

"And the gospel must first be published among all nations" (St. Mark 13:10).



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"Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah" (Psalm 62:8).

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Baptism By Immersion Is Significant And Is Commanded

We have so many denominations today, so many different religions and faiths, because the people have interpreted God's word to suit their taste. They have tried to establish themselves in righteousness, but not according to God's way. **There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death** (Proverbs 14:12) the Scripture says. No way is right unless it is covered according to the directions and instructions given for covering **"The Way."**

Baptism, an essential ordinance in the plan of salvation, is so often administered contrary to the directions and instructions given by God. In the council of heaven, it was detailed and ordained for a significant purpose which is lost or ineffectual unless observed according to directions. But we who perform the baptism have sought many ways to baptize that the job might be convenient and easy for us and for those who are being baptized. Some baptize by pouring a little water on the head of the subject. Some baptize by sprinkling the candidate. There are other methods aside from the proper method outlined in the Scriptures observed as we endeavor to carry out the command which God, through Christ gave for those who believe and desire complete salvation.

God originated baptism, not Christ, not John. When one refuses to be baptized according to the plan of God, he rejects the counsel of God; and God will refuse to honor or recognize him as having completed His instructions for His salvation.

This morning, I desire those who want to be sure that they are right, to follow me carefully and read the Scriptures given, for there is only one way to do a work that will please God, and that is to do it the way He has set forth. Men have come to draw away disciples from God's church. So, they have established many systems designed to answer to the convenience of the people. When you are not fully informed, you are easily misled. In your heart, you want to do according to the way God has ordained, but the truth is not given to you the way God has ordained. Therefore, you are misled. If you are given instructions as God has directed, I believe you will eagerly follow them. So, I am going to tell you this morning how you should be baptized.

All trails lead from God when we disobey the Word of God. In St. John 1:33 you will notice these words: **"And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost:"**

God sent John to baptize. He didn't just pick it up (like many of us are doing today, with no knowledge, with no understanding, with no authority.) He had instructions and authority from the Originator; and he followed those instructions to the letter.

Read St. Matthew 28:18-19 as follows: **"And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:"**

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Don't worry about the other fellow as long as he is dodging. His sins will eventually expose him.

How can we win the war if we on the home front continue in sin and lose contact with God?

Man can help you live in sin, but God alone can give you power to live above sin.

Songs that rejoice the heart and not the flesh are born of the Spirit.

God doesn't charge you for being a sinner before you know better, but He charges you for staying one when you learn better.

Exercise the muscles in your face by smiling.

More precious than gold is the saving of your soul.

The body will see corruption regardless of the care you give it. So let's feed the soul that will live forever.

Speak to correct, not to offend.

Man may kill your body, but let no man kill your spirit.

The Lord is not correcting your body when He chastises you. He is correcting your spirit.

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The "Happy Am I" Radio Preacher's Message

Baptism By Immersion Is Significant And Is Commanded

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Men are going around baptizing in Jesus' name only when, as you have just heard, Jesus Himself said the baptizing should be in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. So, they are cutting God out. They are cutting the Holy Spirit out. But let me tell you, you are not cutting them out; you are cutting yourself out! It is God's program. It is God's plan. John didn't institute baptizing, so he followed the plan of God who did institute it. As God commanded John, so did he do, not as the folks said. He didn't seek to please folks or to make it easy for himself. He sought to obey God, and therefore, the people were blessed.

I am endeavoring to show you, precious ones, that everyone who has not been baptized according to the Word of God has rejected the counsel of God and has chosen to walk in the counsel of men. However, if you love God and desire to be truly saved, as I said before, it is possible for you to correct the matter and restore yourself in the favor of God if after you have now been told, you will hasten to receive the proper baptism.

Now Jesus, Jesus, (I don't mean John, I don't mean Paul, I don't mean Peter, I mean Jesus, the One in Whose name only you say the baptism should be performed - Jesus) said baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. So those who say men should be baptized in the name of Jesus only have rejected the counsel of Christ. Now if you have something else that you are going by other than the Word of God, take it and go on to hell with it. As for me and my house, we are going to follow the Word of God and be sure. Only God's Word will deliver you safely.

