

Warners Chapel Church of Christ

8999 Lasater Road
Clemmons, North Carolina 27012
Telephone 336-766-6078

www.warnerschapelchurchofchrist.org
Youareimportant.net

Preachers:

Mike Glenn



“The churches of Christ salute you” Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

JULY 17, 2022

BAPTISM

Mark 16:16 records the following words of Jesus Christ. “He who believes and is baptized will be saved.” This simple statement is not hard to understand. Baptism is just as necessary to salvation as belief. In order to receive salvation one must be a believer and he must be baptized. A baptized unbeliever is not saved. An unbaptized believer is not saved.

Some well-respected and intelligent theological scholars have suggested Mark 16:16 does not teach baptism is necessary to salvation because the second phrase in this verse does not include baptism. The second phrase simply says, “he who does not believe will be condemned.” The answer is obvious to anyone not seeking a way around clear Biblical teaching. One will not be baptized if he does not believe, therefore it is unnecessary to put baptism in the second phrase. Also, to suggest the second phrase negates the first phrase is to suggest the Lord contradicted Himself two consecutive statements. The fact remains, one must be baptized to be saved.

Understanding the clear teaching of this passage has caused some unbelievers to argue this verse doesn’t really belong in the Bible anyway. It is true that two of the three oldest manuscripts do not contain this passage. However, one of those two left a blank where it was clearly left out, when such blanks are found nowhere else in the manuscript. It is also important to point out the two manuscripts that don’t contain Mark 16:16 contradict one another in more than three thousand places. Also, the third of the three old manuscripts contains Mark 16:16. In addition, the vast majority of ancient Greek manuscripts do in fact contains this verse. To argue this verse does not belong in the Bible is to argue for taking away from the Word of God. But even if one marks out, or tears out Mark 16:16 from his Bible there are still many other passages in the Bible which speak of the importance and necessity of baptism to salvation.

(Continued on Page 2)

Acts 2:38 records the following words of the inspired apostle Peter: “Repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remissions of sins.” This simple statement is not hard to understand. Baptism is just as necessary to receiving remission of sins as is repentance. In order to receive remission of sins one must repent and be baptized. A baptized individual who refuses to repent is not saved. A person who has repented but has not yet been baptized is not saved.

Those who do not like the clear teaching in this verse suggest this verse really means one is baptized because he has received remissions of sins. The Greek word “eis” is never used in the New Testament to mean “because of.” It is always points forward. One must be baptized in order to receive remission of sins. Also, one may compare Acts 2:38 with Matthew 26:28 to see how this exact phrase is used in another passage. Jesus said, “For this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remissions of sins.” Jesus did not give His blood because people had already received remission of sins, but rather so that remission would be possible. We are not baptized because we have already received remission of sins, but rather so that we may receive remission of sin.

Acts 22:16 records the following words of Ananias: “Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” This simple statement is not hard to understand. Baptism is necessary to having one’s sins washed away. We know the blood of Christ washes our sins away (Colossians 1:14; Revelation 1:5). Because Paul was told to be baptized to have his sins washed away, it must be he case that the blood of Christ washes our sins away we are baptized (Acts 2:16).

It is interesting to see that Ananias also equates being baptized with “calling on the name of the Lord.” Baptism is clearly a part of “calling on the name of the Lord:” for salvation. Romans 10:13 says, “For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Peter made the same point in his sermon on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:21). When the people cried out “what shall we do?” Peter told them to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins. This reinforces the teaching brought out in Acts 22:16. Calling on the name of the Lord is necessary for salvation. One cannot call on the name of the Lord for salvation without a willingness to humbly submit to God’s command regarding baptism.

This by no means exhausts the Biblical teaching regarding baptism. Yet these verses alone make clear the fact that baptism is necessary for salvation.

~Kevin Rutherford
(May, 2018)

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2022

July 18 - Acts 21:1-17
July 19 - Acts 21:8-40
July 20 - Acts 22
July 21 - 23:1-15



July 22 - Acts 23:16-35
July 23 - Acts 24
July 24 - Acts 25

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Albertha Quincv, Abby Little, Joyce Greenup, Debbie & Gene Southern, Nikki Santiago, D.J. Harrison, Buddy Strickland, Ashley's Father, Curt Sams, Tammy Rogers, Rick Clemmons, Hope Turnmire Keller, Gene & Debbie Southern, Bob and Manchel Tesh, Bobby Childress, Cleave Binkley, D.J. Harrison, Leander Thomason, Trooper Josh Church, Don Bowles, Ronnie Knost, Jack Piper, Sandy Smith, Ronnie Knost, Elwood Flinchum, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins.

