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The lie of Satan says baptism is not necessary for the forgiveness of sins nor is it necessary to be saved. After the Lord has suffered and died for us, people are still rejecting what the Lord has commanded. Jesus could not make it any clearer what one has to do to be saved. In Mark 16:16 we only have two choices: either we obey and are saved; or we do not obey and be condemned.

When we refuse to believe and obey the first part of what Jesus says in Mark 16:16 then the second part of the verse applies to us, "he who does not believe will be condemned." A lack of belief is enough to condemn a person and damn his soul. A person who is not baptized in order to be saved does not believe the Lord who said, "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned". He will be condemned because of a lack of faith.

If we expect to be saved we must do what God says, in the way He says, and for the reason He says. If one's baptism is not for the remission of sins so he can be saved, then he still has all of his sins and is still lost. People may argue against the Lord's requirement of being baptized in order to be saved, but they will not be able to argue with the Lord when they stand before Him on the Day of Judgment. It will be too late then.

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Mark 16:16

Our Lord said in Mark 16:16, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." This is easy to understand. One needs help to misunderstand it. Jesus says that in order to be saved one must both believe and be baptized. Both belief and baptism must precede salvation if one wants to be saved. Neither belief nor baptism can come after salvation. It doesn't say he that believes is saved and can be baptized later. Nor does it say he that is baptized is saved and can believe later as is in the case of infant baptism. Both are contrary to what the Lord says one must do to be saved.

But there are those who want to justify themselves and ignore what Jesus said in the first part of the verse and only look at the latter part. They do this in an attempt to try to manufacture a loophole in what the Lord has said. In the later half of the verse Jesus says "but he who does not believe will be condemned." They say in the second part Jesus does not say people are condemned because they are not baptized, but only because they didn't believe. But why would anyone who does not believe want to be baptized? They wouldn't. It is impossible for any disbeliever to be scripturally baptized for the remission of their sins (Acts 2:38) so they can be saved (Mark 16:16).

But a lack of faith is sufficient cause for one to be lost. One who does not believe is certainly not going to be baptized. One who does not believe could go through the motions and get dunked under the water, but he would not be scripturally baptized. He would only get wet. He would still have every sin he has ever committed and would still be lost. Since one who does not believe could not be scripturally baptized, it would have been useless for the Lord to have mentioned baptism in the latter half of the verse. A person who does not believe does not have to be told he will be condemned without baptism because he is already condemned because of a lack of faith. Many people will do anything to justify their disobedience; but they are doing this to their own eternal destruction. It will be a horrible and rude awakening when they find out on Judgment Day how wrong they are. It will be too late when they begin crying for just one drop of water to cool their tongue (Luke 16:24).

People are not willing to accept that Jesus says we must believe and be baptized to be saved. Even Satan knows one is saved at the point of baptism, and not before.

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Elders Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey
Deacons Clint Smith Jr, Robby Stocksdale
Joe Sweeney
Pulpit Minister David Wright
Associate Minister Irvin F. Williams

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM

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Attendant Art Patrick
Attendant Brandon Montgomery
Closing Prayer Jerry Casey

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Last Sunday

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You Are There!

David Wright

I vividly remember reading a magazine article about the imminent advent of cellular phone technology. By 1995, Americans would be able to carry phones in their pockets. These phones, via satellite communications, would work anywhere in the world.

This prediction proved fairly accurate. Cell phones do work almost everywhere. They interrupt business meetings, romantic dinners, funerals, weddings, graduation ceremonies, and worship services. One time I was teaching a midweek Bible class when a sister on the back row of the auditorium actually fielded a call: "Hello? Sorry, I'm at church right now. I'll call you back later."

However, cell phone service isn't perfect. Calls often drop in rural areas or inside sturdily constructed buildings. They also provide poor service when not regularly charged. And, you may have noticed, cell phones are worthless when left home on a nightstand.

The Bible tells of a form of communication that works far better. No handheld devices, batteries, chargers, towers, or satellites required. Nights and weekends are free. So are weekdays. Best of all, a faithful Christian never experiences a dropped call.

That's because the One receiving our "signals" is in all places at all times. David says, "Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend to heaven, thou art there! If I make my bed in Sheol, thou art there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there thy hand shall lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me" (Ps. 139:7-10). Do you have an emergency? Put in a call. The psalmist says that "when the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears" (34:17). Or maybe you just want to talk with someone who really cares. Go ahead! Get on your knees and press "send." The call will go through every time. God guarantees it.

Sermon

Acts 4:1-4

Day by Day (a.m.)

Faith and Patience (p.m.)

¹¹ Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

¹² What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good?

¹³ Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.

¹⁴ Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

¹⁶ The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

¹⁸ The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

²⁰ He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.

²¹ Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

²² The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be

condemned.

Psalm 34:11-22

Prayer List: MARTIN BONNEY, Larry Coulter (Lou Ann), JAYNE CRAVENS, Jerry Crick (Ann), Todd Cunningham (Hank), Esther Davis (Marian), JANICE DIMMITT, MYRNA DIMMITT, PATTY DIMMITT, MILDRED ELLIOTT, Zachary Ferguson, Elma Fielder (Marian), Lillian Foster, Diana Fulks (Norma), FRANK & MARY HARRIS, Pricilla Hudkins, ALLENE HUSTON, Elise Jackson (Christine), Alice Jenkins (Ann), Charles & Marlyn Jenkins (Ann), Arletha Kenty (Nathan), Josephine King (Polly), MERLE & JOYCE KNUCKLES, FRANCES LAWTON, SUE LINNE & Rhea, Shelly Marshall, POLLY MCCLINTOCK, JERRY & SONJA MONTGOMERY, CAROL MOUSTY, Gary Peyton (Jean), Jerrie Phillips, CHRISTINE RHOTON, Cindy Roeder (Christine), Wendell & Betty Smith (Polly), Lynn Sullivan (Ann), THERESA TEMPLE, FERN TINCHER, Lynn Tincher (Fern), Fulton Wilson (Ann)

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Hamburg Pike Happenings

The Monday Night for the Master group will meet Monday February 17th at 6 pm. Please come join us and sign the sheet if you plan to attend.

Hank and Cassie's fellowship group will meet Sunday February 23rd after the morning worship. The theme is breakfast food; please sign the sheet in the foyer.

Kids Movie Night is scheduled for Friday February 28th, 6:30pm to 9:00pm. The featured movie is "Veggie Tales: Jonah." Flyers are available on the table and details are posted on the board. Invite your friends and family to join you for this fun event. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend. See Clint Smith Jr. for any questions.

The Building Committee will meet Thursday February 13th 6:30 pm at the building.