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SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
 Worship.....10:20 a.m.
 Worship.....5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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ON THE HOME FRONT

It was good having Michael and Susie Wyatt back with us Sunday. They had been at the Polishing the Pulpit event and visited friends in Lebanon Tennessee. I understand that the Polishing the Pulpit series was again a great success. Michael was one of the featured speakers. I heard from one of the attendees that Sunday morning being a part of several thousand singing praises to God was truly an inspiring experience. But back to the Wyatts, they will be leaving for Europe this week visiting Amsterdam and the Alps. I have put in my request for some wooden shoes from Holland and some tulips, I almost wrote turnips, but that would have been okay because I like turnips.

There are several events coming up in the area that would be worthwhile attending:

“Living With Loss” Workshop September 10-11
 Forest Hill Church of Christ
 3950 Forest Hill Irene Road
 Memphis, Tennessee
 Facilitator: Dean Miller, currently resides in Villa Rica, GA

Ladies Day
 September 17, 2022
 Somerville Church of Christ
 15925 U.S. Hwy 64
 Somerville, Tennessee
 Guest Speaker: Stephanie Patton

Inaugural North Mississippi Lectureship
 September 30 - October 2
 New Albany Church of Christ
 511 Hwy 15 South
 New Albany, Mississippi

Also please keep in mind our 47th Spiritual Sword Lectureship, October 16-20. Getwell Church of Christ.

Until next week!

Ron Wallace

THE MOST DANGEROUS DOCTRINE OF ALL

By Michael Wyatt

When I think of all the doctrines of men in the world, and for all time, I have to think, in my humble opinion, the most dangerous doctrine would be the doctrine of "Salvation by faith alone." One of the earliest and strongest contentions of Protestantism is the principle that the believer is justified by faith and faith alone

"Wherefore, that we are justified by faith only is a most wholesome doctrine, and very full of comfort."

"Do not think lightly of faith. It is a work that is of all works the most difficult. Through it alone you will be saved, even though you are obligated to do without all other works."

"... The grace of God through Jesus Christ is freely bestowed upon all men, enabling all who will to turn from sin to righteousness, believe on Jesus Christ for pardon and cleansing from sin, and follow good works pleasing and acceptable in His sight."

The three statements above are from a wide range of religious groups to give a cross section of the vast number who embrace the doctrine. In an effort to prove the supremacy of faith over works, and in an attempt to invalidate an erroneous doctrine that man is saved by works of merit, this doctrine came to be. In seeking to disprove the extreme doctrine that man "is saved by works alone," the doctrine of "saved by faith alone" developed. Reformer Luther, considered by many as the father of the idea, felt so strong on this point that he added the word "only" to Romans 3:28, which reads, "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." You can see how that one word placed right after the word "faith," would make a difference. And isn't it interesting that the only time that word "only" is placed after "faith" is found in James 2:24, "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only." That is the only time it is found in Scripture and it says the very opposite of what the doctrines of men teach.

This doctrine of "faith only" has so influenced the denominational world that perhaps hundreds of times every day someone is told to "Accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, say the sinner's prayer, believing Jesus will come into your heart and save you at that very moment." **I personally believe that this is the most dangerous doctrine** in the world, for it leads to a false sense of salvation which the Bible does not teach. I have asked everyone I have talked to about this doctrine to show it to me in the Bible, and no one has ever been able to do that. Instead of listening to the very words of Jesus to believe (John 8:24); repent (Luke 13 :3); confess (Matt. 10:32,33) and be baptized to be saved (Mark 16: 16); perhaps millions have found "Accept Jesus as your personal Savior, and say this prayer," (as Martin Luther said) to be "a most wholesome doctrine, and very full of comfort." If they would just read their Bibles, they would find that such a doctrine is not found in the Scriptures, and therefore is incapable to offer comfort.

The denominational world says, "There is not one passage in the Bible that teaches that baptism is necessary for salvation." And they are right in that there is not one passage, for there are many. Baptism and Salvation are joined 6 times in the New Testament, and in every case, it is #1 Baptism and #2 Salvation — and there is no exception to the rule. Here they are:

Mark 1:4, "Baptism for the remission of sins."

Mark 16: 16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

Luke 3:3, "Baptism for the remission of sins."

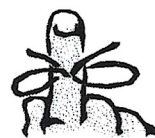
Acts 2:38, "... baptism for the remission of sins."

Acts 22: 16, "Arise, and be baptized and wash away thy sins."

1 Pet. 3:21, "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us...."

That's right, #1 Baptism - #2 Salvation, and there is no exception to the rule. If God wanted to tell you and me that an individual must be immersed in order to be saved — how else would He have told us? Now that's New Testament doctrine. Just show us one time where anyone was told in Scripture to "Accept Jesus as your personal Savior and say this prayer." I hope you can see why I said in the beginning of the article that this is the most dangerous denominational doctrine of all time. False security from the words of men, not from God!

RON'S REMINDERS



A Great Way to Live

- Why should I say I can't when the Bible says that I can do all things through Christ? (Philippians 4:13).
- Why should I lack when God supplies all my needs according to His riches? (Philippians 4:19).
- Why should I fear when God has not given me a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and sound mind? (2 Timothy 1:7).
- Why should I be weak when God is the strength of my life? (Psalm 27:1; Daniel 11:32).
- Why should I feel like a failure when I am a conqueror in all things through Christ? (Romans 8:37).
- Why should I allow Satan supremacy when He that is in me is greater than he that is in the world? (1 John 4:4).
- Why should I lack wisdom when God gives wisdom generously when I ask for it? (1 Corinthians 1:30; James 1:5).
- Why should I accept defeat when the Bible says that God always leads me in triumph? (2 Corinthians 2:14).
- Why should I be depressed when I have God's loving kindness, compassion, and faithfulness to give me hope? (Lamentations 3:21-23).
- Why should I worry when I can cast all my care on God who cares for me? (1 Peter 5:7)
- Why should I be in bondage when the truth has set me free? (John 8:32).
- Why should I feel condemned when there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ? (Romans 8:1).
- Why should I feel alone when Jesus is with me always, even to the end of the age? (Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5).
- Why should I be discontented when I can be content in all circumstances? (Philippians 4:11).
- Why should I feel worthless when Christ values me? (1 Corinthians 4:5).
- Why should I have a persecution complex, when nobody can be against me when God is for me? (Romans 8:31).
- Why should I let the pressures of life bother me when Jesus has overcome the world? (John 16:33).

— Adapted from Herb Patnaude

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. John 10:10

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