

Upcoming Events...
Galatians Class: Every Thursday at 1:00 p.m.
Business Meeting: August 12
Ladies Bible Class: August 19
Barnabas Group Meeting: August 28

How Clear is This?

“The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.”

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

July Birthdays

22 Morgie McKnight 30 Willie Henderson

August Birthdays

4 Noah Perales 6 Gigi Zamarripa 12 Debbie Hoffman
12 Lee McKnight 16 Nick Hoffman 19 Keith Lovelady
25 Pat Limburg

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God’s Word on Baptism

Compiled by Clifton Angel

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19). “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:16).

“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38). “Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls” (Acts 2:41). “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).

“And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, ‘See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?’ And Philip said, ‘If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.’ And he answered and said, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God’. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.” (Acts 8:36–39).

“And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days” (Acts 10:48). “And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized” (Acts 18:8). “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?”

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:3–4). “For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:13). “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Galatians 3:27). “And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16).

“It Is Written ...”

By Ron Adams

In Matthew 4:1-10 we have the account of Jesus being tempted by the devil. The three temptations briefly summarized are as follows:

- The first temptation: *“If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”*
- The second temptation: *“If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down [from the pinnacle of the temple]; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you’; and ‘on their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”*
- The third temptation: *“All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me.”*

While there are a number of lessons that can be learned from this exchange, here is one that is not usually considered: He didn’t use His power to turn stones into bread. He didn’t use the power of angels to bear Him up. He didn’t accept the devil's offer of a shortcut to power. Jesus’ answer to each temptation was “It is written.” He steadfastly relied on the Scriptures not His power... **“It Is Written!”**

Here is a lesson for all Christians. Jesus used the power of the Scriptures in resisting temptation; and we have the same power at our disposal! If we are willing to apply the teachings of the scriptures when tempted, that is sufficient power to resist. We don’t need supernatural power, we don’t need the host of heaven to intervene for us.

Jesus has shown us by His example that the Word of God is powerful. Powerful enough to resist the devil. Powerful enough to protect us in times of trials. Powerful enough to save us. Let us wield the sword of the Spirit (the word of God, Ephesians 6:17) to combat Satan when we are tempted. Know the Scriptures. Know them well. Know how to use them.

Remember, that Jesus’ goal was to do His Father’s will, and our goal should be to do His will. Remember, there is power in **“It is written.”**

Who Will Be Saved?

By Rob Albright

Many in the world reason this way: "Since God is love (1 John 4:8) and He does not want anyone to perish (2 Peter 3:9), then it naturally follows that all will be saved eternally and no one will be lost."

That thinking has been around for a long, long time and it sure sounds good, but there is one major problem with that thinking. The idea that all will be saved eternally is not true! God's Word is true (John 17:17) and the Bible does not teach all will be saved.

While it is true that God is love and that He does not want anyone to be lost eternally, it is equally true what is stated in the last part of 2 Peter 3:9. God wants all to come to repentance. Not everyone is willing to repent (change).

The gospel is available and is to be preached to the entire world, but not everyone will accept the gospel. Not everyone will come to believe in Jesus, repent of sins, and be baptized into Christ (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-5) therefor, not all will be saved. When one comes to the point of baptism, their sins are washed away (Acts 22:16) and they begin a new life in the right relationship with Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:17-21). The result of being "in Christ" is not to have sin laid to our charge and a host of other spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3)

God certainly wants all to be saved, but the Bible does not teach all will comply with God's will and be saved.