Baptism is a symbol and a memorial. It is observed that we might keep in mind the burial and resurrection of Christ. The only way we can symbolize His burial and resurrection is by being buried in the water and raised out of the water. I want you to follow me carefully. I am giving you the Word of God. Don't think that because I don't have a prepared manuscript before me that my message has not been prepared by the Holy Spirit according to the Word of God. Everything I ever say to you is based upon the Word of God as it has been revealed to me by the Holy Spirit. Very often these prepared manuscripts are based more on the theories and doctrines of men according to the trend of the time than on the simple truths of the Word of God. That is why the people who



Elder Lightfoot Solomon Michaux,
founder, Church of God

listen to these prepared manuscripts know so little about the Word of God.

Read I Corinthians 15:29 as follows: **"Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead...?"**

You who believe that Jesus died and rose again know that He died for you. He didn't die for any sin that He committed. It was for your sins. So, you go down in the water to represent the burial for your sins and you come up as a symbol of the resurrection after your sins have been buried. Your baptism symbolizes the burial of Christ for your sin, and this cannot be symbolized by sprinkling since Christ was actually buried.

Read Romans 6th Chapter beginning at the Third Verse: **"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized unto his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."**

Our baptism must symbolize His death. We are buried, not sprinkled, not having water poured on us. You are not burying anyone by sprinkling him or pouring a bucket of dirt on him. That wouldn't meet the burial requirements of your health department, and it won't meet the requirements of God. To be buried means to be covered up. Brother, when I baptize one, I am going to put him under the water. If I find his hands were up and didn't go down with him I carry him down again. I am going to see to it that he is buried. You are a new creature and must live a new life, a sinless life.

Thus is revealed the purpose of the counsel of heaven in instituting the

baptism ceremony that you might ever be mindful of the death, burial, and resurrection of your Savior in bringing salvation to your soul for your sins. As He was covered up in the grave, so you must be covered by the water, or else your baptism has no significance. Neither has it any approval with God. You are to be planted, the Scripture says, in the likeness of His death, and upon being raised in the likeness of His resurrection, you must live a Godly life.

After my conversion, I wanted to be baptized by being buried in the water. This was an odd request, but the pastor desiring to keep me as a member, took me down by the river by myself and baptized me according to the Scripture. Your pastor may not be so accommodating to you if it is not in keeping with the ritual of his church. But you get in touch with me if you desire to obey God, and I will baptize you according to the Word of God, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

If you refuse to be baptized according as God has ordered, you will be rejecting the counsel of God. If you think you can get into God's kingdom rejecting His counsel, you are really deluded. That is why we are so far from God today. We've disobeyed in the little things and think we've gotten away with it. Now we've come to the big things which we hope to get away with. We were once petty thieves stealing on God. Now we have grown to be big time racketeers. We are so crooked talking about God that we don't know that the way that leads to the gates of heaven is "straight."

There were folks in those days as there are today who didn't want to remove their fine clothes for John's baptism. They wanted to have a few drops of water sprinkled on their head and felt that they had complied with the requirements to be baptized. Read St. Luke 7:29-30.

"And all the people that heard him, and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John. But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him."

There is only one way and that is outlined in the Scriptures. If you've been sprinkled, you haven't been baptized. You've just been dry cleaned.

May God bless you!

The Holy Bible Word Puzzle Rules

1. Find the "Book" given at the top of the first column. Then find the "Chapter" and "Verse" indicated beside the "Book".
2. To find the "Word", begin at the first word in the "Verse" and count each succeeding word until you have counted the number indicated on the table.
3. Write the "Word" on the blank line in the "Answer" column.
4. Repeat this operation for each book listed in the puzzle.
5. Reading each word from the top to bottom in the Answer column, you will have a familiar Bible passage.
6. Then search the Scriptures to find the answer. The use of a

- concordance is recommended. Quote where the passage is found.
7. Please use the King James Version of the Holy Bible.
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8. Malachi	3	17	30	_____
9. Genesis	12	1	22	_____
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14. Leviticus	19	5	2	_____
15. Galatians	6	9	14	_____
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22. Proverbs	8	30	18	_____
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Answers to Last Month's Puzzle

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, said the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them" (Hebrews 10:16).

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Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

Line Up With God . . It Is Later Than You Think

People are having what they call a nice time in various ways; but dear ones, you are not really having a nice time if it ends up bringing you disaster, shame, and eternal damnation, separating you permanently from the love of God. A nice time, I would say, would be in the Name of the Lord whose goodness and mercy are seen and felt and enjoyed by all here in the land of the living. You can only praise the name of the Lord when you obey Him.

