

*Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal*

*Sermon for the Lord's Day*  
**"We Preach Christ Crucified"**  
(Part 3)



**Welcome Brothers and Sisters!**

**Charles Barry** will lead our **Bible Class** and **Kerry Johnson** will lead us in **Song**, **Paul** is with us to present the **Lesson**. may God bless their efforts!

*Our Lord's Day Plan...*

~ **Happy Lord's Day** ~

*But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.*

*Acts 8:12*

***We are praying for you!***

**Judy McCollum** -for a safe trip home from her visit to Idaho and Oregon.

**Gollapalli Sunil Raju** - for the work he is doing to spread God's Word and help the poor.

**Glenda Rowland** - for healing from her neck surgery. She is doing better.

**George and Cindy Brown**- for a positive outcome for George's Colon Cancer.

**Luke Holzwart** - for growing out of his diabetic condition and his seizures.

**Charmin and Annette Barry** - for safe travels to and from the east coast.

**We pray for all people to seek God and obey his commandments.**

**Salvation Passages**

Eddie Cooper

When discussing the subject of salvation, some quote certain passages to the exclusion of others that also are relevant to the subject. For example, some will quote "...Whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins" (Acts 10:43 NKJV) and then make the claim this passage teaches that all one has to do to receive remission of sins is to believe. However, such assertions ignore other relevant passages, such as Acts 11:18, which teaches the essentiality of repentance. In addition, Acts 2:38 states, "...Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..." The latter of these verses teaches that both repentance and baptism are essential in order to receive the remission of sins. Furthermore, Romans 10:9-10 teaches that both belief and confession of Christ are essential to salvation.

What all this means, and what should be obvious to all, is that one must not ignore any relevant biblical passage on a given subject to have the truth on that subject. Even the devil quoted Scripture (Matthew 5:4-6). However, the devil will quote some Scripture to the exclusion of other Scriptures (Matthew 4:7). The New Testament teaches belief, repentance, confession and baptism for the remission of sins. Which Scriptures do you ignore?

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**Is Baptism a "Should" or a "Must"?**

Thomas Baxley

I read something the other day that I had never considered. It's an idea that is glaringly obvious once it is read, but I never thought about it until I read it. In Acts 2, when Peter and the others were preaching on the day of Pentecost, just 50 days after the crucifixion of Jesus, some Jews became convicted at the message of Scripture being fulfilled before their very eyes; they had realized that they had crucified the Messiah. They, then, asked a very simple, yet an important question, "What shall we do?" They knew and understood that they were guilty and outside of the covenant, but they wanted to get back into a covenant relationship with

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God. Therefore, they inquired what needed to be done.

Peter, therefore, gave them the answer. "...Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..." (Acts 2:38 NKJV). When they received their answer, there was no retort about John 3:16, Romans 10:9-10 or Ephesians 2:8-9. Why? Because those passages had not been written yet. Similarly, when Ananias told Saul to be baptized (Acts 22:16), there was no argument; he did as he was instructed.

Keeping that in mind, now think about the next 40 years as the New Testament was being written, and notice baptism is cited as uniting us with Christ in His death (Romans 6:3), is where our hearts are circumcised (Colossians 2:11-12), is how we clothe ourselves with Christ and become Abraham's offspring (Galatians 3:27) and how we appeal to God for a good conscience (1 Peter 3:21). John 3:16, Romans 10:9-10 and Ephesians 2:8-9 are surely important passages, but they do not represent the whole picture, and neither does baptism alone. All of these elements work together, and all are a "must."

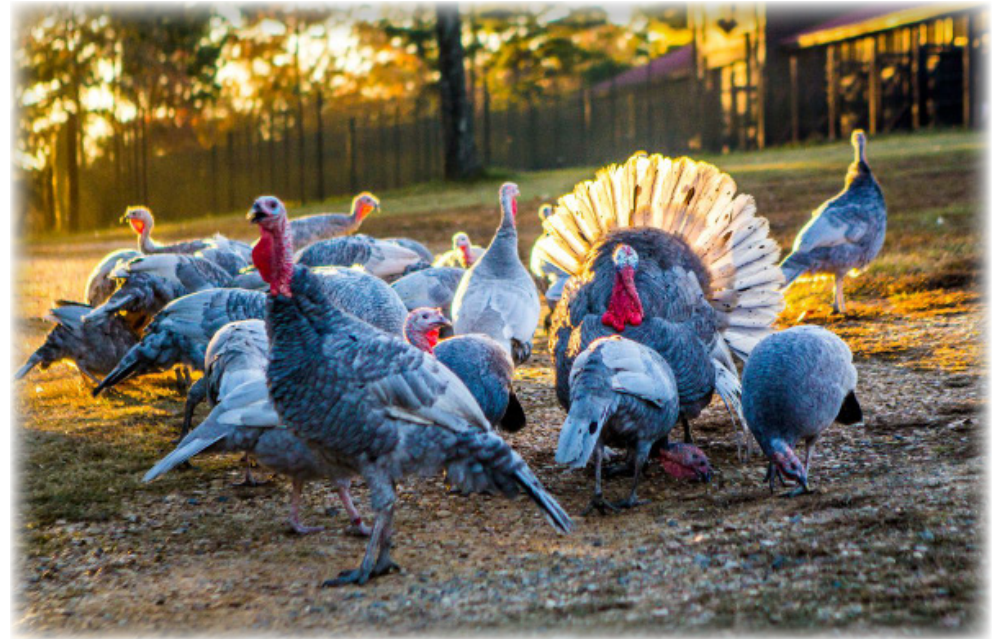


*For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. — 2 Corinthians 10:3-5*

**Thought**

In our battle against evil, we use the spiritual weapons of God that enable us to know the truth and the freedom that the truth brings. The devil's greatest tools are deception and death. God's grace allow us to see through the deception and demolish its falsifying grip on the minds of men and women. God's power has broken through the barrier of death and given us victory in Jesus Christ. Our task in this victory march? To obey our Lord and help others to do the same, finding his grace and power sufficient to help us overcome all that we face that could defeat us.

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**Meeting Days and Times**

**Sunday ..... 9:00 am**

**Wednesday (via Zoom) ..... Bible Class, singing & prayer - 6:00 pm**

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