



## Our Prayer List

- ◆ James Ray Adams
- ◆ Sarah Adams
- ◆ Dawn Copes
- ◆ Bill Cyrus
- ◆ Dottie Daniels
- ◆ Jackie Eubank
- ◆ Tom & LaVonne Haines
- ◆ Keith Hodges
- ◆ Beulah Keppler
- ◆ Bob Meiers
- ◆ Gaylin Miller
- ◆ Liz Miller
- ◆ Mike Miller
- ◆ Janice Ortman
- ◆ Hallie & Don Phillips
- ◆ Jewel Price
- ◆ Cora Shrake
- ◆ Katie Wood
- ◆ Mark Young
- ◆ Shirley Young
- ◆ Geco "Hannah's Aunt"

Health

## Encouragement

- ◆ Bill Copes
- ◆ Don Craig
- ◆ Matt Wood

Order of Service

### Morning

Song Leader	Bob Calvert
Prayer	David Craig
Table	Don Craig
Assist	Arnold Miller
Assist	Eric Whitaker
Assist	Charlie Bryson
Lesson	Shawn Daniels
Prayer	Jerry Witt

### Evening

Song Leader	David Craig
Prayer	Eric Whitaker
Lesson	Doug Cyrus
Prayer	Arnold Miller

**God loves His children, not because of who they are, but because of who He is!**



## This Morning Sermon

### "The Bible's Claim of Inspiration"

**(2 Tim 3:16)** "All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

**(Deut 18:18)** "I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him."

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Memory  
Verse



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sees "took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk." (Matt 22:15) Let us look carefully at a question and an answer given by Christ so that we can know how to properly answer every man.

One occasion finally comes to them and they tried to trick Jesus into saying something that they could use against him. The record tells us, "And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teach the way of God in truth, neither cares thou for any man: for thou regard not the person of men. Tell us therefore, what think thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?" (Matt 22:16-17)

I want you to notice first of all, how that the ones asking the question tried to make themselves seem to be friends of Jesus. They tried to ensnare Christ by pretending to be on his side by saying that they knew that his saying were true and from God.

They claimed to know how Jesus just tells it the way it is without regard of men's authority. You see, they were trying to "butter" up Jesus and work upon his ego! Luckily Jesus didn't have ego trips, and neither should we. When one allows his ego to become inflated, he is on the verge of slipping up. Solomon says, "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." (Prov 16:18) Again, he says, "When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom." (Prov 11:2)

When we talk, we need to use discretion in our speech. Peter says, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." (1 Peter 3:15) To sanctify the Lord

God in your hearts means to set God in the foremost section of the mind. You allow God's word to do the talking by speaking by its pattern and precepts. Meekness and fear, or reverence to God, is needed to properly accomplish this; not an inflated ego. Inflated egos will only get in the way and speak what you want and not accomplish God's will.

Jesus had an attitude of meekness and fear when he answered their question. The record tells us, "Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, 'Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Shew me the tribute money.'

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And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, 'Whose is this image and superscription?' They say unto him, 'Caesar's.' Then saith he unto them, 'Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.' When they had heard these words, they marveled, and left him, and went their way." (Matt

22:18-22)

You see how that Jesus' answer completely flabbergasted the tempters. He was able to answer their question by using His knowledge of Scripture and truths of God, and kept out of the snare. Let us all learn from this example and better watch the things we say and live a peaceful life as children of God. If you are not a child of God, I plead with you to become one by being obedient to His Gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation! (Rom 1:16)

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“for the remission of sins.” What the Holy Spirit has joined together, let no preacher put asunder.

5. The learned ( ? ) author now gives a number of verses which affirm salvation of faith and repentance, with no mention of baptism. We can likewise find numbers of passages affirming salvation of baptism which mention neither faith nor repentance. Such reasoning is too loose to be Scriptural. Where salvation is affirmed of any one thing in any one place, it cannot depend upon less than the thing of which it is affirmed, though it may depend upon more-something not mentioned in that particular place. By this gentleman’s reasoning one could prove that neither faith, repentance, nor baptism is a condition of salvation.

6. Next we have the assertion that baptism does not precede salvation. Then the Lord Jesus Christ was mistaken when he said, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved,” and, according to the author of the treatise under review, the Lord should have said, “He that believeth and is saved may be baptized if he pleases.”

7. We are next told that if baptism is for the remission of sins, it should have been made plain. To this we reply that such is the exact statement of Holy Writ, and what other method of making it plain could have been employed? According to this writer, I suppose, it is made perfectly plain that baptism is not for the remission of sins by having an inspired apostle tell us that it is. Note this parallel: Matthew 26:28, the blood of Christ was “shed for the remission of sins.” Here we have the same Greek phrase translated into the same English phrase--an exact parallel of Acts 2:38. How could our author make it plain that the blood of Christ was shed for the remission of sins?

8. Finally, it is asserted that Paul never mentions baptism for the remission of sins. Which proves, I suppose, that Peter

was wrong when he mentioned it. But the gentleman is mistaken; Paul does mention it. (Acts 22:16; Eph. 5:25.) Read it, and quit misrepresenting Paul and contradicting Peter.

9. The conditions of salvation and the order as set forth in the Bible are: First, hearing; second, faith third, repentance fourth, baptism; and fifth, salvation. In every single instance where these conditions are mentioned together, salvation is mentioned last. Where faith, baptism and salvation are mentioned together, salvation is always mentioned last, never between. Likewise, where repentance, baptism, and “remission,” or salvation, are mentioned together, remission is mentioned last, never between. There is no exception.

