

Ready to Die

by Glen Elliott Greenbrier church of Christ Greenbrier, AR

The story is told of a mother's whose daughter was the apple of her eye. Her life was absorbed in teaching her daughter how to live a full life. She provided dancing lessons to instill grace and poise. She taught her daughter how to dress attractively. Instructions were given concerning the very best make-up techniques. She taught her daughter how to walk and stand elegantly. She was shown how to be the life of the party and how to hold her liquor like a lady. She was even taught how to care for her body and prevent disease and pregnancy. Finally, a very beautiful, vibrant young lady was sent off to college.

During her second year at college, the young lady was involved in a terrible automobile accident. Her boyfriend was killed and she was rushed to the hospital in critical condition. Her mother was notified and rushed to the side of her daughter. The daughter opened her eyes, saw her mother, and said, "Mother, you taught me how to live. You did not teach me how to die. Mother, teach me how to die. You better do it quickly, mother, because I am dying!"

We are ready to live only when we are prepared to die. The reality is that "it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment" (Hb. 9:27). In view of judgment, we must live as those who will be measured by the standard of God's word (Jn. 12:48).

Speaking plainly for a moment, let's ask ourselves, "What are we doing to prepare our children for eternity?" And, "What will 'all the rest' really matter if, when this life is over, they are unprepared to meet God?" Let's be diligent about setting an example of what it means to live in view of eternity. We are ready to live only when we are prepared to die. As the prophet has said, "Prepare to meet your God" (Amos 4:12).

"But he wasn't baptized!"

by David Sproule Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Palm Beach Gardens, FL

It is quite remarkable that "the thief on the cross" is still presented by people today as purported Biblical evidence that one does not really have to be baptized to be saved. Denominations have been making this argument for years, but the truth is that the Bible does not teach or support such a conclusion.

In reality, the thief on the cross was saved in the same way that the paralytic man was saved in Mark 2:5. Jesus said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." Yet, in this story, this man was saved, not by his faith, but "when Jesus saw their faith," the faith of the men who carried him to Jesus. Yes, the paralytic was saved without being baptized. In fact, as far as we know from the Biblical account, the paralytic was saved without believing in Jesus, without loving the Lord, without repenting of his sins and without confessing his faith. Yet, no one would suggest someone could be saved today without doing these things. So, how could that man be saved from his sins in a way different than man today?

First, the student of the Bible will recognize that the thief and the paralytic lived under the Old Covenant, which obviously did not necessitate baptism for salvation. (Read also about Jesus forgiving the sinful woman in Luke 7:48-50 and Zacchaeus in Luke 19:9-10 under similar circumstances.) Just as Moses and David did not have to be baptized, the thief did not have to be baptized, as the law of Christ (i.e., His last will and testament) was not in effect until after His death (Heb. 9:15-17). One is subject to the law under which he lives. Today, we are all subject to the law of Christ in the New Testament. To take a case of salvation before the cross and ignore the thousands of cases of conversion in the book of Acts is not handling aright the Word of God.

Second, the student of the Bible needs to read what Jesus said when He healed the paralytic (without any faith or obedience from the paralytic). "The Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" (Mark 2:10). While on earth, before His testament went into effect, Christ could forgive sin of whomever He desired, independent of baptism on their part. But, once the Savior's will was probated after His death, the terms of pardon were set out in written record to be kept throughout all generations until He comes again. And, no one has a right to alter His will and promise forgiveness through some other means than that which He commanded.

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study	9:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
No Sunday PM Service	
Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study	10:00 AM
Wednesday PM Bible Study	7:00 PM

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There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

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Prayer List *In our prayers let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

Those that attend: Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Dennis & Darlene Reed, Butts & Edie Sumner, Chris Highway, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Willow McFarland, Tahlia Willis, Logan Bennett, Kyra Kyle, Sonny & Linda Stine, Brenda Nelson, Diane Mellott, and Wilma Patterson.

