



THE MESSENGER

OCTOBER 10, 2021

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting
Today at 5:15

Weekly Bible Studies
Tuesdays on Zoom

Times of Service
Sunday

Bible study: 9:45 AM
Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM

Wednesday

Bible study: 7:30 PM
(Immediately followed by a
short worship service)

First Friday of Month
Singing

September 3, 7:30

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Q AND R ON BAPTISM (2)

Question: “John 4:2 tells us that Jesus never baptized anyone. If baptism saves a person, as you claim, then wouldn’t this mean that Jesus never saved anyone?”

Response: John 4:1-3 says, *Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making more disciples than John (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), he left Judea and departed again for Galilee.* The second sentence in the above question shows the individual’s problem with this.

As a reminder, all of the questions we will consider in these articles are questions that have been asked to me personally or were published by various authors. They are real questions that trouble the minds of some. As a result, it is imperative that we be in a position to respond to them. I believe it is important to begin responding to this question by stating that the only claims that matter are the ones contained in Scripture. The apostle Peter is the one who said baptism saves a person. (Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21) Once the inspired writer has spoken on the topic the question ought to be settled for those who believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God.

Scripture states that the blood of Jesus Christ saves people from their sin. (Ephesians 1:7) Jesus shed his blood in his death and believers are baptized into his death. (Romans 6) In this baptism believers receive *the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.* (Titus 3:5)

Members Needing Our Prayers

Rick Small, Ralph Fox, Benny Poynter, Janet Brundige, Joyce Bolton and family, Karen Spivey, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

Others Needing Prayers

Randy Cates, Larry McTeer, Charlene Michael, Ann Little, Mary Jean Snyder, Mark Nickles, Dale Lyons, Adam Fusco, Rachel and Sarah White, Duane Harrod, Grace Meyer, Meredith Nicholson, Alice and Lonnie Anderson, Glen Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Terry Daniels, Harvey Baker, Leroy Weatherholt, Robert Brundige, John Blessing, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon, Debbie Lanphear, Veronica Bowman

To Our Guests

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A little thought should show that Jesus could not baptize anyone into his death before he had died. After the death and resurrection of Jesus, God showed that baptism was the way and the place where one contacts the saving blood of Jesus Christ. I don't know why he made that determination and He did not consult anyone when He did. Ours is only to accept the decision God has made. Honestly, *why wouldn't we?*

Did Jesus ever save anyone before his death? Certainly. Jesus, the Son of Man, claimed authority on earth to forgive sins which he used as seemed best to him. (Matthew 9:1-6; John 15:3; Luke 23:39-43) Jesus is not present in the world in the same way as he has ascended to the right hand of the Father. As was shown two paragraphs ago, God has clearly demonstrated how the cleansing blood of Christ is accessed today.

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