We are offering these suggestions in the hope that it may correct the errors of the author of the folder, the title of which itself is a plain contradiction of a plain inspired statement. Peter was right and this author was wrong. *FEW*

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## Guaranteed Growth

### Dedicated in Study

(2 Tim 2:15; 1 Tim 4:13; Acts 17:11)

### Zealous in Prayer

(1 Thess 5:17; 1 Pet 3:12; James 5:16; 1 Tim 2:1-3)

### Focus in Worship

(John 4:23)

### Faithful in Love

(John 14:15; James 1:21-23)

### Have Spiritual Matters First

(Matt 6:33)



## “Is Baptism for the Remission of Sins?”

By: Foy E. Wallace Jr.

We have a five-page folder published by George L. Hunt & Son, of Yakima, Wash., under the above caption, which appears to have been freely circulated, and a request from a young Christian who received one to review it.



“Was the Blood of Christ Shed for the Remission of Sins?”

2. The author of this treatise avers that “Christ only can save.” True, but you cannot separate Christ from his will. His word is the expression of his will, and his word says, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.”

The folder represents about the usual type of objections to New Testament teaching on the subject; and that we may aid others in seeing the fallacy of such, the following strictures are made :

1. The very title, “Is Baptism for the Remission of Sins?” questions the plain Bible statement of Acts 2:38. The author might just as consistently have entitled his leaflet, “Did Peter Tell the Truth?” In Matthew 26:28 a similar statement is made of the blood of Christ: “This is my blood, . . . shed . . . for the remission of sins.” As well write a folder with the title,

3. The author then asks if salvation is by water or blood. Answer, both. (1 John 5:6-8.) We are baptized into his death, where we reach the benefits of his blood. (Rom. 6:1-4; Col. 2:12; Gal. 3:27.)

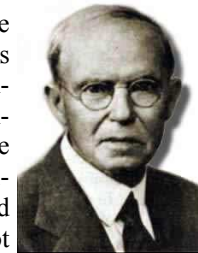
4. The author declares that Acts 2:38 does not teach “baptism for the remission of sins.” The gentleman should study his grammar. The passage connects repentance and baptism with the copulative “and” which serves the purpose of a coupling pin, joining repentance and baptism, and both

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## The Greatest War

By: RL Whiteside

The greatest of all wars is the war between right and wrong. It is greatest in pint of numbers engaged and involved. Every responsible person is on one side or the other. There are no neutrals; neither can there be any. Jesus settled that when he said: “He that is not for me is against me.” If you are



Some wars decide the destiny of nations; your part in this war will decide the destiny of your soul.

not fighting for the right, your very example, no matter what your desires may be, is helping the wrong. Even the helpless infant suffers as a result of sin in the world. This is the greatest war, if measured only in dollars and cents. Think of all the government machinery engaged in protecting the good citizens and in apprehending, trying and punishing the criminals. To that must be added the loss of good citizens

This is a war of conquest — the conquest of hearts. You may surrender to either side. God is leading the forces of righteousness; the devil, the forces of evil. So far as you are concerned, you decide the issue. “Know ye not, that to whom ye present yourselves as servants unto obedience, his servants ye are whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto

righteousness?" (Rom. 6:16.) The devil has gained a point every time he induces you to do wrong, and he has gained a victory when he induces a person to make no effort to obey God. Be sure that he is using everything possible to keep people from obeying God. He uses religious theories with great effect, such as universalism, unconditional salvation, "one way is as good as another," and so on through the whole catalogue of false theories.

Let this statement find permanent lodgment in your heart: Anything, whether it be doctrine preached from the pulpit, or business affairs, or social relations, or anything else, that keeps you from doing God's will or makes you feel at all comfortable in disobedience, is of the devil.

But people who earnestly desire to do right will not be led astray. "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." (Matt. 5:6.) This means that they will attain to what they desire. Every one who sincerely and earnestly desires to do right will find the right.

That promise of Jesus is as plain and definite as: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." I cannot doubt either promise. Hence, I believe that every honest person comes to know the truth.

But many people who are honest with their fellow men are not honest with God. What is honesty? It is to render to the other person everything that rightfully belongs to him. If I take or withhold from my neighbor that which rightfully belongs to him, I am not honest with him. If I am indifferent about my obligations to him, I am not honest with him. If I withhold

from God that which rightfully belongs to him or am careless or indifferent about my obligations to him, I am not honest with him. I owe it to God, as I do to my fellow man, to treat his word fairly. Also, I have been bought with a price; by right I belong to God. Honesty requires that I deliver to him in full that which belongs to him, to be used by him as he pleases. To act on the principle that one way is as good as another is dishonest. In business affairs we have certain standards of values, weights,

and measures. To deviate from these carelessly or intentionally is dishonest. God's word is the standard by which our conduct is to be regulated. By it we are evaluated, weighed, and measured. Let us be honest with him in making a determined effort to abide by that standard. The devil is a skillful warrior; be not deceived.

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**If I withhold from God that which rightfully belongs to him or am careless or indifferent about my obligations to him, I am not honest with him.**

Tell an out-of-town friend to sign up for an e-Bulletin, and they can have an e-Bulletin delivered to their email inbox every week!



## CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

### Announcements

#### Birthdays this month:

Hallie Phillips	6
Lemuel Miller	8
Doris Miller	15
Michelle Whitaker	22

#### Anniversaries this month:

Shawn & Tracy Daniels	12
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### Church Family News

Sarah Adams is currently at Prairie Rose Health Care here in Pana.



**Hickory Estates Singing Night will be held on March 26, 2009 at 6:30 pm.**

### READ AND STUDY YOUR BIBLE DAILY!

"A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels"

(Prov 1:5)



### Presented by the church of Christ in Pana, Illinois Women's Online Bible Study

The Women's Online Bible Study was designed to give women, that perhaps cannot come to a traditional class, a chance to study the Bible with others. If you are interested in signing up or know others in the community or abroad that may be interested, please pass the word of this work.