My advice to you people in here and to those on the outside is to line up with God because this is the last gospel, and it is later than you think. To line up with God means you seek the salvation of your soul and live so that you can have fellowship with the Lord at all times. Since this is the last gospel, it means you must accept this gospel as it is now being offered to you over the radio.

Since it is later than you think, you had better stop putting off because you are nearer to the day when you must give account to God for your life than you believe you are. Your youth doesn't determine the time. Your age doesn't determine the time. Only God determines the period of grace that is extended you. He has pointed out in His Word the signs that indicate the end is drawing near; and when that time comes, you may be an infant or an old man, the beginning of the judgment will arrive for all.

You must be born again before the beginning of the judgment. Christ told Nicodemus that in order to enter into the kingdom of heaven, you must be born again. At first, Nicodemus didn't understand, even though he was a smart man. But Christ made him to know that to be born again was not to come from your mother again, but to be born of the Spirit of God.

Now the Spirit of God is the Word of God. You have to take in the Word of God and let it reshape your life. This all comes about when you believe the Word of God, and accept the Word of God, and obey the Word of God.

Over the radio, we offer you the Word of God; if you accept it, come to the Church and make it known. You will find many beautiful people here who have accepted it. They will



Mrs. Mary E. Michaux,
co-founder, Church of God

be your companions, and Jesus will be your Saviour.

May God bless you is my prayer.

I WALK WITH THE KING

In sorrow I wandered, my spirit
oppressed, but now I am happy
securely I rest. From morning till
evening glad carols, I sing

And this is the reason: I walk with
the King

For years in the fetters of sin I was
bound. The world could not
help me, no comfort I found. But
now like the birds and the
sunbeams of Spring, I'm free and
rejoicing I walk with the King.

O soul near despair in the
lowlands of strife. Look up and let
Jesus come into your life. The joy
of salvation to you He

would bring. Come into the
sunlight and walk with the King.

I walk with the King, hallelujah! I
walk with the King praise

His name! No longer I roam, my
soul faces home. I walk
and I talk with the King.

Words by: James Rowe

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Water from the River of Jordan used in the 1950 and 1951 Baptizing Service at Griffith Stadium, Washington, D.C.



Is baptism important? Is it an event experience? Does it equal salvation? Are there prerequisites? Is it merely a symbol? How can I get baptized?

Join us every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday in the month of August as we intro a series of lessons on baptism.

More information: info@gospelspreadingchurch.org

GSC 2022 Bible Study Baptism Curriculum

WEEK 1

Elder Quentin Jones – Monday (8/1) Session 1

What is Baptism?

Assistant Pastor Tommy Smith – Wednesday (8/3) Session 2

Jesus' Baptism by John

Elder Charles Martin - Thursday (8/4) Session 3

Baptism and Conversion or Conversion and Baptism...which comes first?

WEEK 2

Elder Anthony Becks – Monday (8/8) Session 4

Baptism and Discipleship

Assistant Pastor Tommy Smith - Wednesday (8/10) Session 5

The significance of the Act of Baptism

Elder Charles Martin – Thursday (8/11) Session 6

Why are there different practices of Baptism in the Christian Church?

WEEK 3

Elder Quentin Jones - Monday (8/15) Session 7

Is Baptism merely a symbol?

Assistant Pastor Tommy Smith – Wednesday (8/17) Session 8

Water Baptism and Holy Spirit Baptism? Are they the same?

Elder Anthony Becks - Thursday (8/18) Session 9

Why should one be Baptized?

WEEK 4

Elder Quentin Jones – Monday (8/22) Session 10

What if a person is not baptized? Can they be saved? What if I die before I get baptized?

Elder Anthony Becks – Wednesday (8/24) Session 11

Who Should be Baptized?

Elder Charles Martin – Thursday (8/25) Session 12

When should a person be Baptized?

WEEK 5

Elder Quentin Jones – Monday (8/29) Session 13

How should a person be baptized?

Assistant Pastor Tommy Smith – Wednesday (8/31) Session 14

Where should a person be baptized?

Elder Charles Martin – Thursday (9/1) Session 15

Who can perform a baptismal?

