

Those to Serve

(B) Calvin Burks
(FV) Kyle Stifflemire
(O) Doug Pruett
(A) Judd Wall
1st prayer Mike Mallett
2nd prayer Keith Stifflemire
Announcements: Jack Wall
Singing: Kevin Grant

Prayer List:

Letha Sheldon
Ruby Jones
Loyd Crownover
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

How to Settle It

- ◆ When people disagree about how many ounces or pounds something weighs, they can settle the matter by using a scale – the standard of authority.
- ◆ When people disagree about the length of a piece of lumber, they can resolve the disagreement by using a measuring tape – the standard of authority.
- ◆ When people disagree about what is right and wrong in religious matters, they should settle the matter by using the Bible – the standard of authority.

Happy Anniversary

**Doug & Theresa
Pruett
January 26th**

Dates to Remember

January 20th
Fellowship Sunday
February 2nd
Groundhog Day
February 3rd
Mission Sunday
February 12th
Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
February 14th
Valentine's Day

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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5 Views of Baptism: What View Do You Hold?

Jesus stated nearly 2000 years ago, “He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned” (Mk. 16:16). To the simple, unbiased and unprejudiced mind, Jesus’ statement is very clear and easy to understand. It is as easy to understand a doctor’s statement, “He who eats his food and digests it will live; but he who does not eat will die.” All of us would easily understand that unless we eat and digest, we will die! However, for those who have allied themselves with human creeds and have been depraved with worldly wisdom, Jesus’ simple statement becomes confusing and contradicting. Although the Bible ALWAYS places water baptism (in Jesus’ name) before salvation, men have sought ways to undermine His authority and confuse the simplicity of our Lord’s teaching.

- ◆ **ATHEIST’S VIEW** For example, the Atheist would say, “He who believes and is baptized will NOT be saved.” He has rejected the existence of God and the authority of the Bible. Unbelievers believe there is no God, yet one would have to be “God” himself to prove such a position. For one to know that there is no God, he would have had to have been everywhere, seen everything at once and know all things! Yet Jesus had him in mind when he said, “...he who believes not shall be condemned,” and again, “...he who does not believe is condemned already” (Jn. 3:18). Truly “the fool has said in his heart ‘There is no God’” (Psa.14:1).
- ◆ **UNIVERSALIST’S VIEW** The Universalist approaches the scripture with the bias that God is a God of only love and

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- ◆ therefore He can never condemn anyone. They say, “He who believes NOT and is NOT baptized shall be saved.” While such a faith accepts the actuality of God, it rejects His word and leaves, nonetheless, a corrupt and misguided picture of Deity. Warning! “He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day” (Jn. 12:48).
- ◆ **CATHOLIC’S VIEW** The Catholic comes along and teaches, “He who believes NOT and is baptized shall be saved.” I say this as a former Catholic who was sprinkled as a baby. Catholics baptize babies because of the erroneous view of inherited sin (Ezek. 18:20); however, Bible baptism was NEVER administered to babies. Jesus taught that babies are safe (Lk. 18:15-17). Notwithstanding, subjects of Bible baptism must have first believed (see again Mark 16:16), yet faith comes by hearing the word of the Lord (Rom. 10:17). How can a baby believe when they cannot understand the word of the Lord? Can they also confess with their mouth the Lord Jesus (Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37)? False doctrine makes us believe unbelievable things!
- ◆ **PROTESTANT’S VIEW** Then the Baptist comes and says, “He who believes and is NOT baptized shall be saved.” Yet is this what Jesus said? Is it Deity’s view? No amount of human manipulation will change the eternal truth of Mark 16:16. Beware all of these “NOTS” are formulated by men in the devil’s “tale” to cheat your soul!
- ◆ **JESUS’ VIEW** “He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned” (Mk. 16:16). - by Steven J. Wallace