

Prayer List

Peggy Driscoll, Doris Reyes Fernandez, Marc Genua, Ashleigh Green, Eleanor Green, Amanda Hatcher, Gordon Hatcher, Philip Hutton, Jim Ledbetter, Norman Lee, Mary Lynn McAleer, Matthias Meredith, Tony Priola, Chris Ragle, Norma Ragle, Verne Ragle, Ronald Russell, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Tresa Snyder, Sheila Sollars, Ramona Sutton

Announcements

Eleanor Green will be the honoree for Knoxville's Jingle Bell Run on Friday, December 10th to raise awareness for Juvenile Arthritis.

The Numbers

Attendance Sunday, November 20 ___/___/___
Wednesday, November 23 ___
Offering Sunday, November 20 \$870.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Barry Simmons

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer Keith Keever
Songs David Snyder
Sermon Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution Lance Green
Assistants Levy Cox and Donald Shipley
Closing Prayer Tommy Sanders

Sunday Afternoon Worship

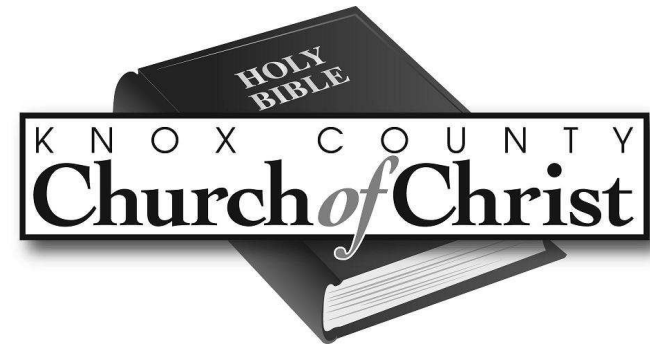
First Prayer Barry Simmons
Songs *Singing*
Sermon Brad Green
Lord's Supper Charles Hatcher
Closing Prayer Donald Shipley

Wednesday Night

Songs Lance Green
First Prayer David Snyder
Devotional Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer Charles Hatcher

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Meeting Location:
130 Mabry Hood Road
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Knoxville, TN 37922
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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study.....9:30 AM
Worship.....10:30AM & 1:30 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 PM



From The Preacher's Pen

“BY WHAT ARE WE SAVED?”

[This article is written by brother Kent Bailey, preacher for the Northside church of Christ, Calhoun, GA.]

The Biblical Doctrine of Salvation is of crucial importance. Were it not for such, all accountable individuals would be condemned in their sins, under the wrath of a righteous and just God, and bound for the fires of eternal torment without any hope. In studying God's Scheme of Redemption we note that there are two sides to salvation in Christ – God's and humanity's. In noting both we find various terms used within the New Testament as a demonstration that Christ the Savior uses various components as means to the saving of humanity.

WE ARE SAVED BY THE NEW BIRTH. Salvation from past alien sins is spoken of in figurative language as that of a new birth (John 3:1-7). While one is not literally and physically born a second time into life, in being forgiven of all past sins, one has a new beginning (spiritually speaking) with all past sins of the former life being crucified with Christ (Gal. 2:20). No doubt many have had a strong desire for a new beginning in life. One is offered such through salvation from sin in Christ.

WE ARE SAVED BY EQUATION. By the term equation we refer to a complex of variable factors affecting a process. Regarding salvation from one's sin, we refer to varying factors and/or components equated or made equal as being essential to the forgiveness of one's sin. God's grace, Christ's blood, and our obeying various conditions are all variables involved in God's plan to save man from the condemnation of sin. The New Testament of Christ describes our response to the Gospel as being the equation of various elements. One's faith in Christ (John 1:12) must be found in conjunction with repentance from sin (Acts 3:19). One's

penitent faith must be found in conjunction with making such a faith known in confession (Rom. 10:9-10; Acts 8:37). One's penitent, having confessed faith must be found in conjunction with being crucified with Christ, buried with Christ, and raised to walk in newness of life as demonstrated in baptism (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-4).

WE ARE SAVED BY OPERATION. God's working or operation by means of the Gospel of Christ is much like physical surgery. This working requires a patient, a surgeon, surgical instruments, and recovery. Requisites include faith in the doctor, desire and decision of the patient, expressed consent of the patient, and the actual surgery. This is pictured in the Gospel conditions of faith (John 8:24), repentance of sin (Acts 17:30), confession of faith (Rom. 10:10), and baptism (Acts 2:38; Col. 2:11-12), being then brought into spiritual recovery in the church (Acts 2:47).

WE ARE SAVED BY CONTRACT. By the term contract we refer to a binding agreement. In order to obtain salvation both God and man must be brought together in reconciliation (Mat. 11:28; 2 Cor. 5:7; Col. 1:13-14). It is God (party of the first part, having been sinned against) who names the terms of salvation. It is accountable man (party of the second part, the sinner) who must accept and obey the conditions of salvation as set forth in this divine contract – the New Testament (Heb. 9:16-17). The case being that this divine contract, namely the Covenant of Christ, did not become operative until the first Pentecost following the resurrection of Christ, those who died under the Old Covenant were never answerable to God under this Covenant of Christ. If the contract is current upon the death of the party of the second part, the balance which is eternal life will be received (Rev. 2:10).

WE ARE SAVED BY ADOPTION. Jesus Christ is the Son of God by incarnation (the aspect of the second member of the Godhead while maintaining His Deity also becoming human). This great truth of God is affirmed in the New Testament (John 1:1-14). The New Testament also affirms that Christians are children of God. Unlike Christ (who

was begotten by incarnation) we, as God's people, were adopted into our relationship with the Godhead: “I say, that the heir, as long as he is a child differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of this world: but when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law that we might receive the adoption of sons” (Gal. 4:1-6). The Gospel of Christ makes adoption in Christ possible (Rom. 1:16-17; Gal. 1:6-9; 1 Pet. 1:4-5; Rev. 22:17-18). Our adoption takes place when we obey the conditions of the Gospel (Heb. 5:8-9; Rom. 6:17-18).

WE ARE SAVED BY THE CROSS. Our affirmation of salvation by the cross of Christ is not a claim that the cross is the Savior. Such is an affirmation that the cross (in conjunction with the burial of Christ, resurrection from death, and ascension back to the Father) is the implement upon which Christ executed God's scheme (1 Cor. 1:18; Phi. 2:5-8).

WE ARE SAVED BY CONVERSION. Forgiveness is accomplished by God, whereas conversion is accomplished by humanity. Conversion must therefore take place prior to God extending forgiveness. Faith changes one's trust (John 8:24), repentance changes one's determination (Acts 3:19), confession changes one's allegiance (Rom. 10:10), and baptism changes one's state and/or condition (Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-4). One is then translated from the power of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son (Col. 1:13-18).

God thus uses various components in our redemption from sin. Have you been saved from your past sins by the blood of Christ and are you walking faithful in Christ in order that His blood may both conditionally and continuously keep you cleansed?

--*Kent Bailey*