

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

*"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..."(Jude 3)*

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### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

Bible Class: 9:30  
AM Worship: 10:15  
PM Worship: 1:00

### **WEDNESDAY**

Bible Class: 7:00pm

### **Ladies Bible Class**

Tuesdays: 10:00am



## **A Message To Our Visitors**

It is our privilege to have you visiting with us today. Please know that you are our honored guest. Please let us get to know you, and fill out an attendance card so we can have record of you being here. Please return to be with us again at your earliest opportunity. If you have questions or would like to study the Bible with us, please let us know. Thanks again for visiting with us, and may God continue to bless you according to His divine purpose.



### **THOSE TO SERVE**

#### **Announcements:**

Kevin Smith

#### **Lead Singing:**

Mitchell Smith

#### **Opening Prayer:**

Andy Johnson

#### **Scripture Reading:**

Bradley Smith

#### **Lord's Table**

Bill Vincent  
Andy Johnson  
Josh Fulcher  
Ray Stenbridge

#### **Closing Prayer:**

Richard Jones

#### **Greeters (East)**

Wesley and Whitney

#### **Greeters (West)**

Chris and Theresa

### **LESSONS**

AM: Tongue Tied  
Scripture reading:  
James 3:2-11

PM: Reaction to Christ

Scripture reading:  
Matthew 9:1-8

## THE BLOOD OF CHRIST *By: Jonnie Hutchison*

“What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus! What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus!” Many who will read this article have sung these words time and time again through the years. They express the Bible’s clear teaching that without contact with the blood of Jesus there is no forgiveness of sin and thus no hope of heaven.

Blood has always been a part of God’s plan for man’s salvation. In the Old Testament, under the Law of Moses, the blood of animals was required in the sacrifices made for the sins of the people of Israel. The Bible speaks of this in Hebrews 9:18-22, “Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood. 19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20 saying, “This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you.” 21 Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. 22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission” NKJV. According to the Bible, the blood of animals could not actually take away sin—“For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sin” (Hebrews 10:4). The sacrifice of animals under the law and the shedding of their blood was only a figure of the one great sacrifice of Jesus Christ as He shed His blood for the sins of the world including the sins of those who lived before the cross (See Hebrews 9:11-15).

Ephesians 1:7 reads “In Him [Christ] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.” Yes, only the blood of Jesus washes away sin. Since Jesus shed His blood over 2000 years ago then how is it possible for one to be cleansed of his/her sins by that blood? Obviously there is no way to physically contact the blood of Christ. Yet, God has made provision that we may spiritually be cleansed of our sins by His blood. Notice that the above passage teaches that “redemption through His blood” - the “forgiveness of sins” is described as being “In Him.” It is when one gets into Christ that he/she is granted redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. IN CHRIST is the only spiritual location where the blood of Jesus is available.

The Bible reveals plainly how one gets into Christ and thus contacts His blood which washes away sin. Those who believe, repent and confess faith in Christ may be baptized (immersed in water) into Christ. “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:3-4). To be baptized into the death of Jesus is important in reaching His blood for one simple reason—Jesus shed His blood in His death. When the soldiers came to break the legs of Jesus as He hung on the cross to hasten His death, as was their custom, they found Jesus already dead. The Bible tells us, “But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out” (John 19:33-34). Since Jesus shed His blood in His death it follows that to reach His death is equivalent to reaching His blood. Go back and read Romans 6:3-4 again. Does it not tell us that one reaches the death of Jesus in baptism? Since one reaches the death of Jesus in baptism that is also the point where one reaches the blood of Jesus. Since no one can be forgiven of sin except by the blood of Jesus then water baptism is absolutely essential before one can be saved. Baptism then stands between the sinner and salvation for without the blood of Jesus there is no remission of sins.

Dear reader, if baptism is unnecessary to your salvation then so is the death of Christ, the blood of Christ and being “in Christ.” Why? Because the Bible teaches that one reaches the death of Jesus and thus His shed blood when one obeys the Lord’s command to be baptized. In addition, the Bible teaches that baptism is that act of obedience which places one “in Christ” where salvation is found. “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Galatians 3:27). “Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory” (2 Timothy 2:10).

“What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus!” May we assist you as a penitent, confessing believer in submitting to the Lord’s command to be baptized into the death of Christ there to reach His cleansing blood so that you may receive forgiveness of your sins and the hope of eternal life?

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Hosea
- ⇒ **Team: Team 4 meets today**
- ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings, singings, and Bible schools are coming up in our area.
- ⇒ **Personal invitation handouts** are available . Please make sure to take some and handout or leave with a tip, and invite someone to our service!
- ⇒ **Workday:** We will have a workday here at the building on 1-31.
- ⇒ **Welcome:** Kyle and Tiffany Hobbs, along with their children, Ethan, Jordan, and Weston, have placed membership here at Coldwater.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Syrup

### Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Loretta Haley (cancer)
- ⇒ David Edwards (Josh Fulcher's uncle-cancer)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Jana Ward (cancer)
- ⇒ Todd Walker
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Norma & Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Dorothy McNeely (Richard Adams' sister, has cancer)
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson, has leukemia)
- ⇒ Mallory Harrison Berry (friend of Stembridges, has brain cancer)
- ⇒ Richard & Rachel Guill
- ⇒ Teri Hale (Reagan's mother having tests run)
- ⇒ Rachel Adams
- ⇒ Ima Barnes
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Ray Stembridge—Sick with an ear infection
- ⇒ Grayson Fulcher
- ⇒ Nat Evans (Randall's father—home recovering)
- ⇒ Continue to remember all those who have lost loved ones this year

## **WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**

Hear the Word  
*(Rom 10:17)*

Believe the Word  
*(John 8:24)*

Repent  
*(Luke 13:3)*

Confess Christ  
*(Rom 10:10)*  
*(Acts 8:37)*

Be Baptized  
*(Acts 2:38)*  
*(Acts 22:16)*

Remain Faithful  
*(Rev 2:10)*  
*(Acts 8:12-24)*

Heaven can be your  
home if you obey God!  
*(Heb 5:8-9)*

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bulletins, sermon outlines,  
and other helpful links  
and material.



# TONGUE TIED

How do we get “tongue tied” today, and what “tongue twister” always gets you? \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. The Tongue Is Tied To The Heart.

- a. How is the tongue tied to the heart? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Where does Christ say that the things which proceed out of the mouth come from? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. What did Christ mean by that statement? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. The Tongue Is Tied To Hurt.

- a. How is the tongue tied to hurt? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Can what we say to others hurt them and us? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Who does Paul say in Rom 1:29-30 will not inherit the kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. The Tongue Is Tied To Help.

- a. How is the tongue tied to help? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. How are we to treat and speak to others? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. How can our words uplift them? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. The Tongue Is Tied To Hypocrisy.

- a. What is hypocrisy? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. How is the tongue tied to it? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. The Tongue Is Tied to Heaven.

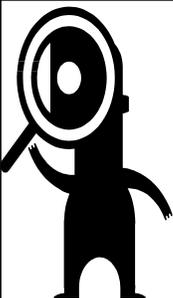
- a. What leads people to heaven? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. How can our words help do that? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. The Tongue Is Tied To Hell.

- a. How is the tongue tied to hell? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_



Bible question: What woman of Jericho was spared when the Israelites took the city?

Last week's answer: Belshazzar (Daniel 5)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Clemmie Black, Helen Tidwell, Rachel Adams, Kevin and Tammy Smith