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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 25th week of our Bible Reading.

**Prayer List**  
 Sharon Nale  
 Les & Novema Dunn  
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)  
 Sharon Thompson  
 The Wards  
 Dale Kahl  
 Brooke Thomas

**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-July1 w/ Brother Todd Rogers**

**Lord's Supper Reading**  
 Matt. 26:26-29

**Scripture Reading**  
 AM: Acts 8:35-39  
 PM: Mark 16:15-16

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

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## Five Questions About Baptism

**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.

There is no more understandable concept in the entire bible that is so terribly misunderstood than Bible baptism. It is very simple, but its importance cannot be over emphasized.

### I. Scripture Regarding Baptism

Matt 28:19, Mk 16:15-16, Acts 2:38, Acts 8:5, 12, 36-37, 9:18; 22:16; Acts 10:47-48; 16:15, 33; 18:8; 19:5, Rom. 6:1-6  
 I Cor. 12:13, Gal. 3:27, Eph. 4:5, Col. 2:12, I Pet 3:20-21

### II. Is Sprinkling and Pouring Acceptable Forms of Baptism?

Acts 8:37, Rom. 6:3-4, Col. 2:12

### III Infant Baptism Approved By God?

Believers: Mk 16:16, Acts 8:36  
 Sinners: Acts 22:16  
 Repentant: Acts 2:38  
 Confessors: Acts 8:36-37  
 Children Not Born In Sin: Ez 18:4, 20, Dt 1:39

### IV. Are We Baptized To Join A Denomination?

Gal. 3:26-27, Rom. 6:3, I Cor. 12:13, Eph. 1:22, Col. 1:18  
 Eph. 4:4, Acts 2:47, I Cor. 1:10-13; 12:12-14

### V. Is Baptism Essential To Salvation or An Outward Sign That You Are Already Saved?

James 2:24, Acts 2:37-38; 22:16, I Pet 3:20-21

### VI. If Baptism Is Essential, Doesn't That Void Grace and Make Us Saved By Works?

Acts 15:11, Acts 2:38; 10:47-48, Acts 19:4-5, Eph. 2:8, Jn 1:17  
 Mk 16:16, Eph. 2:5, 8-10, Js 2:24, Lk 6:46, Mt 7:21, Mk 16:16

## 5 Views of Mark 16:16

Read Mark 16:16. How so much misunderstanding has reigned in regards to such an understandable verse is a mystery. This evening let's take a look at 5 views of Mark 16:16.

### I. "He that believeth and is baptized ' \_\_\_\_\_ ' be saved."

Gen. 1:1, Acts 17:28, Ps 19:1; 14:1, I Tim. 2:3-4, Jn 14:6

Acts 4:12, 2 Tim. 2:10

### II. "He that ' \_\_\_\_\_ ' and ' \_\_\_\_\_ ' shall be saved."

I Tim. 2:6, Mt 7:13-14, Mt 7:21, Eph. 5:5ff

### III. "He that ' \_\_\_\_\_ and ' \_\_\_\_\_ ' shall be saved."

Acts 8:35-37; 2:38, Ez. 18:4, 20, Js 1:14ff, Rom. 6:3-4, Col. 2:12

### IV "He that ' \_\_\_\_\_ ' and is ' \_\_\_\_\_ ' shall be saved."

Mt 7:21, Lk 6:46, Rom. 6:17-18, Heb. 5:8, Js 2:24, I Pet. 1:22

Mt. 28:19, Acts 2:38, Acts 8:13, 36; 9:18; 10:48; 16:15, 33

Acts 18:8; 19:5; 22:16, Rom. 6:3-4, I Cor. 12:13, Gal. 3:26-27

Col. 2:12, I Pet. 3:21, Rom. 10:1-3

### V. "He that \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_"

Acts 2:36-41

## Is Baptism a "Work?"

In an attempt to "prove" that baptism is not essential to someone's salvation, it is often argued that baptism is itself a "work," and since salvation is "not of works," then salvation is not tied to one's baptism. The question that must be asked and answered is, "What does the Bible say?"

The Bible teaches that salvation is not tied to works of the law of Moses. Passages like Romans 3:28 and Galatians 2:16 teach that "a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ." Not all "works" in the Bible are the same thing. These passages are addressing works of the law of Moses, which cannot save today.

The Bible teaches that salvation is not tied to works of human merit. "Works" of human merit are deeds by which one might earn salvation. That is the kind of "works" under discussion in Ephesians 2:8-9—works that are "of yourselves" and of which one can "boast." This passage does not teach that "works" do not save. It teaches that God's grace saves us, and meritorious works cannot save.

The Bible teaches that salvation is "by works." Don't misread that—it does not say "by works" alone. But one's salvation is Scripturally tied to works. But what kind of "works"? "Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead...Faith without works is dead... Faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect...A man is justified by works, and not by faith only..." (Jas. 2:17-26). James is dealing with a different kind of works than Paul was in Ephesians 2, for he makes it clear that faith-perfecting works (i.e., "faith working together with works") are essential to be justified (i.e., to be saved) by God (cf. Gal. 5:6).

The Bible teaches that acceptable faith to God is a "work" itself. Jesus said that one must "labor for...everlasting life" (John 6:27). When He was questioned about "works," Jesus Himself said, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him" (6:29). "Believing" in Jesus is a "work" appointed by God. If one would try to dismiss baptism as a "work" and therefore not essential to one's salvation, then he would be obligated to also put "belief" in that same category, since Jesus Himself calls it a "work."

The Bible does not contradict itself! Some "works" will not save—like the works of the law of Moses and works of human merit about which one might boast. But, keep Bible passages in their context, for some "works" are essential to one's salvation. We must let the Bible speak for itself! The New Testament repeatedly specifies baptism as a condition to being "saved" (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38). Faith without works and without baptism cannot save!