WEEK 6

Assistant Pastor Tommy Smith – Wednesday (9/7) Session 16

What should I wear when I am Baptized?

WEEK 7

All teachers (9/12, 9/14)

Panel Discussion Sessions

What is Baptism? Baptism is defined as an ordinance given by Christ for all who come to Him by faith and involves physical immersion, symbolic of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. It represents the Believer's profession of faith in the completed work of Christ. It evidences the invisible, yet substantial presence of the Holy Ghost Which brings about the Believer's new birth (See St. John 3:5-6), frees him from the power of sin (See Galatians 5:18), places him in a new community (See Ephesians 2:18), and secures his eternity (See Ephesians 1:13-14).

Elder Quentin Jones, Church of God-Huntingtown

Water Baptism and Christian Conversion, which comes first?

Water Baptism is an outward symbol that you have given your heart to Jesus Christ and have been a partaker of His death, burial, and resurrection. So many people misinterpret the significance of water baptism.

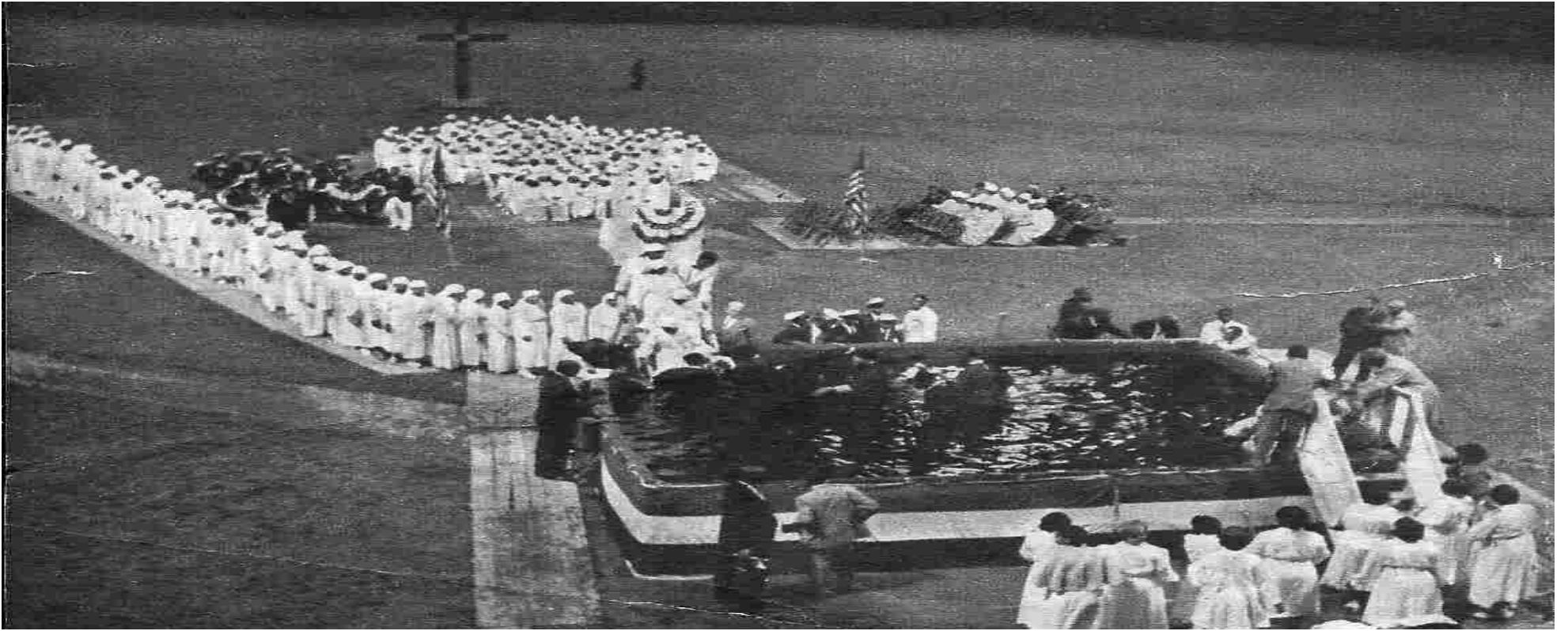
They confuse this water baptism for salvation, sanctification and even for receiving of the Holy Spirit. You must be saved by believing in and receiving the finished work of Jesus, known as the Gospel, for water baptism to be a meaningful action. (See St. *John 1:12-13*) (Romans 6:17). Conversion first, then water baptism.

