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## How to Become a Member of the Church

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 • John 8:32

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 • Mark 16:16  
 • Acts 8:37

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 • Acts 2:38  
 • Acts 17:30-31  
 • 2 Peter 3:9

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**BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST**  
 SALVATION IS IN CHRIST

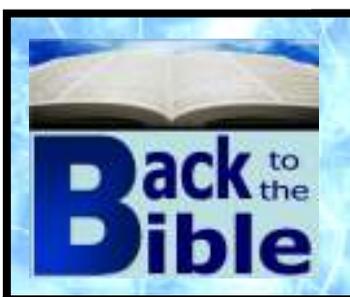
**“And the LORD ADDED to the church daily such as should be saved.”**  
 Acts 2:47

**“And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”**  
 Mark 16:15-16

**“Buried with Him in baptism . . .”**  
 Colossians 2:12

**“And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”**  
 Acts 22:16

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**Times of Services:**  
Sunday  
 Bible Study:.... 10:00am  
 AM Worship:..11:00am  
 PM Worship:...6:00pm

Wednesday  
 Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program  
 Sunday:.....7:30am  
 “Back to the Bible”  
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**We Extend A Warm & Cordial Welcome To All Our Visitors!**

### FOUR STATEMENTS OF DAVID ABOUT DEATH

Roger Campbell

The Bible's record of the life of King David of Israel shows him as a man that enjoyed occasions of great accomplishment. It shows him as one that ruled over a glorious kingdom. At the same time, other biblical pictures of his life show us a man that struggled with his own weaknesses as he faced the temptations, difficulties, and burdens of life. Some of those challenges and problems he brought upon himself and other people by the mistakes that he made.

Life and death were topics about which David made some memorable declarations. Though these statements are recorded in the Old Testament, and we understand fully that we do not live under the Law of Moses, they do contain truths that still apply today. The four statements of David that we will list below have provoked much serious thought and discussion through the centuries. Let us briefly consider them.

(1) "But now he is dead . . . can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me" (2 Samuel 12:23). David made this statement after the death of the child that Bathsheba bore as a result of their adulterous affair. The dead child could not return to his father, but the father (David) had the hope of being reunited with the child in another realm of existence. When? After David's passing from this life. This verse gives great hope to those who have lost loved ones that were faithful servants of Jehovah, or who died in the very early years of their life. There is the expectation of one day being reunited in "the paradise of God" (Revelation 2:7).

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## Can We Understand the Bible Alike?

Garland Robinson

(2) "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!" (2 Samuel 18:33). These words tear at the heart of any person that understands the love between a parent and his/her beloved child. David made this statement after his rebellious son Absalom died. Though Absalom had purposely brought much hurt to his father and his father's kingdom, David loved him dearly. Oh, the times that parents have desired in their hearts that it might be them to suffer or even die in the stead of their children. Such unselfish, unconditional love cannot be bought with money. It is also in great contrast to many in our time whose lives and attitude clearly show that they are "without natural affection" (2 Timothy 3:3).

(3) "I go the way of all the earth" (1 Kings 2:2). This is what David told a different son, Solomon. "The way of all the earth" has reference to physical death. By the decree of the Lord God, death is an appointment for all men (Hebrews 9:27). David conquered many nations, but like all others that have sojourned on the planet earth (except Enoch and Elijah), he had to go the way of death. David was a prophet of the Lord God (2 Samuel 23:1,2), but he still had to face the reality of death. David had wealthy and famous sons, but still he died like all other men before and after him. Physical death is unavoidable. We must face this fact and wisely prepare for it by faithfully serving the Lord.

(4) "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Psalm 116:15). We know that this is a true statement because it came from God. We need to accept this truth! It is sometimes difficult to "let go" of loved ones and friends that have passed from this life. However, if they died "in the Lord," then they will be blessed for it (Revelation 14:13). Thus, we should not sorrow as those that have no hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13-15). The only thing that really matters in our journey through life is to be prepared for our exodus from it! Some will go into everlasting punishment and some into eternal life (Matthew 25:46). Which will it be for us? If we die as faithful saints of Jehovah, our death will be precious in His sight.

While death is not a favorite topic for most of us to discuss, the reality is that we need to give serious thought to our plans for matters on the other side of the river of death. The joy or heartache that we will know throughout eternity will be determined by our preparation for our exodus from this old world. May we all give serious consideration to David's four statements about death that we have noticed together. Thank God for the life that we can have through His Son (John 10:10) and for the eternal life that He has promised to those that love Him (Titus 1:2; James 1:12).

If people are confused over what the Bible teaches, it is not God's fault "For God is not the author of confusion" (2 Corinthians 14:33). He desires for all men to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4). He has provided the means of their salvation through Christ (Hebrews 2:9). He desires that ALL men be ONE in Christ. To the church at Corinth it is written: "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body..." (1 Corinthians 12:13).

If all are baptized into ONE body, why then is there confusion and division? It's because men refuse to see the Bible alike, not because they can't. Jesus prayed that we all see the Bible alike "...That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us..." (John 17:20-21). The Bible was written to be understood "Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ" (Ephesians 3:4). The same message was taught by every gospel preacher in the first century. Paul said he taught the same thing "...every where in every church" (1 Corinthians 4:17).

God's plan is that everyone be united in Christ. That can only be accomplished by a proper understanding and practice of the Bible. God's five-fold plan for unity is outlined in 1 Corinthians 1:10, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." In this plan, one step leads to another. If (1) we all speak the same thing, 2) there will be no divisions among us. If there are no divisions among us we will be (3) perfectly joined together. If we are perfectly joined together we will have (4) the same mind. And, if we all have the same mind, we will have (5) the same judgment. There are strict warnings given concerning those who do not teach the same message! Romans 16:17 says, "...mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." God hates those who sow discord (Proverbs 6:19) for there is only ONE body, ONE faith (Ephesians 4:4-5). Are you in the one body? Repent and be baptized today (Acts 2:38; 22:16).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mar 8<sup>th</sup> – Preach & Eat & 1:30 Song Service & Worship @ Eula's @ 3:00 pm.
- April 5 – Men's Meeting & Ladies' Bible Class.
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell
- May 17-21 – Gospel Meeting with David B. Smith