

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 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:

Kevin Smith

Lead Singing:

Ron Hutchison

Opening Prayer:

Richard Price

Scripture Reading:

Kyle Hobbs

Lord's Table

David Dodd
Bill Vincent
Bradley Smith
Wesley Tucker

Closing Prayer:

Johnny Downs

Greeters (East)

Andy and Maddie

Greeters (West)

Richard and Rita

WELCOME

Alan Adams
and family

THINGS THAT SAVE

By: Alan Adams

We could never wear out the topic of “salvation.” If we are thinking correctly, it is, after all, what we are all about. Who, or What, saves us? God; yet, by many things. It certainly cannot be unprofitable to study and ponder the many things that Inspiration says save us.

Such a study should certainly be educational and enlightening. It should also be corrective in that it refutes and defeats the only mentality that leads some to falsely conclude that salvation is by “faith only,” or “grace only.” As we consider these “things that save,” it will be crystal clear that we are not saved only by any particular thing, rather by many things. The study can also be preventive enabling us to avoid the fallacy of doing things that “ought to have [been] done” while leaving other equally essential things “undone” (cf. Matthew 23:23).

What a functional word is our word “thing(s).” In Merriam-Webster, it is designated a noun and given ten subheadings. We have concrete and conceptual “things”; we even have “things that go ‘bump’ in the night”; more particularly and importantly, we have “things that save.”

From one perspective, salvation is unilateral: God saves sinners; the story, however, does not end there. God also “gives life” (cf. Acts 17:25); yet, there are many “things” involved in a human being receiving, maintaining and enjoying life. The same is certainly true of salvation. There are many things that save. “The salvation of your souls,” about which “the prophets sought and searched diligently,” “so great a salvation” (1 Peter 1:9,10; Hebrews 2:3), is itself a multifaceted “thing” which is the sum of many “things.”

Some Corinthians were “saved” (1 Corinthians 1:18). They were saved by the “word of the cross,” by “the preaching” (1:21). “Fire” was also a part of the saving process (cf. 3:15). Being “deliver[ed]... unto Satan for the “destruction of the flesh” was essential to one being “saved in the day of Lord Jesus” (5:5). In some marriages, it may be, Paul said, that a “wife [could save her] husband... [or a] husband [his]...wife” (1Cor. 7:16). By foregoing personal rights and liberties, bringing oneself “under bondage to all...becom[ing] all things to all

men,” Paul determined “by all means [to] save some” (1Cor. 9:18-22). Avoiding “occasions of stumbling, either to Jews, or to Greeks, or to the church of God,” the peerless apostle sought not his “own profit, but the profit of the many, that they may be saved” (1Cor. 10:32,33). Having already “received” and “believed” “the gospel” (1Cor. 15:1,2), the Corinthian “brethren” were “saved, if [they would] hold fast the word which I preached unto you” (ibid).

All these “things,” and more are indeed the “things God prepared for them that love him” (1Cor. 2:9). “Christ sent [Paul]...to preach the gospel” (17). His preaching was not in “wisdom of words” (17). This is not some reference to Paul’s simple vocabulary or speaking ability, but rather his message. He preached “the word of the cross” (18). It is “God’s good pleasure through the foolishness of the preaching (literally, “the thing preached”) to save them that believe” (21). Paul’s message, the “thing” he preached, did not come from his own studies and experiences. His “eyes” had not “seen” these “things”; his “ears” had not “heard” these “things”; nor had these “things” “entered” his “heart.” Paul was an apostle. His message came directly by way of revelation and when he preached that message, it was by inspiration. These “things,” this “thing preached,” are the “deep things” of God (10b). Such things could only be known by and revealed “through the Spirit” who “searcheth all things” (10a). Paul had “received the spirit which is from God”; thus he knew “the things which are freely given to us of God.” He also spoke these “things...not in words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Spirit teacheth, combining spiritual things with spiritual words” (12, 13). “Spiritual things”— things that save — have been combined with “spiritual words” which “the Spirit teacheth.” These things we must study and know.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ Reagan Meredith (16th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 1Corinthians
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 2 meets today
- ⇒ **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 our service!
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:30pm here at the building.
- ⇒ **Gospel Meeting:** April 10-13 with Alan Adams. Make plans to be here this week.
- ⇒ **Potluck:** Today after AM service.
- ⇒ **Congregational singing and fellowship:** April 23 6:00-7:30pm here at the building.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Instant potatoes

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell (Has found out she has Parkinson's disease)
- ⇒ Tiffany Hobbs (tests)
- ⇒ Virgil Hale
- ⇒ Jonnie Hutchison (Amber's father is having eye trouble)
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Larry Pea (Cousin of Judy Black, has cancer)
- ⇒ Loretta Haley (cancer)
- ⇒ David Edwards (Josh Fulcher's uncle-cancer)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Debbie Edwards
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Mallory Harrison (cancer)
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Dorothy McNeely (Richard Adams' sister, has cancer)
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson, has leukemia)
- ⇒ Richard & Rachel Guill (Rachel was placed in a nursing home)
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Jay Kolb (Friend of Bill and Maria has brain tumor)
- ⇒ Caleb Teasly (Kevin's cousin's son, 4 years old)
- ⇒ Bob Austin (having tests run for issues with his lungs)
- ⇒ Paula Fulcher (Recovering from back surgery)
- ⇒ Shane Black
- ⇒ 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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MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

1Corinthians 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: stauros (σταυρός)

Pronounced: *stow-ros'*

Translated into the word we use today: **Cross**

Meaning: according to Strong is: From the base of G2476; a stake or post (as set upright), that is, (specifically) a pole or cross (as an instrument of capital punishment); figuratively exposure to death, that is, self denial; by implication the atonement of Christ: - cross.

Supporting verse: Ephesians 2:16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

As we look at 1Corinthians 1:18, we see “for the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” When this word cross is used, it is referring back to the cross of Christ, where He died for the remission of our sin. This cross held the Son of God, as He was taking on the sins of the world, yours and mine included. Christ left His home in heaven for us to die on that cross. According to Paul, by inspiration, in 1Cor 1:18, there are two ways that people respond to it. First, to some is foolishness. This is still true today! Many think that Christ is a fairy tale, that He isn't real. Because of this then there would be no cross, it's all rubbish and foolishness to these individuals. Notice, though, what is happening to these; they are perishing. That means that without the cross and the blood Christ shed on it, then they are/will die in their sins. What a horrible thought that some would consider Christ, the cross, and His death foolishness when He did all that for them and us. And even more sad, they will perish if they don't turn and get forgiveness of their sins. Second, there are those who don't count the cross foolish, but they accept it. These are ones who are saved, being saved by the cross and the blood of Christ, because of God's love and power. This is a wonderful thought to know that God loved us enough to send His Son to die on the cross for us so that we can be saved. Which way do you view the cross of Christ?



Bible question: Who killed six hundred Philistines with an ox goad?

Last week's question and answer: What two sinful cities were destroyed by fire and brimstone from heaven?

Answer: Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:24)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Helen Tidwell, Peggy Newsome, Rachel Adams