Elder Dr. Charles Martin, Jr., Church of God-Baltimore

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Water Baptism

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Gospel News and Views

Calling All Youth

*"And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD;
and great shall be the peace of thy children.
In righteousness shalt thou be established:
thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou
shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not
come near thee."*

(Isalah 64:13,14)



Elijah, Age 12

CALLING ALL YOUTH is featured each month to encourage our youth of all ages to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We solicit your comments, questions and answers on any topic listed on our Youth Page. Your response may be printed the following month provided space is available and it is received before the next publication goes to press. It is our desire "That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace" (Psalm 144:12).

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MEMORY VERSES

"I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Psalm 37:25).

This month, we are honoring all Godly grandparents because of their unique ability to influence the lives of their grandchildren positively. Some grandparents may be family historians, passing on valued traditions. Some may be household negotiators, representing children's interests to parents. Others may be playmates, while still others may be listening ears, caregivers or surrogate parents. Regardless of their roles,

Godly grandparents can pass on God's Word by both their teaching, as well as by their example. A model of a Godly grandmother is mentioned in II Timothy 1:5 when Lois, Timothy's grandmother, is identified. Lois' "sincere" faith lived on in her grandson. Apparently, her deep, genuine faith in God translated into a lifestyle that honored him. Sincere faith is contagious because Timothy caught it! Thanks to his grandmother's example, he became a mighty man of God. Such Godly men and women can leave a legacy of blessing for generations to come. Such a legacy will have a heavenly reward.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

"...Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen" (St. Matthew 6:9-13).

LET US PRAY THIS PRAYER AT NOON

"...Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God" (Joel 2:17b)?

COMMANDMENT SECTION

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psalm 90:12)."

And Now a Word from Our Youth in Praise of Grandparents...

I love my grandparents because I know that they love me. They are cool and nice. They take care of me and they come to pick me up so that I can go to their house. I have fun when I get there and they take me to church where I learn about God and His love for me.

By Makari
Age 14
Washington, D.C.



I love my grandparents because they love me and I can go over to their house. We do cool stuff together, like art work. They take me to places like church and to the store so I can get some things that I want.

By Malayah
Age 11
Washington, D.C.



I love my great grandma because she does nice stuff for us and she is a nice person.

I love Grandma W. because she takes me to some awesome places and gives me good hugs and kisses me when she leaves!

I love Grandma R. because she helps out a lot and give me awesome healthy snacks!

By Elijah
Age 12
Hyattsville

Godly Grandparents Are A Blessing

By Margaret Cagle

If you have Godly grandparents,
You are as fortunate as you can be.
They can be a blessing to you,
As my grandparents have been to me.

They carry you in their hearts
As they go their way each day.
They think about you very often,
And for you they always pray.

You may be in a class at school,
Taking a long and difficult test.
Remember, Grandma is praying
That you will do your very best.

You may be taking a long trip
In the air or on the ground.
Remember, Grandpa is praying
For you to be safe and sound.

At Thanksgiving or special days,
To your grandparents' house you go.
They look forward to seeing you,
And their love, they will show.

Be thankful for your grandparents.
They may not always be here.
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ANSWERS TO JULY HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

- How is Stephen described? What special powers did he have? (He was “... **full of faith and power, ...** He performed “... **miracles among the people**” - Acts 6:8).
- With whom did Stephen first have a major conflict? (The synagogue - Acts 6:9).
- When Stephen’s detractors were unable to defeat him in debate, what did they do? (False witnesses were set up and he was accused of speaking blasphemous words - Acts 6:11-13).
- What charges were made against Stephen when he was brought before the Sanhedrin? (The accusers reported that Stephen stated, “... **Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place**” and Christ would “**change the customs which Moses delivered us**” - Acts 6:14).
- What did Stephen’s face look like as he gave his defense? (His face looked like the face of an angel - Acts 6:15).
- What vision was Stephen given prior to his death? (He was blessed with a vision of “**the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God**” - Acts 55).
- What was the final prayer of Stephen? (Stephen prayed for his executioners, “**Lord, lay not this sin to their charge**” - Acts 7:60).

