

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..." (Jude 3)
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Josh Price
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PREACHER

Luke Puckett

SUNDAY SERVICE

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

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class: 7:00pm

LADIES CLASS

Tuesday: 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:

Richard Price

Lead Singing:

Bradley Smith

Opening Prayer:

Josh Price

Scripture Reading:

Nathia Whitley

Lord's Table

Josh Fulcher
Mitchell Smith
Andy Johnson
Kyle Hobbs

Closing Prayer:

Johnny Downs

Greeters (East)

Kevin and Tammy

Greeters (West)

Amber and boys

LESSONS

AM: The Crucifixion

Scripture reading:

Matthew 27:28-45

PM: Concept of

Christ

Scripture reading:

Galatians 1:1-5

ARE YOU SAVED? REALLY?

By: Jonnie Hutchison

Are there a multiplicity of ways or paths to salvation? Did God reveal many different plans by which one may be saved?

It is certainly the case that there are many different and even conflicting answers that are given by the various religious groups to the question of what must one do to be saved. To accept every answer as legitimate—even those that conflict—is a reflection upon God. Do you really believe God would contradict Himself? Is HE responsible for the confusion and division that is caused by the many differing religious teachings in this world? No friends, God is not the author of confusion but of peace (1 Corinthians 15:33). Religious division is the result of the failure of man to accept God's one plan of salvation revealed in the Bible. It is the **failure** to "*speaking the same thing*" and to be "*perfectly joined together in the same mind and the same judgment*" (1 Corinthians 1:10). It results from "*teaching for doctrines the commandments of men*" (Matthew 15:8-9) and the failure to walk by the same divine rule (Philippians 3:16). The cure for religious division is to accept the Bible as one's only rule of faith and practice. That means giving up completely any religious document produced by men which states their particular religious beliefs. That would include confessions of faith, catechisms, church manuals, etc. Religious people cannot accept such documents as authoritative and still follow the same rule or speak the same thing. Why? Because they are obviously contradictory. However, accepting the Bible as the only and final authority in all religious matters will produce genuine spiritual unity. As the scripture reads, "... *let God be true but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged*" (Romans 3:4).

May one know that he or she is saved? Yes! God's word is truth and truth sanctifies (John 17:17). Jesus said that one can KNOW the truth and be made spiritually free by it (John 8:32). One's soul is purified and one is born again spiritually by knowing and applying the truth revealed in the Bible (1 Peter 1:22-23). When one has obeyed what the Bible teaches is necessary for salvation one can be assured and certain of his or her salvation.

Every person who would be saved from sin must reach the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ. It is the blood of Jesus that washes away sin (Rev. 1:5). To reach the blood of Christ today requires one to spiritually reach His death since He shed His blood in His death (John 19:34). That takes place when a penitent believer who confesses faith in Christ is immersed in water—baptized into His death. Inspiration tells us in Romans 6:3-4, "*Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 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.*" Note that "*newness of life*" does not occur until after one is baptized into the death of Jesus. This is in harmony with what the Bible tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "*Therefore, if any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.*" The inspired apostle Paul wrote, "*Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ*" (Gal. 3:26-27). Baptism puts one into Christ where the Bible says salvation is located (2 Timothy 2:10). Man's teaching rejects baptism as necessary to salvation but the Bible absolutely requires it as proven by the passages above. One cannot reach the blood of Christ without faith, repentance, the confession of one faith and baptism for the remission of sins (John 8:24; Luke 13:3; Romans 10:9-10; Acts 2:38).

If you want to know that you are saved then do what the Bible teaches to be saved. You can have the assurance that your sins have been washed away by the blood of the Savior and that He has given you the hope of eternal life. In addition, this same process of obedience to the gospel of Christ assures you that He will add you to His spiritual body, the church of Christ, in which you may serve Him all the days of your life (Acts 2:47; Ephesians 1:22-23). Yes, you may know that you are saved! Really!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Linda Jones (6th)
- ⇒ Joel Tracy (10th)
- ⇒ Phyllis Furgerson (11th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Mark
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team **1** meets today
- ⇒ **Team workgroups:** To find out which team you are on, see the bulletin board.
- ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings, singings, and Bible schools are coming up in our area.
- ⇒ **New Personal invitation handouts** are available . Please make sure to take some and handout or leave with a tip, and invite someone to services.
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Feb 7th at 6:30pm
- ⇒ **Senior Luncheon:** On 2-12-17. We are honoring our "seniors" with a meal between services. Thank you for all you have done.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Pickles
- ⇒ **Sick:** If you know someone who is sick, please get this information to your team leader or Luke.

