Baskets

We are now collecting the items necessary for holiday baskets. Needing sweet potatoes at this time.

Prayer Meeting

Friday August 7th and August 21st 6:30 PM at the church building.

Garage Give-Away

Saturday August 22nd 8:00 - 10:00 AM. Please make plans to be there and bring any items that you would like to donate.

Are We Saved By Faith Only?

By Ron Boatwright

Today the vast majority of the religious world says that they are saved by "faith only". Many good people erroneously think they are saved when they "accept Jesus as their personal savior" and say the "sinner's prayer". But where in the Bible are we told this? It is not there. This may sound good and impressive, but this is false. This is a lie of Satan. This is something man has dreamed up. Then two or three weeks later many churches encourage people to be baptized to join that denomination. They say that one does not have to be baptized to be saved because they say you are saved before you are baptized. I cannot think of a more flagrant crime against both God and Man than to teach lost sinners, who want to be saved something different than what God says in the Bible. In this case if they are eventually baptized, their sins are not forgiven and they are not saved because their baptism was not for this purpose. They still have every sin they have ever committed and are still lost because they have believed a lie. As we read in 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12, "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth." "Faith only" will not save anyone. In James 2:19 & 24 we read, "You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the devils believe and tremble....You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only." If all we do is believe, then we are no better than the devils. We must obey what God says to do, when God says to do it, how God says to do it, and for the reason God says to do it. Jesus says in Mark 16:16, "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved". There is nothing hard to understand about this. A person has to have help to misunderstand what the Lord says here. Until people do what Jesus says that one must do to be saved then they are still hopelessly lost.



The Apple Valley Church of Christ extends a warm welcome to our guests. We are honored by your presence today. If you have any questions or concerns please express them to us. We are to serve to serve you.

Pray for Sylvia and family. Pray for sister McKinney and family, her sister's son is now the father of twins. Sister McKinney also asked that we pray for Stephanie Munoz who has cancer pray for her children and family as well. Pray for brother Henderson and family, as they mourn their loss. Thom and Mary Elizabeth need prayers. Pray for Brother Freeman's recovery from his eye surgery on Friday. Pray for Donna's brother Robert. Keep Rosetta's grandson in prayer. Sister Lea's tests came out good, thank God. Jeremiah and Stan asked for prayers as they have some decisions to make. Adrian wants prayers of thanks that God has taken away her headaches. Pray for Ebony's friend Josh. Joe Brass has been burned by hot coffee, may require a skin graft to heal, pray for him. Michael is having some shoulder pain, pray for him. Pray for sister Leola's friend Elena Armstrong who has stage 4 kidney cancer.



Schedule of Services

- Sunday Bible Class 10:00 AM
- Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
- Sunday Afternoon 2:00 PM
- Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM

Order of Today's Services

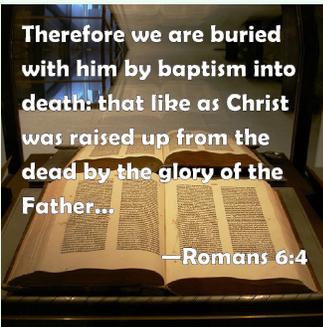
1. Singing
2. Opening Prayer
3. Singing
4. Preaching
5. Invitation Song
6. Communion Song
7. Communion
8. Song Before Offering
9. Offering
10. Announcements
11. Closing Song
12. Closing Prayer

Song Leader - Stan
 Opening Prayer - Dan
 Preaching - Stan
 Table Lead - Jeremiah
 Helper - Dan
 Helper - Prince
 Announcements - Lenard
 Closing Prayer - Brandon

Baptized Into Christ

By Ron Boatwright

The denominational world says that baptism has nothing to do with our salvation, but let's see what the Bible says. Notice that it is baptism that puts us into Christ so that we can be saved. Galatians 3:27 says, "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Baptism is the only way a person can get into Christ. The preposition into indicates a change of relationship. You can search from the front to the back of your Bible, and you will find no other way to get into Christ except by being baptized into Christ. What is the advantage of being baptized into Christ? Ephesians 1:3 says, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ." This verse tells us that every spiritual blessing is located in Christ. Only those who are in Christ can enjoy these spiritual blessings.



We read in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." If one is in Christ, he has become a new creation. This is how we are born again.

The Apostle Paul says in 2 Timothy 2:10, "Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory." Here we see that salvation is located in Christ, and for one to be eligible for salvation, he must be in Christ. It will be a horrible thing for a person, who thinks he is saved, when he stands before the Lord on the Day of Judgment, if he is still outside of Christ. He will have no salvation. He will be lost eternally in Hell.

In 1 John 5:11 we read, "And this is the testimony, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son." Only those who have been baptized to be saved are in Christ and have the promise of eternal life. Those who are outside of Christ have no promise of eternal life but are lost.

**Sermon Notes:**