ANSWERS TO JULY FILL IN THE BLANKS

- Lead me in thy **truth**, and **teach** me: for thou art the God of my **salvation**; on thee do I **wait** all the day (Psalm 25:5).
- Remember, O LORD, thy **tender mercies** and thy **lovingkindness**; for they have been ever of **old** (Psalm 25:6)
- Good and upright** is the LORD: therefore will he **teach** sinners in the **way** (Psalm 25:8).
- The **meek** will he **guide** in judgment: and the **meek** will he **teach** his way (Psalm 25:9).
- All the **paths** of the LORD are **mercy** and **truth** unto such as keep his **covenant** and his **testimonies** (Psalm 25:10).
- The **secret** of the LORD is with them that **fear** him; and he will shew them his **covenant** (Psalm 25:14).

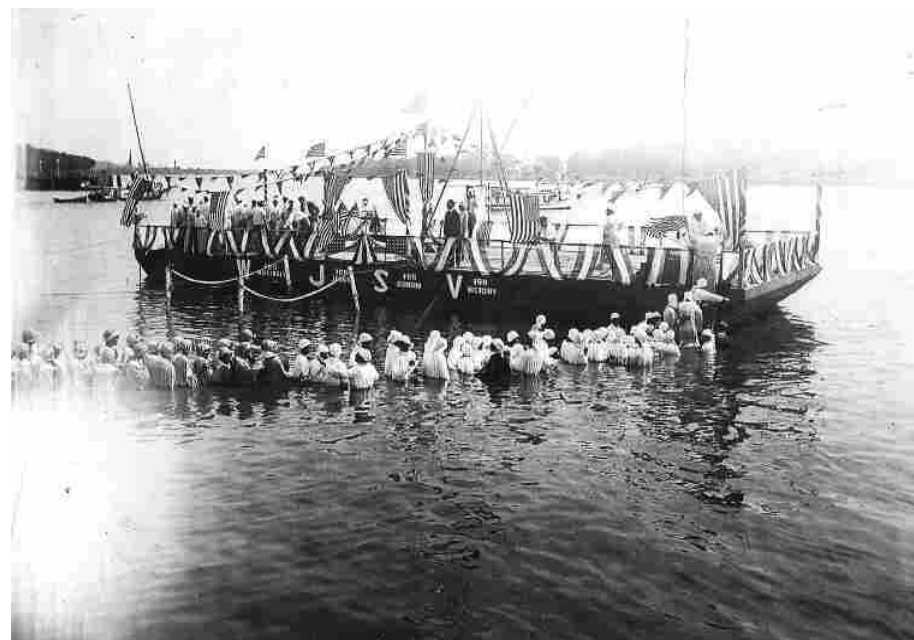
- Let **integrity** and **uprightness** preserve me; for I **wait** on thee (Psalm 25:21).

AUGUST HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

- Who became King of Jerusalem at eight years of age and how long did he reign?
- At the age of sixteen, what happened to the King?
- What did the King do four years later?
- Who was the high priest overseeing the cleaning of the temple?
- What did the high priest discover?
- To whom did he relate his discovery and what did he do?
- What was the King’s response to the reading of the book?

AUGUST FILL IN THE BLANKS

- Praise ye the LORD. I will _____ the LORD with my whole _____, in the assembly of the _____, and in the _____.
- His work is _____ and _____; and his righteousness _____ for ever.
- He hath made his wonderful _____ to be _____: the LORD is _____ and full of _____.
- The _____ of his hands are _____ and _____; all his _____ are sure.
- They _____ for ever and ever, and are done in _____ and _____.
- He sent _____ unto his people: he hath commanded his _____ for ever: _____ and _____ is his name.
- The _____ of the LORD is the beginning of _____: a good _____ have all they that do his _____: his _____ endureth for ever.



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Sunday School Lessons for the Month of August

The lessons for this month were reviewed by Elder Matthew Thompson, Sr. He serves as the pastor of the Church of God at Richmond, VA.



LESSON 32 – August 7, 2022

SUBJECT: James Heals Two Demoniacs

GOLDEN TEXT: “And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time” (St. Matthew 8:29)?

PRINTED TEXT: St. Matthew 8:23 And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him.

24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.

25 And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.

26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

28 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way.

29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?