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Vicki Wilson
- ⇒ Kristin Sims
- ⇒ Remember we have had several sick with head colds and allergies.
- ⇒ Kim Scott (continuing treatments)
- ⇒ Paul Brandon (Hazel's brother in-law)
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Loretta Haley (cancer)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Debbie Edwards
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Caleb Teasley (Kevin's cousin's son)
- ⇒ Bob Austin (having tests run for issues with his lungs)
- ⇒ Romona White (Mitchell's roommate's mother has cancer)
- ⇒ Holly Cherry (Kevin's brother's sister-in-law has cancer)
- ⇒ 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)

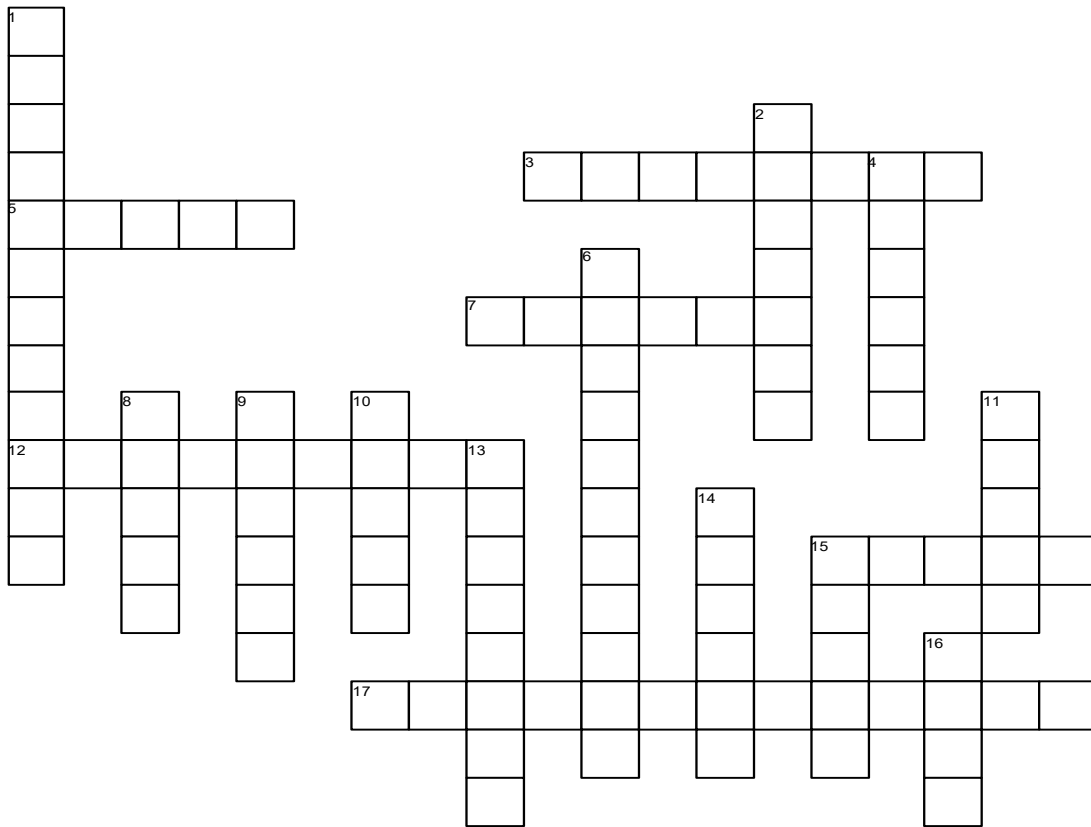
Be Baptized
(Acts 2:38)
(Acts 22:16)

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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You will find bulletins,
sermon outlines, and
other helpful links and
material.





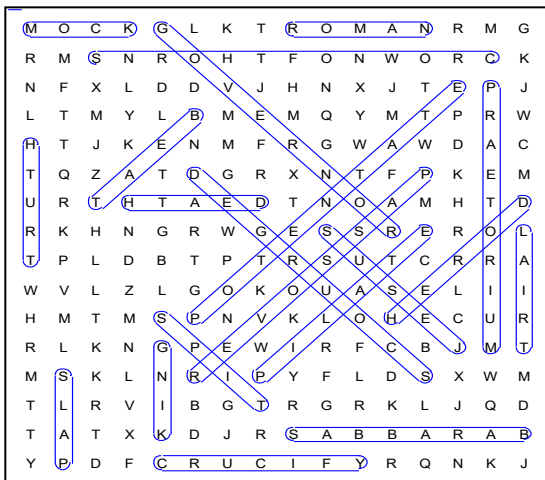
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ACROSS

- 3 Hebrew word for the place where Christ was crucified
- 5 Hours it was dark
- 7 Where Simon was from
- 12 type of beating using a whip with sharp objects on the end
- 15 Meaning for Golgotha, "place of a _____"
- 17 Inscription above Christ

DOWN

- 1 Rare medical condition in which a person sweats blood
- 2 What the criminals were, who were beside Christ
- 4 One of the three languages on the sign above Christ
- 6 Type of capital punishment suffered by Christ
- 8 What looked and stared at Christ (He could also count all of them)
- 9 Day of the week Christ was crucified on
- 10 Carried Christ's cross
- 11 what were driven through Christ's hands and feet
- 13 Soldiers cast lots for these
- 14 Sentenced Christ to death
- 15 Number of sayings of Christ while on the cross
- 16 Number of Christ's bones that were broken



Bible question: What pagan city wore sackcloth as a sign of repentance?
Last week's question and answer: What will a loveless father give a child who asked for an egg?
Answer: Scorpion (Luke 11:12)
Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome, Rachel Adams, Nathia and Ashlee Whitley, Amber Puckett, Johnny and Mae Downs