People in other places: Tim Mellott and family, T.J., Wednesday Rahelich, Jack Openshaw, Frank's niece, Betty & Dennis Leistner, Denise Garlitz' grandchildren and her son Jeff, Susan Barrett & family, Karen Anstee, Tony & Eglia Grana, George Beckwith, Cindy, Doris & Mary Jane Mess, Andrea, Red & Goldie Crow, Samantha Allee, Cheryl Wheeler, Levi, Jeanne Johns, Loretta Gorito, Kay Ables, Gloria, Dorothea Johnson, Tammy, Rita D, Jenna, Irene Jurek, Billie Jo Potter, Debbie Curry, Jaye Boyle, Barry Mitchell, Martha, Andrew, Vanessa Lewis, Williams family, Mary, Mary Lou & Louise (Anna Brink's sisters), Malissa Layton, Gary, Tha'lise Robinson, Ashley, Noreen Andrews, Emily Sestack, Debbie, Minnee, Holly Leistner, Leonard Amanatey, Martha, the Rogers family, Eric Kauffman, Lynn Gomez, Ivey Shoemaker, Holly Brown, Dean, B.J. Boyle, Randy Heller, Jim & Edith Faery, Leonard - Zach Hansen's girlfriend's grandfather, Becky Torres, Jeanette Casey, Gloria Zachery, Lewia Frett, Lewia's wife Kate and also their son, Laura Lynum, and Jimmy Brink.

Updates:

Edie Sumner Her lymphoma has returned. She was in the hospital recently for a couple of rounds of strong chemo. She will also have a stem cell transplant in the near future. Let's keep her in our prayers.

Marvis Garrett is in the process of having oral surgery.

Let's keep in prayer Yolanda Davis and her family.

Leanard Amanatey was admitted to the hospital the week of Oct. 7 because he was having chest pains. It turns out he did not have a heart attack. He was released from the hospital and is being treated by medicine.

Joanne Brown, Carol Jones' sister in Brantford, ON, had foot surgery recently. Let's pray for a good recovery.

Haley, Tahlia's friend, suffered a broken leg recently.

Chris McKenzie, a friend of Louella Hopkins, thanks everyone for the prayers when he was having heart troubles.

Tha'lise Robinson, Wilma Patterson's great granddaughter - age 11, had a spinal fusion Oct. 16. The surgery started at 8 AM and lasted until 9:30 PM. The doctors are impressed with her progress. Let's pray for her.

Bruce Brink's ex-fiancee's cousin **Amanda** recently suffered a collapsed lung.

Let's pray for those impacted by hurricane Michael.

Let's pray as we continue our preacher search process.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Oct. 21 Today. Men's Business Meeting

Oct. 26 Ladies Devotional 6:30 PM at the building. Hosted by Carol Jones.

Oct. 27 Preacher Search Committee meeting. 10 AM at the building.

Oct. 27 Charles and Bruce will be showing the movie "Case for Christ" at 7 PM at the building. Open to the congregation.

Nov. 04 Potluck Groups 4, 5, & 6 to setup and cleanup.

Nov. 9-10 Workshop 7 - 9:15 PM Sponsored by Fenwick church of Christ (Canada) Please see posting.

★ **Ladies** Anyone taking food for Edie Sumner ... No fresh fruits. Canned fruits are OK. Thanks

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study Book of James

Sermon Topic Today: *Heavenly Wisdom For Earthly Living*

Scripture Reading: *Proverbs 1:7*

No Sun. PM Bible Study

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study 10 AM at the building.

Wed. PM Bible Study 2nd Samuel
(We will begin Kings after 2 Samuel)



Ladies Save the date

Ladies Holiday Party

Dec. 15 Noon at Antonios

Please see posting and signup sheet.

Faith Is The Victory

1 John 5:4-5

⁴ For whatever is born of God overcomes the world.

And this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith.

⁵ Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

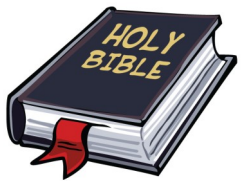
Over Doubt (Psalm 14:1; 1 Corinthians 15:19).

Over Materialism (Matthew 16:26; Luke 12:15).

Over Fear (1 John 4:18).

Over Immorality (1 John 2:15-17).

Over The Grave (1 Corinthians 15:42-55; John 11:25).



2 Timothy 2:15

Things You Will Never Be Sorry For

via BulletinGold

For telling the truth; For living a pure life; For your faith in Christ; For acknowledging your sins; For doing your best; For thinking before acting; For hearing before judging; For forgiving your enemies; For helping a fallen brother; For being loyal to the church; For standing by your principles; For being courteous and kind; For money given to the Lord's cause; For being honest in business.