30 And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding.

31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

32 And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.

33 And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils.

34 And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart out of their coasts.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In this lesson, two men who lived in a tomb were violent and demon possessed. Matthew, a former Tax Collector, but now a follower of Jesus, was an eyewitness to their condition. Evidence that something was wrong with them was the fact they lived in a tomb with the dead.

These men were extremely aggressive and violent. Because of them, people were afraid to pass by the tomb. However, despite their strength and terrifying behavior, they immediately became troubled and afraid when they saw Jesus. They knew Who He was and cried out: “... **What have we to do with thee, Jesus, Thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time**” St. Matthew 8:29b?

The devils that lived inside of the men knew that judgment and power were in Jesus’ hands. They knew that one day they would have to face that judgment. The devils knew that God’s love for mankind would not allow them to dwell any longer in the two men. Therefore, they pleaded to dwell in pigs. “**And he said unto them,**

Go” St. Matthew 8:32a. Jesus said, Go, and they went into pigs. The devils leaving those men confirmed Jesus’ authority and power. They had to flee from His presence.

As Jesus cared for those men, He cares for us. When we submit ourselves to GOD, and resist ungodly temptation, the devil must flee.

LESSON 33 – August 14, 2022

SUBJECT: A Lame Man Healed

GOLDEN TEXT: “Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk” (Acts 3:6).

PRINTED TEXT: Acts 3:1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

2 And a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon’s, greatly wondering.

12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

LESSON DISCUSSION

A man, lame from birth, was daily carried to the Temple gate. He never used his legs and feet. He begged as people entered the Temple.

As Peter and John approached the gate, he sought money. Instead, Peter gave him more than money. “**Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk**”. **And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength** Acts 3:6,7.

As this miracle of healing was witnessed by people entering the Temple. ... **they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him. ... when Peter saw it,**

he answered ... Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? Or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? The God of Abraham, ... Isaac, ... Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; And in his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, ... Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, ... Acts 3:10b, 12, 13a,16, 19a.

The message is the same today. The only name for healing and salvation is the Son of GOD, the LORD Jesus Christ.

LESSON 34 – August 21, 2022
SUBJECT: Ananias Heals Saul

GOLDEN TEXT: “But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel” (Acts 9:15):

PRINTED TEXT: Acts 9:10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name’s sake.

17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

19 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In this lesson, the LORD God displays His merciful forgiveness for a man named Saul who was persecuting His people. Saul was determined to kill and destroy every follower of Jesus Christ. He received authority from the high priest to bring followers of Jesus Christ in Damascus to Jerusalem to face persecution. During his pursuit, he was blinded by a very bright light from heaven, which caused him to fall to the earth.

Suddenly, he heard a voice which greatly frightened him saying: “**Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?**” Saul responded, “**Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest:** Acts 9:4b,5.” Saul was afraid and blind for three days, needed to be led by his hand. During this time of blindness, he neither ate nor drank.

Saul, an enemy against Jesus Christ, was about to become the most effective servant for Jesus Christ. When Jesus sent his faithful servant, Ananias, who did not trust Saul, to witness to him, the LORD healed Saul.

Immediately Saul’s sight returned. Saul accepted Jesus Christ as LORD and Savior, became a follower, and was publicly baptized to show his conversion.

Ananias confirmed to Saul that the LORD Jesus was the One Who restored his sight. Saul was blind and lost. GOD healed and saved

him! Just as God healed Saul, He reaches out to the lost today.

LESSON 35 – August 28, 2022
SUBJECT: Miracles on Malta

GOLDEN TEXT: “And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him” (Acts 28:8).

PRINTED TEXT: Acts 28:1 And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita.

2 And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

3 And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

4 And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

5 And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.

6 Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

7 In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously.

8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

9 So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

10 Who also honoured us with many honours; and when we departed, they laded us with such things as were necessary.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In this lesson, Paul, formerly known as Saul, once persecuted the followers of Jesus Christ. He is now a follower and believer of Christ. Paul was experiencing persecution. He is a prisoner heading to Rome on a ship to stand before Caesar for false charges filed against him.

