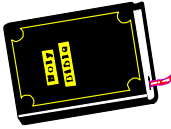


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



“every disciple that is perfect, shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40

Man Is Saved by Nothing "Alone"

Just a cursory reading of the Bible reveals that men are saved by many things. Yet we so often read from supposed Bible-scholars that men are saved by "grace alone" or by "faith alone." They no sooner say this than they contradict themselves. Some say man is saved by "grace alone" but that he must believe. Others say he is saved by "faith alone" but he must "repent" of his sins and say the "sinner's prayer." If they would just stick with what the scriptures say, they could eliminate all this confusion. Note what the Bible says about being saved:

1. We are saved by grace (Eph 2:5).
2. We are saved by faith (Eph 2:8).
3. We are saved by baptism (1 Pet 3:21).
4. We are saved by obedience (Heb 5:9).
5. We are saved by confession (Rom 10:9-10).
6. We are saved by repentance (Luke 24:47).
7. We are saved by belief and baptism (Mark 16:16).
8. We are saved by repentance and baptism (Acts 2:38).
9. We are saved by hope (Rom 8:24).
10. We are saved by works (James 2:24).
11. We are saved by mercy (Titus 3:5).
12. We are saved by the washing of regeneration (Titus 3:5).
13. We are saved by the renewing of the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5).

Reformation theologians and their modern Protestant heirs are so fearful of the medieval Catholic doctrine of salvation by works that they distort beyond recognition the Bible doctrine of the "obedience of faith" (see Rom 1:5; 16:26). To do this they subtly add the word "alone" or "only" to the teaching of salvation by grace and salvation by faith.

Yes, the scripture does condemn the Judaistic doctrine of "salvation by works"- by works of law or works of the law (see Gal 2:16). Every discussion of this topic in the New Testament refers to salvation by perfect obedience in the absence of grace (see Gal 3:10-11). It has no reference to works of obedience in acceptance of God's gracious blessings in Christ. ... (continued on page 2)

“Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.” - James 2:23,24

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PM Scott Parker
Great Lessons From Noah and the Ark

Souls added to the church in 2006: 5

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love,
which you have showed toward his name,
in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister." - Hebrews 6:10

A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!

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“THE PRAYER OF FAITH SHALL SAVE THE SICK” - James 5:15

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Ted Stidham, Ron Banks, Beryl Parks, Hagood Godley, and our shut-ins Jessica Herring, Zudora Clegg, and Phyllis Johnson. Also, **Nina Ruth Meadows** (Marcella Klieves' mother), **James Mathias** (Tommy White's brother-in-law), **Jack and Elma Berrier**.
- Remember also **Margaret Herring and Ashley Williams and Bobby Giles**.
- **Joey Sineath**, Margaret Herring's grandson, was wounded in Iraq, received the Purple Heart, and was put right back on the line.
- **Beryl Parks** has come down with pneumonia which is very serious considering his already weak condition.
- **Ethel Smith** requests prayers for **Mary Rollins**, her sister-in-law.
- **Ted Stidham** was able to make it to the assembly Sunday but is very frail.
- Tricia Parker requests prayers for her dad, **John McCullum** in Missouri.
- Remember **Melissa Parks**, in Virginia, helping with her father **Jack Edwards**.
- **Tommy White's** brother-in-law **Buzzy** is fighting terminal cancer, in Atlanta.
- **Marilyn Brooks'** sister-in-law, **Larua Lee**, is having breast cancer surgery in Michigan on Monday. A good bunch of Sister Marilyn's family from Michigan and locally, visited last Sunday. **PRAY FOR ALL THESE AND THE CHURCH!**

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." - Romans 8:18

“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!” - Romans 12:15

- **Sarah Kelleher** graduates from Lipscomb University 4pm Saturday May 6 in Nashville, Tennessee. Pray for Sarah and those who will be traveling to this.

Man Is Saved by Nothing "Alone" (continued from page 1)

Paul, for example, says we are all sons of God by faith because we have been baptized into Christ and have put on Christ (Gal 3:26-27). Men are not saved by merely being baptized, but because in the obedience of faith they have come into Christ and unto God's grace. Paul also says of Christ that men are baptized "into his death," where his blood was shed, and are, thus, saved by grace. Out of baptism they arise to walk as new creatures who are free from sin (see Rom 6:3-4; 2 Cor 5:17).

Those who add "only" to grace, faith, baptism, obedience, confession, repentance, hope, works, mercy - or anything else - are perverting the teaching of scripture and rejecting God's plan of salvation by grace through the obedience of faith.

--L. A. Stauffer, Evangelist, Kirkwood Church of Christ, Kirkwood, MO

[Editor's note: Brother Stauffer wrote the excellent workbook we are using in our Sunday AM adult bible class, THE CHURCH: A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE.]

“PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS” - Hebrews 10:21

- **Scott** is having a bible study at the Agape Center 3 PM every other Tuesday, members are encouraged to go with him if they have opportunity.
- **Youth Rally** at the Providence Road congregation in **Rock Hill** with **Kirk Sams**, Saturday April 29, starting at 8:30AM.
- **Lower Richland** congregation **lectureship** Sat-Mon, 4/30-5/1. "**Living Godly in this Present World**" Sat: 5:30PM for Singing, then 6PM and 7PM, & 7PM Mon..
- **Senior's Rally**, St Andrews Road congregation, Saturday April 29. Theme: God's Family, with Charles Williamson of Lewisburg, Tenn, 9AM to 3PM
- **Spiritual Growth Seminar** at **West Columbia**, Friday and Saturday June 16,17 on "The Deadly TULIP—Calvinism, exposed and refuted from the Bible"

"and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor." - 1 Corinthians 3:8

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **DEACONS TO BE APPOINTED:** The elders believe the following men meet the scriptural qualifications, and would be good to have serve as deacons:

Gerald Boyd, Jones Gamble, Billy Geiger, Ken Parks and Eddie Sheppard

If anyone has any questions or comments about these men's qualifications, the elders want to hear them and ask that you please talk to them as soon as possible. The elders intend, Lord willing, to install such men as are scripturally qualified, and agreeable to serve, as deacons **Sunday April 30, 2006**.

"For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus." - 1 Timothy 3:13

- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNED:**

July 24-28, Mon-Fri 7:00-8:30 PM

The Bible is YOUR Book! To complete the journey of life successfully!

- Monday The Bible is your **Word** (from God)
- Tuesday The Bible is your **Map** (to plan the way)
- Weds. The Bible is your **Light** (to keep you on the path)
- Thursday The Bible is your **Comfort** (when the going gets tough)
- Friday The Bible is your **Sword** (to fight off the devil)

Teacher Planning/Organization Meeting: Sunday, June 24th 7:15 PM

"But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." - 1 Peter 5:10