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Goals For 2020  
Theme  
 A Church With 2020 Vision  
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40;  
Sunday AM: 50  
Sunday PM: 40; Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Hold a "Bible Basics" Class  
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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We are now in the 24th week of our Bible Reading.

**Prayer List**  
 Sharon Nale  
 Les & Novema Dunn  
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)  
 Sharon Thompson  
 The Wards  
 Dale & Greg Kahl (Debbie L's & Ronnie's brother)

**Baptism:** Matt. 28:19, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38; 8:13; 10:48; 16:15, 33, 18:8; 19:5-6, 22:16

**Gospel Meeting June 28-July 1 w/Brother Todd Rogers**

**Lord's Supper Reading**  
 Romans 5:6-10

**Scripture Reading**  
 AM: Gal. 3:26-27  
 PM: Mark 12:35-37

**Encouragement Tally**  
 Invites this month: 2  
 Invites last month: 110  
 Visitors last year: 48  
 Visitors YTD: 8

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## I Must Be Baptized

**Welcome!**  
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

Baptism is a command of Jesus that much be heeded believed and obeyed. There are 9 conversions demonstrated in the book of Acts. All 9 end with the individuals being baptized. I learn that I must be baptized if, and only if, we want to:

- I. To Contact The Blood Of Jesus**  
 Jn 19:34, Rom. 6:3, Heb. 9:22, Eph. 1:7, Rev. 1:5, Acts 22:16
- II. To Gain Entrance Into Christ**  
 Eph. 1:3, 2 Tim. 2:10, Rom. 6:3, Gal 3:27
- III. To Gain A Clean Conscience Toward God**  
 Acts 23:1, I Jn 3:20, I Pet. 3:21
- IV. To Be Born Again**  
 2 Cor. 5:17, Jn 3:3-5, Titus 3:5, Eph. 5:26, Col. 2:12, Js 1:18  
 I Pet. 1:22ff, Rom. 6:3-4
- V. To Put On Christ**  
 Gal. 3:27, Acts 11:26, Jn 15:13-14
- VI. To Have My Sins Forgiven**  
 Ps 32:2, Eph. 1:7, Mt 26:28, Acts 2:38; 22:16
- VII. To Be Added To The Church (Saved) and Kingdom of God**  
 Mt 16:18, Acts 20:28; 2:41, 47, Eph. 1:22-23, Col. 1:18, Eph. 4:4  
 I Cor. 12:13, Acts 9:26, Eph. 4:16, Heb. 10:24ff, Mt 16:18-19  
 Jn 3:3-5, Col. 1:13, I Cor. 15:24
- VIII. To Be Saved**  
 Mt 28:19, Mark 16:15-16, Acts 2:36-41, Acts 11:14; 10:48, Rev. 22:14  
 I Pet. 3:21

## The Common Man

Read Mark 12:37. Jesus was followed by multitudes and the common man heard him gladly. Let's look at some common statements that our Lord had made and see how easy they are to understand.

### I. I Am The \_\_\_\_\_

John 14:6, Acts 4:12, Jn 10:9, Jn 8:24

### II. Good vs. \_\_\_\_\_

Matt 7:17; 12:34; 15:18-20; 3:7-8; 14:4

### III. I Will Build My \_\_\_\_\_

Matt. 16:18, Mk 9:1, Mt 15:13, Ps 127:1, I Tim. 3:15

Col. 1:13, Heb. 12:28, I Cor. 15:24

### IV. The \_\_\_\_\_

Jn 5:28-29, Acts 17:32, Rom 1:21, I Pet. 3:21; 1:3

I Thes. 4:13-18, I Cor. 15:20-23

### V. The \_\_\_\_\_

Jn 12:48, Acts 17:30-31, Rom. 14:12, 2 Cor. 5:10, Rev. 20:12

### VI. \_\_\_\_\_

Matt. 13:41-42; 49-50; 25:46, 2 Thes. 1:7-9, Col. 2:8

### VII. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ and Salvation

Mark 16:15-16, Mt 28:19, Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16, Rom. 6:3-4, I Cor. 12:13

Gal. 3:27, Col. 2:12, I Pet. 3:21

## Is Baptism Really Essential For Salvation?

Baptism is a topic that is widely disputed in the religious world but a topic that is given great emphasis in the New Testament, being mentioned more than 100 times. Is baptism essential in order to be saved and to go to heaven? Let us go back to the Bible and allow God to answer this question.

Baptism is essential to salvation for it always precedes salvation when the two words are used together in the New Testament. Jesus said, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16). Peter wrote, "baptism doth also now save us" (1 Peter 3:21). Baptism comes before salvation and not salvation before baptism.

Baptism is essential to salvation as it is a command from heaven. Jesus commanded His disciples to teach all nations and baptize them (Matthew 28:18-20). Jesus told Nicodemus, "You must be born again" (John 3:7), "born of water and the Spirit" (John 3:5). On the day of Pentecost, Peter preached, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). Jesus told Saul to go into the city of Damascus, "and you will be told what you must do" (Acts 9:6). We learn from Acts 22:16 that Paul was told that he must "arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins."

Baptism is essential to salvation for it is the only way to get "into Christ." Paul said in 2 Timothy 2:10 that "salvation...is in Christ Jesus," and he also revealed that in order to get into Christ (wherein is salvation) one must be "baptized into Christ" (Galatians 3:27).

Baptism is essential to salvation as it brings one not only into Christ, but "into His death" (Romans 6:3-4). In His death on the cross, Jesus shed His blood, which washes "us from our sins" (Revelation 1:5). It is only in baptism that this cleansing will take place, for the Bible plainly says, "Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins" (Acts 22:16).

Baptism is essential to salvation as every account of conversion in the book of Acts demonstrates. Nine conversions are recorded in the book of Acts (2:1-47; 8:5-13; 8:24-40; 9:1-18; 10:24-48; 16:11-15; 16:25-34; 18:4-11; 19:1-7), and in every one, without exception, it is emphasized that they were baptized. Only after they were baptized did they secure salvation and rejoice.

Baptism is essential to salvation for it places one into His kingdom. At the end of time, Jesus will deliver "the kingdom to God the Father" (1 Corinthians 15:24). To spend eternity with God, one must be in that kingdom, and "unless one is born of water and the spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5).

Baptism is essential to salvation for it places one into His body, the church. "We were all baptized into one body" (1 Corinthians 12:13), the body being His church (Colossians 1:18). Thus, when we are baptized and saved from our sins, God adds us immediately to His church (Acts 2:47), which is His kingdom (Matthew 16:18-19).

Is baptism essential in order to be saved and to go to heaven? God, through His Word, emphatically and conclusively says, "Yes!"