

BAPTISM – THEN WHAT?

ROM. 6:3-5

BAPTISM IS

A BURIAL - COL. 2:12
 IN WATER - ACTS 8:35-38
 FOR ACCOUNTABLE BEINGS - MK. 16:15,16
 UNTO REMISSION OF SINS - ACTS 2:38
 FOR SALVATION - MK. 16:16; 1 PET. 3:21
 TO GET INTO CHRIST - GAL. 3:27
 TO BECOME NEW CREATURE - ROM. 6:3-5; 2 COR. 5:17
 TO GET INTO THE ONE BODY - 1 COR. 12:13

THEN

WALK IN NEW LIFE - ROM. 6:4
 STUDY & GROW - 2 TIM. 2:15; 2 PET. 3:18
 A SERVANT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS - ROM. 6:17,18
 KEEP SELF PURE - 1 TIM. 5:22
 BE AN EXAMPLE - 1 TIM. 4:12
 HAVE FAITH IN GOD - 1 PET. 1:18-21; 1 COR. 2:4,5;
 1 COR. 1:18-29; PHIL. 1:15-18
 FOLLOW JESUS - 1 PET. 2:21
 PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST - MT. 6:33
 RESIST TEMPTATION - JS. 1:13-15
 BE FAITHFUL - REV. 2:10
 BE FRUITFUL - MK. 16:15,16; JO. 15:1-6,16



Steve Hugins, Via <http://executableoutlines.com/charts>

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
 SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
 SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
 WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

EVERYONE WELCOME!

- www.defendthegospel.com
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3rd Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- Children's Class: Every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 5:30 pm
- 5th Sunday Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." –Acts 17:11

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WHEN THE LORD DEPARTS

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One of the saddest statements in the Bible was said about the strongest man – Samson. "But he did not know that the Lord had departed from him" (Judges 16:20). How tragic to have the Lord depart from us without our even realizing it! When this happens, we lose our...

STRENGTH. The Lord departed from Samson and he lost his strength. He could not, as before, break the bonds and defeat the Philistines (Judges 16:19-21). Without the Lord we lose our primary source of strength in defeating our adversary – the devil (1 Peter 5:8). Paul wrote, "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might" (Ephesians 6:10). If the Lord has departed from us, then we had already been neglecting the things necessary for spiritual strength: Daily Bible study, Prayer, Assembling, and Associating with other saints (Acts 17:11; Ephesians 6:18; Hebrews 10:24-25; Hebrews 3:12-13). Don't neglect your source of strength as Samson did!

SIGHT. The Lord departed from Samson and he lost his sight. When Samson couldn't break free and fight, the Philistines "Put out his eyes" (Judges 16:21). In case he regained his strength, they wanted to make sure he

couldn't see in order to utilize it successfully against them. We must be careful not to lose our spiritual sight, our focus. Paul told saints to "seek those things which are above, where Christ is... Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth" (Colossians 3:1-2). Jesus told us to set our heart on heaven (Matthew 6:19-21). The Lord then spoke of the "Bad" eye (Matthew 6:22-23). The bad eye is the unhealthy eye. When the eye is unhealthy the vision is distorted. The same is true spiritually. When we get distracted by riches and worldly pursuits, we have the bad eye! Now we're out of focus, we begin to view material, temporary things as if they were more valuable than spiritual, eternal things. This is exactly what our enemy wants, to distract us from our responsibilities in the kingdom. Don't let Satan take your sight.

SITUATION. When the Lord departed from Samson he lost his situation. Samson was in a situation of dominance over his enemies, then he was reduced to a blind, weak slave! In faithful service to the Lord we have joy, hope, contentment, fellowship, etc. If we neglect our spiritual duties we will lose this glorious situation in Christ. ☞

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THE SINNER'S PRAYER

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If you listen to a denominational preacher on the TV, Internet, or Radio; chances are you'll hear him ask his listeners to "Get saved" by repeating something commonly known as "The Sinner's Prayer." Here's an example of a Sinner's Prayer, "Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I trust and follow you as my Lord and Savior. Guide my life and help me to do your will. In your name, amen."

The Sinner's Prayer is a man-made device, and has become a man-made tradition. Folks teach it as if God Himself taught it in the Bible. The Lord condemned those who elevate traditions of men to the status of Scripture (Matthew 15:8-9).

The Sinner's prayer is found nowhere in the Bible, nor is its concept. We find no one in scripture getting into Christ through prayer. On the contrary, The Bible teaches that man must hear the Gospel (Romans 10:17; Romans 1:16), Believe in Jesus as the Christ (John 8:24; Mark 16:16), Repent of his

sins (Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30), confess his faith in Christ (Romans 10:9-10; Acts 8:36-37), and then be baptized into Christ for the washing away of his sins in order to receive salvation (Galatians 3:26-27; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Mark 16:16). Study these passages closely and you'll find nothing about "The Sinner's Prayer."

Nowhere in the Bible is one on the outside of Christ exhorted to pray in order to get saved. When those in Acts 2 asked how to get God's forgiveness, they were told to repent and be baptized (Acts 2:38), no mention of prayer. When the Eunuch heard Christ preached he wanted to be baptized, and was told he must confess first (Acts 8:35-38), no mention of prayer. Those at Galatia had become sons of God through faith and baptism (Galatians 3:27-28), no mention of prayer!

Friends, let's do it the way the Bible teaches and illustrates. Let's avoid those who promote the Sinner's Prayer and other things not found in Scripture (Romans 16:17-18). Only the Lord's way saves the soul (2 John 9). 🔑

SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

**STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11**

Led By The Spirit

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Ben Reagh
Reading: Galatians 5:16-26
- Song Leader.....Robert Johnson
- Opening Prayer.....Sam Miller
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Lynn Buttrey
Serve.....Tony Jenkins
Serve.....Frank Anderson
- Closing Prayer.....Michael Pickford

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Lord's Table.....Lynn Buttrey

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Invitation.....Kenny Todd

*Home Bible Studies
Available Upon Request!*

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE FOR OUTSIDE SIGN
(Thanks to anyone who can stay after services tonight and help change the sign.)

BOTH SIDES:
JUSTIFICATION IS
"NOT BY FAITH ONLY"
JAMES 2:24

