

## EvTIME OF SERVICES

### Sunday:

Bible Classes 10:00 A.M.  
Worship Service 11:00 A.M.  
Worship Service 6:00 P.M.

### Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7:00 P.M.

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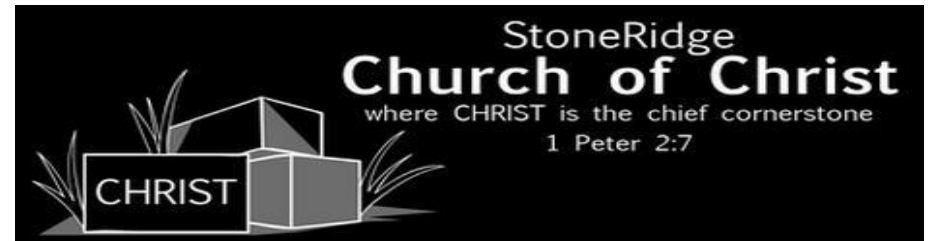
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## A Significant Argument For Baptism

One of the most significant arguments for baptism that I believe is under-utilized is the fact that the epistles, written to those who are already Christians, assume that the believers were all baptized. Look at passages like Romans 6:3-6, 1 Cor 1:13; 12:13; Gal 3:27; Col 2:10-13, etc. These are not written to unbelievers to try to persuade them to be baptized. These were written to those who already were baptized, reminding them of what they did and what it meant when they were baptized. If baptism were not expected, necessary, or the norm for all Christians then, why is there a pervasive indication that all the believers in these churches were baptized?

There is no distinction being made in the epistles between baptized saints and unbaptized saints. *"For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body..."* In other words, the epistles were not written to the unbaptized. *-Doy Moyer*

**Rom 6:3-5 - 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection.**

**GaL 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**

**Col 2:12,13 - buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses.**

## If I Believed in Jesus' Resurrection

I would believe in the church He died for and purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:28).

I would believe in being translated into His kingdom out of darkness (Col.1:13).

I would believe in putting His kingdom first (Matt.6:33).

I would believe in edifying His church on a regular basis (Eph.4:16; Heb.10:24-25), attending the assemblies for purposes of helping His church grow.

I would believe in keeping the church safe from false teaching (Acts 20:28).

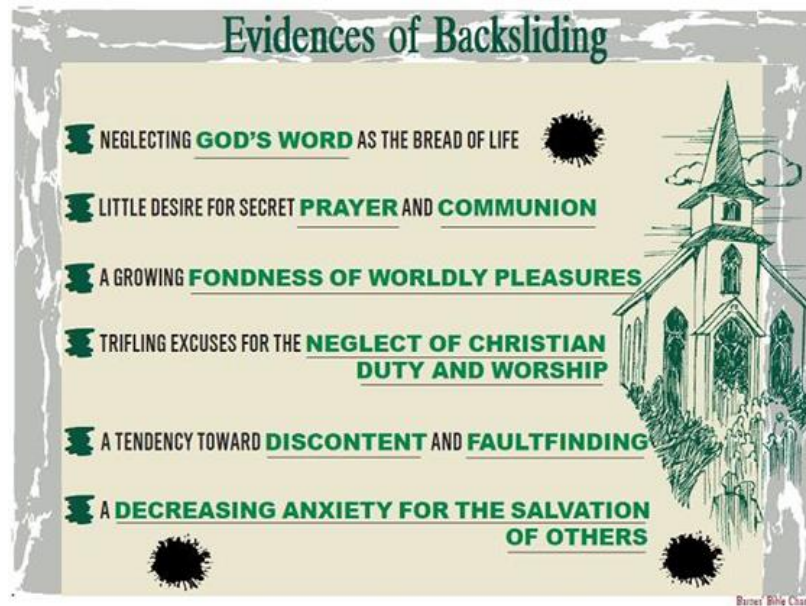
I would believe that no other organization on earth is more important than the church He purchased with His own blood. I believe in Jesus' death for our sins and His resurrection that confirms His power over physical and spiritual death. Therefore, I believe in all these things.

## News/Notes/Quotes

**THE SICK.** This bulletin was prepared several days in advance. Be sure to catch the announcements today for updates on the sick and other relevant news.

### GOSPEL MEETINGS

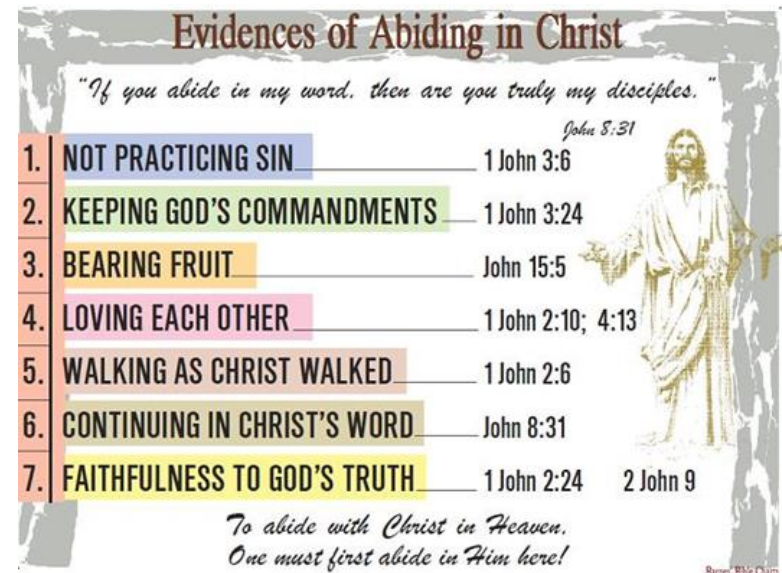
OCT 3-8 – STONERIDGE – Wayne Fancher



**Evidences of Backsliding**

- NEGLECTING **GOD'S WORD** AS THE BREAD OF LIFE
- LITTLE DESIRE FOR SECRET **PRAYER AND COMMUNION**
- A GROWING **FONDNESS OF WORLDLY PLEASURES**
- TRIFLING EXCUSES FOR THE **NEGLECT OF CHRISTIAN DUTY AND WORSHIP**
- A TENDENCY TOWARD **DISCONTENT AND FAULTFINDING**
- A **DECREASING ANXIETY FOR THE SALVATION OF OTHERS**

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**Evidences of Abiding in Christ**

*"If you abide in my word, then are you truly my disciples."*  
John 8:31

- NOT PRACTICING SIN** — 1 John 3:6
- KEEPING GOD'S COMMANDMENTS** — 1 John 3:24
- BEARING FRUIT** — John 15:5
- LOVING EACH OTHER** — 1 John 2:10; 4:13
- WALKING AS CHRIST WALKED** — 1 John 2:6
- CONTINUING IN CHRIST'S WORD** — John 8:31
- FAITHFULNESS TO GOD'S TRUTH** — 1 John 2:24 2 John 9

*To abide with Christ in Heaven,  
One must first abide in Him here!*

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**Lying covers a multitude of sins – temporarily.**

**Supervising evil does not make it good.**



