

### Those to Serve

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

### Prime the Pump

A thirsty man crossing the desert stumbled upon a well with an old-fashioned hand-operated pump. Hanging on the pump handle was a small jar of water with a crude sign: "Prime the pump first and it'll give you all the water you need. Then leave the jar full of water so the next traveler can prime the pump."

The man was so thirsty that he was tempted to gulp down the water and ignore the sign. Finally, he decided to pour half the water into the pump handle. Sure enough, after a few minutes, the water expanded the seal in the pump handle and he began to pump up an ample supply of clear, cold water. He went away with his thirst quenched and his canteen filled as well.

Being a faithful steward is something like priming the pump. When we take our eyes off ourselves and think about the needs of others, we are inevitably blessed in the process. One of the great joys of life is to be a pump primer in the cause of Christ.

### Prayer List:

Teresa Camacho-Valerie's Mother  
Mark Kirby  
Virginia Lovell  
Janell Houts Hall  
Odell Mallett  
Dora Martinez  
Letha Sheldon  
Pray for our Nation  
Our Troops  
Law Enforcement  
Rescue Personnel

#### **October 3rd**

*Mission Sunday*

#### **October 11th**

*Columbus Day*

#### **October 31st**

*Noon Fellowship*

#### **November 7th**

*Mission Sunday*

*Daylight Savings Time Ends*

#### **November 11th**

*Veteran's Day*

### *Happy Birthday*

**Judd Wall Oct. 10th**

**Mike Mallett Oct 21st**

**Ruby Jones Oct 24th**

**Valerie Garza Nov. 1st**

**Tammy Burks Nov. 3rd**

**Jorge Garza Nov. 12th**

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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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## By One Spirit ... Baptized Into One Body

by Terry W. Benton

"For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:13).

### 1. What does "BY one Spirit" mean?

- 1.The Holy Spirit is the element we are immersed in?
- 2.Holy Spirit is the agency directing us to be immersed in the name of the Lord?

### 2. True or False: By One Spirit:

- 1.3,000 people were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ in the element of water. Acts 2:38,41 (T or F)?
- 2.The Ethiopian Eunuch was baptized in water in the name of Jesus Christ. Acts 8 (T or F)?
- 3.Cornelius and his household were baptized in water in the name of the Lord. Acts 10:47,48 (T or F)?
- 4.The Corinthian, hearing, believed, and were baptized in the same way as the others - Acts 18:8; Mark 16:16 (T or F)?
- 5.ALL who are baptized in water in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for remission of sins, do so by the urgent appeal of the same SPIRIT as all of the above. (T or F)?

### 3. Conclusion:

Even without appealing to the meaning and usage of the Greek words "BY one Spirit", we can easily look at the cases of conversion and conclude the following truths:

- 1.The Holy Spirit is not the element that all are immersed in.
- 2.The Holy Spirit is the directing agency (by His revealed and confirmed word) that urges all to be baptized (immersed in the element of water) in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. Acts 2:38,41; 10:47,48

Those who do not yield to the Spirit's urgent message and "gladly receive His words" will not be baptized into the One Body. They have resisted the Holy Spirit (Acts 7:51). The Corinthians heard the Spirit's message, believed, and were baptized into one body ( Acts 18:8; 1 Corinthians 12:13). By one Spirit we ALL are baptized into one body, unless you harden your heart and refuse His great salvation message.

## Winners and Losers

Jimmy Valvano is remembered for running up and down the court after winning the 1983 NCAA basketball championship, after his NC State Wolfpack upset the Houston Cougars (including Clyde "the Glide" Drexler and Hakeem "the Dream" Olajuwon). Valvano is also remembered well for some of his speeches.

Valvano was diagnosed with bone cancer in June 1992. In July, he found out that it had metastasized. He died less than a year later on April 28, 1993.

One of Valvano's most memorable motivational speeches was delivered February 21, 1993 at Reynolds Coliseum on NCSU's basketball court during the ten year commemoration of the University's 1983 NCAA championship. It was during this speech that Valvano stressed the importance of hope, love, and persistence and included his famous quotation: "Don't give up, don't ever give up."

Gary Smith once shared another message from Jimmy V: Suffering from terminal spinal cancer at the age of 47, former North Carolina State basketball coach Jim Valvano spoke with a reporter. He looked back on his life and told a story about himself as a 23-year-old coach of a small college team. "Why is winning so important to you?" the players asked Valvano.

"Because the final score defines you," he said, "You lose, ergo, you're a loser. You win, ergo, you're a winner."

"No," the players insisted. "Participation is what matters. Trying your best, regardless of whether you win or lose -- that's what defines you."

It took 24 more years of living. It took the coach bolting up from the mattress three or four times a night with his T-shirt soaked with sweat and his teeth rattling from the fever chill of chemotherapy and the terror of seeing himself die repeatedly in his dreams. It took all that for him to say it: "Those kids were right. It's effort, not result. It's trying... What a great human being I could have been if I'd had this awareness back then." \*

If our identity is defined by winning and losing, then we are all losers, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). That is true of every human being, no matter how hard we try not to sin.

But God loves us anyway and He desires to save us from our sins (1 Timothy 2:4). He gave His one and only Son to die on the cross for our sins so that we can receive the forgiveness of our sins and the gift of eternal life (John 3:16; Romans 6:23). "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Jesus won the victory over sin and death. And, if we will submit our lives to Him, we can share in His victory.

God will save, give eternal life, and share the victory with those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

Through Christ we can be victors, not losers – because He won the victory for us! "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57).

YOU can share in Christ's victory by trusting and obeying Him. Won't YOU?  
By David A. Sargent