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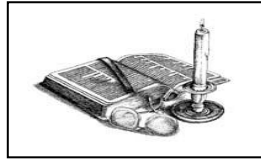
## Sunday

Bible study: 10am

Worship: 11am

## Wednesday

Bible Study: 6pm



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*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” -----  
---Matthew 5:16---*

**Visitors: You are our honored guests. Please fill out a visitor's card. You can place in the collection plate or hand to one of us. Please stay a few minutes after service so we can get to know you.**

**Rabun County Church of Christ**

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**ATTENDANCE week of July 21, 2019**

**Sun School-----19**  
**Worship----- 26**  
**Wed, night-----7**  
**Contribution-----\$506**  
**Correction for 7/14 \$1520**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Next week is the first Sunday fellowship after morning worship.**

**We will be sending out letters requesting additional support. If anyone has a personal connection to a congregation, they think would be willing to help please see Bro. Flowers.**

**If you wish to add anyone or take someone off the prayer list, please let Bro. Flowers know.**

**If you are going to be traveling and know you will miss service, please let us know so we can pray for your safe return.**

**PRAYER LIST:**

**Sonny Gay**  
**E.Y. Fry**  
**Dick Godfrey**  
**Michael Dixon**  
**Josh McElrath**  
**Janice Johnson**  
**Margaret Schoen**  
**Coleen Holt**  
**Jan Townsend**  
**Carolyn Ledford**  
**Muriel Boyd**  
**Martin Davis**  
**Don Blackwell**  
**Sheri Blackwell**  
**Barbara Beard**  
**Lowell Davis**

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**Birthdays:**  
**Ron Weston (02)**

**Wednesday Night Bible Study**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians chpt 11**

# Baptism Comes Before Salvation

## *by David Padfield*

I have been accused of over emphasizing the part baptism plays in the salvation of sinners. In view of what the Bible teaches, I do not see how this could be possible.

There are five passages in the New Testament which mention both baptism and salvation in the same verse (**Mark 16:16**; **Acts 2:38**; **Rom. 6:4**; **Acts 22:16**; **1 Peter 3:21**). In all of these passages, water baptism precedes the remission of sins. Do you know of a passage where the order is reversed?

**Mark 16:16** contains two conditions for salvation: faith and baptism. It also contains the conditions for damnation: a lack of faith. If you want to know what you must do to be lost, it will tell you -- all that is necessary is a lack of faith. If you want to know what to do to be saved from your past sins -- it commands, you to believe and be baptized.

In **Acts 2:38** Peter told a group of believers to "repent, and let everyone of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." Our Baptist friends often focus on the word "for" in this passage and insist it means "because of," even though it is never translated that way in any reputable translation of the Bible. We have to remind them that if baptism is "because of" the remission of sins, then so is repentance. Baptism and repentance are joined by the little word "and." Whatever one is "for" the other is "for."

After we are buried with Christ in baptism, we are raised to walk in a newness of life (**Romans 6:1-4**). This new life comes after baptism in water. Many preachers want to "bury" the "new man," since they claim the newness of life comes before our "burial."

Three days after the Lord appeared to Saul of Tarsus, Ananias told Saul to "arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins" (**Acts 22:16**). Many preachers today claim Saul was saved three days before Ananias met him. Ananias must not have known it, for he told Saul how to "wash away" his sins. If Saul had been saved on the road as some preachers claim, he must have been the most miserable saved man in the Bible. Saul was blind and spent three days praying and fasting until Ananias arrived.

**1 Peter 3:21** states "baptism doth also now save us." However, baptism is not the only condition for the salvation of the alien sinner. Other requirements must be met, like faith, repentance and love. I do not know of anything "alone" that will save a sinner, not even faith (**James 2:24**).

## **SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 37:1-6**

### **THOSE WHO ARE HONORED TO SERVE TODAY**

Announcements.....Ron Weston  
Bible Class Prayer.....Jason Flowers  
Song Leader .....Don Roe  
Direct Lord's Supper.... Ed Townsend  
Assist Lord's Supper.... Micah Pate  
Assist Lord's Supper.... Martin Davis  
Opening Prayer.....Micah Pate  
Scripture Reading.....Ernest McElrath  
Sermon.....Jason Flowers  
Closing Prayer.....Doug McElrath

### **WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED**

HEAR GOD'S WORD—ROMANS 10:17  
BELIEVE IN CHRIST—JOHN 3:16, MARK 16:16  
REPENT OF SINS—LUKE 13:3 ACTS 2:38  
CONFESS CHRIST—ACTS 8:37, ROMANS 10:10  
BE BAPTIZED—GALATIANS 3:27, ACTS 2:38  
LIVE FAITHFULLY—JOHN 8:31, 1<sup>ST</sup> COR 15:58

Announcements, prayer requests, or suggestions  
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