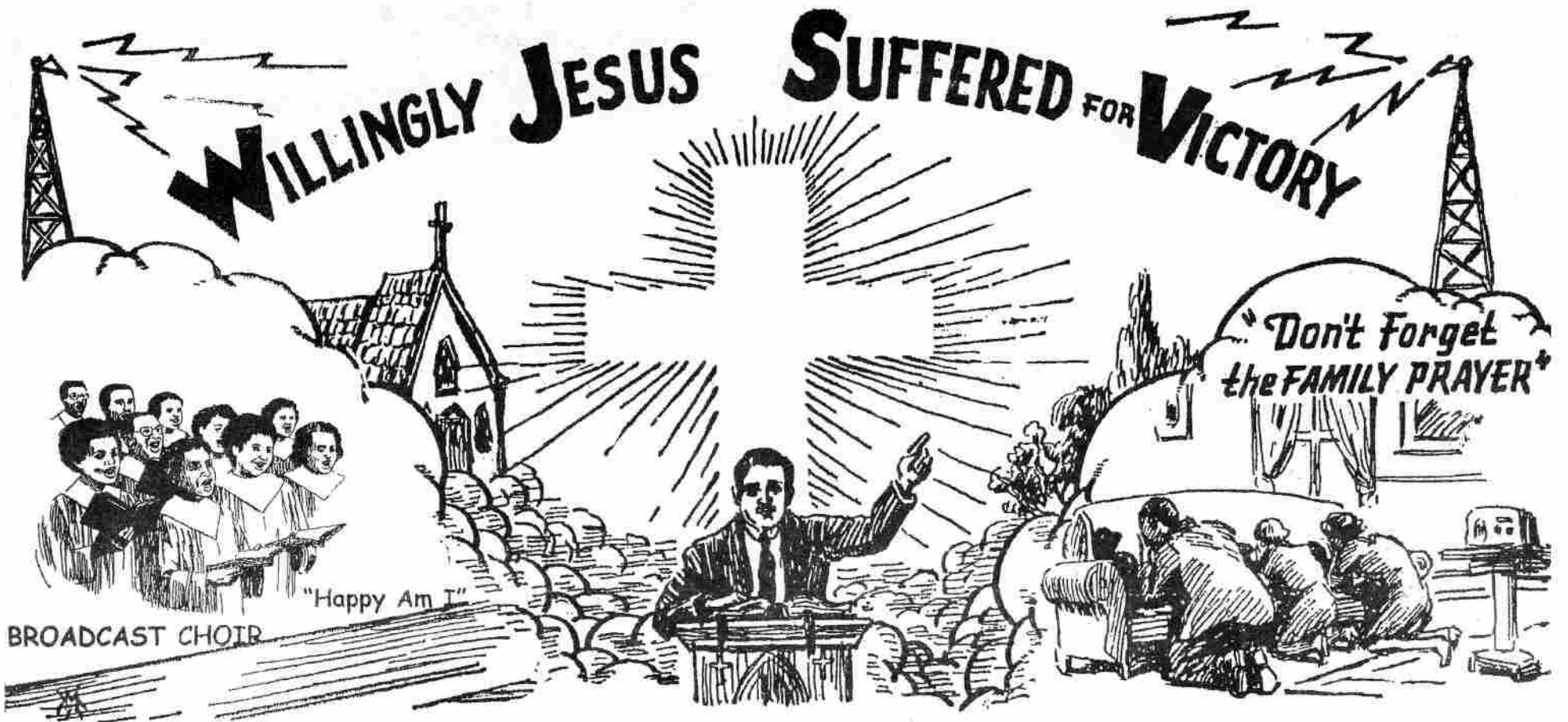
As the ship sailed, it ran into a turbulent wind and strong waves. The turbulence of the sea and wind were so great they it caused the ship to sail off course and crash into a rocky area near an island called Melita. Stuck in rocks, the ship could sail no further.

Paul, the other prisoners, guards, and crew left the ship and entered the island of Melita. On the land, barbarian people welcomed them. It was cold. Paul and the others were wet. The island people made a fire to keep them warm. Paul assisted in the fire building. He added wood and was bitten by a poisonous snake. Paul shook the snake off and continued placing wood on the fire.

The barbarian people thought Paul must have been a murderer and that his judgment had caught up with him. So, they watched Paul, expecting him to swell up and die, but he didn’t. However, when Paul prayed and laid his hand on the island Chief’s sick father, the man was instantly healed. The people rejoiced and many received Jesus as Lord and Savior. The LORD sometimes sends Believers through storms so that He can heal and save lost souls!



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