Please let the congregation know that Lauren Cooper's brother, **Chris Dezern** is in the hospital. He has been diagnosed with having a brain bleed. He is having trouble with walking and communicating. His white count has been high and he is running a temperature. The doctors are working to try to determine a plan of treatment. Please pray for him.—Carl Cooper.

Dana Hinson has a sinus infection. - (Not Covid) Please pray that she will be better soon.

Sherrill Stewart has Covid and is feeling badly at this time. Please pray for him.

Bob, Jessica Edwards, and William Lay have Covid and are looking forward to getting well. William is doing much better at this time. Jessica says, still need prayers for us older folks. Thank you everybody.

Rhonda Hardister's husband **Toby**, is in the hospital with Diverticulitis. Please pray for him.

Sherrill's sister, **Virginia Bodsford** fell and broke her hip. She is 88 years old but doing well. Would appreciate putting her on the prayer list.—Sherrill

Roger Allen's mother, is back in the hospital at Cookeville, TN. She is not doing well at this time and is under a suicide watch. Please pray for her.

Please pray for **Patricia Wood**, a friend of the Workman family. Patricia has had a permanent pacemaker inserted on this past Monday. —The Workman family.

Please pray for my co-worker's dad. I do not know his name. My co-worker is Val Giff. He has pancreatic cancer and has had surgery Wednesday morning. Thank you - Nancy Minor.

Prayer request for Lauren Krell: I would like to ask for prayers for Laurel Krell. Lauren is the 21 year old daughter of a friend of mine and has been in a terrible accident. Thank you. —Gina Strickland

Jennifer Harris, a friend of John & Mary Anne Allen has cancer and has begun Chemo and radiation treatments. Please pray for her.

Welcome

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AND AT 7:00 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

OUR SICK (continued)

Curt Sams is still suffering from a car accident and will have a fairly long time recovering from his accident. Please keep him in your prayers.

Todd Neal recently had surgery to remove part of his colon. His wife, **Crystal Neal** was rushed to the hospital with a life threatening illness. Crystal is home now but they are struggling at this point. Please send cards.

Additional Members with COVID

Prayers for Everyone:

Robbie Landry - tested positive
Joann Landry - symptoms (not tested yet)
Wayne & Becky Allen - Tested positive
Rick & Karen Clemmons - Have Covid
Eddie Drews (Karen's father) - Has Covid
D.C. Mock & Ingrid Mock - Have Covid
Patricia McBrayer - Has Covid
Carl Cooper - Tested positive for Covid
Nikki Santiago - Tested positive for Covid

AREA EVENT

July 21-23 - Old-Fashioned Barn Meeting - In the Barn at the Park in Lansing, NC. Thursday: "Where Are You? - Bill Powers, Friday: "...With Christ" - Tim Canup, Saturday: Grace, Faith, Law, & Works, How Do they Relate? - Tim Canup. 7:00 Each Evening. For more information: (336)846-5615.

~IN SYMPATHY~

*Tim Allen's sister, **Brenda Swain**, passed away this past Thursday, July 14th. Prayers for the Swain family are requested.*

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

July, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY:

COMMUNION FOR JULY:

SCRIPTURE

July 3 - Wayne Allen
July 10 - Mark Minor
July 17 - Andy Santiago
July 24 - Rodney Brown
July 31 - Johnny Spillman

DEVOTIONS:

SONG LEADER

Clayton Workman
Charlie Belch
Steve Tesh
David Shoaf
Gene Southern

PRAYER

Todd Hinson
Mark Roy
Al Lawson
David Shoaf
David Moore

OPENING PRAYERS FOR JULY:

SUNDAY A.M.

SUNDAY P.M.

WEDNESDAY

SECURITY AND GREETING:

PLEASE OPEN BUILDING BY 10:30 A.M., 5:40 P.M., AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:40 P.M.

SONG LEADERS FOR JULY:

SUNDAY A.M.

July 3 - Justin Little
July 10 - Roger Allen
July 17 - Charley Belch
July 24 - Wayne Allen
July 31 - Gene Southern

SUNDAY P.M.

July 3 - Roger Allen
July 10 - David Shoaf
July 17 - Wayne Allen
July 24 - Gene Southern
July 31 - Song & Prayer Service
Coordinator Gene

WEDNESDAY

July 3 - Gene Southern
July 13 - Clayton Workman
July 20 - Charley Belch
July 27 - Justin Little

“GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE” at 10:30 p.m. each week night on Cable 8
SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68

WARNERS CHAPEL CHURCH OF CHRIST
8999 LASATER ROAD
CLEMMONS, NC 27012

ELDERS

Tim Allen
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

DEACONS

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Mark Minor
Jody Everett

Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner