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You Are Cordially Invited to Our 7th Annual
Old-Fashioned Gospel Tent Meeting

With Guest Speaker
John Brown
July 17-22, 2016

WEST JEFFERSON CHURCH OF CHRIST
 130 Robert Street; West Jefferson, NC 28694

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Times of Services:
Sunday
 Bible Study:... 10:00am
 AM Worship:...11:00am
 PM Worship:...6:00pm
 2nd Sunday:.....1:30pm

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!**

Truth Does Not Contradict
 Tim Canup

For one person to say that an object is solid white and another person to say it is solid black is a contradiction. Only one or the other can be right; they both cannot be right. Or, it is possible that both are wrong. The same principle applies to religion. Jesus said, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). With this in mind, if one person says salvation is by one process, and that process contradicts either the Bible or itself, it cannot be truth!

In Acts 16, a jailor was given charge of watching Paul and Silas. At midnight, they were singing and praying when an earthquake shook the prison and loosed their bonds and opened the door. This jailor awoke thinking his prisoners had escaped, which meant his own life. He drew his sword and was about to take his life when Paul stopped him. Then this jailor asked the most important question he could have ever asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Paul responded by telling him that he needed to believe; that is, to have faith,

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which is absolutely necessary (John 8:24; Hebrews 11:6). Paul told him this, not because it is the only requirement, but because it was the beginning point. Notice in verse 32, “And they spake unto him the word of the Lord...” If “...faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17), then to say he was saved in verse 31, has this man saved without the Gospel and without faith. In preaching to him the word of the Lord, they told him of the other requirements of Jesus, such as repentance (Luke 13:3), confession (Matthew 10:32-33) and baptism (Mark 16:16). In verse 33, that is exactly what he did.

Now, let me ask you to be completely honest. Many object to baptism saying that it is an ordinance that comes after salvation to confirm it to others. Most who teach salvation at the point of faith, practice baptism at a later time; perhaps even 2 or 3 weeks after the person is saved. Let me ask you to consider why this man was baptized in the middle of the night? His life was at stake for letting those prisoners escape and it was at stake for taking them out of the prison. The very next day, Paul and Silas were free men. If baptism is not important to salvation, then why did he not wait to at least the next day? Here is a contradiction in what men teach and what the Bible teaches! This man, in hearing the Gospel, saw something that was so important that he had to do it right then! It was so important he was willing to put his physical life in jeopardy so he could gain spiritual life. He saw baptism as a condition to be saved!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- July 17 – Preach & Eat – 1:30 afternoon service.
- July 17-22 – Old-Fashioned Gospel Tent Meeting @ Greenfields w/ John Brown
- July 31 – Song Service
- Aug 7 – Men’s Meeting & Ladies’ Bible Class
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell

140 Million Year-Old Hammer?



Iron hammer with fossilized wood handle found by Max Hahn near London, Texas, 1934 in Lower Cretaceous rock formation supposedly over 140 million years old. The 6" long, metal hammerhead is an unusual mixture of 96% iron, 2.6% chlorine, 0.74% sulfur & no carbon. It also has a unique, outer layer of iron oxide, protecting the hammer from rust. Unless dinosaurs were skilled tool makers, then this hammer was made by a human. This artifact is *only* a mystery if evolution is true. But if the *Bible* is true, there's no mystery at all! For God judged man's wickedness with a global flood about 4500 years ago, burying the hammer (& its owner) & the rest of that world in hundreds of feet of mud. It later hardened into rock, preserving the countless fossilized creatures we dig up today. People reject such evidence because it reminds them that there is a God, He judged this world before & will again. Read 2 Peter 3:3-7