



Today's Sermons

Morning: The Perfect Example of Self-Control & Submission
 Evening: Song Service

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| Sunday Bible Study | 35 |
| Sunday AM Worship | 45 |
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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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 Warm & Cordial
 Welcome
 To All Our
 Visitors!**

A Thousand Dollars - In Quarters
 Selected

Fred Craddock, in an address to preachers, caught the practical implications of consecration. "To give my life for Christ appears glorious," he said. "To pour myself out for others ... to pay the ultimate price of martyrdom-I'll do it. I'm ready, Lord, to go out in a blaze of glory. We think giving our all to the Lord is like taking a \$1,000 bill and laying it on the table-'Here's my life, Lord. I'm giving it all.' But the reality for most of us is that He sends us to the bank and has us cash in the \$1,000 for quarters. We go through life putting out 25 cents here and 50 cents there. Listen to the neighbor kid's troubles instead of saying, 'Get lost.' Go to a committee meeting. Give up a cup of water to a shaky old man in a nursing home. Usually giving our life to Christ isn't glorious. It's done in all those little acts of love, 25 cents at a time. It would be easy to go out in a flash of glory; it's harder to live the Christian life little by little over the long haul."

"And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward" – Matt. 10:42



Baptism - Urgent and Essential

By David Riggs

In New Testament times people were baptized as soon as they heard the gospel and had faith in Christ (Acts 2:41; 8:35-39; 16:30-34). There were no postponements or delays; there was no such thing as waiting for a "baptismal day." It was always "straightway," "the same day," "the same hour of the night," etc. They thought baptism was urgent and essential.

Furthermore, the inspired men of the New Testament did not take baptism lightly. They never poked fun at it saying, "There's no power in the water," neither did they accuse some of trusting in "water salvation." They taught that Jesus made atonement for sin in His death, and they commanded all to believe, repent, and be baptized in order to receive the benefits of His death (Rom. 6:3-4). They viewed baptism as an act of faith in and submission to Jesus Christ, the Savior, who has all authority (Matt. 28:18-20).

All would freely admit that there is no power in the water of baptism. The power is of the Lord. Jesus healed a blind man by anointing his eyes and saying, "Go wash in the pool of Siloam." (John 9:6-7). The blind man did not object by saying, "There is no power in the water." He knew that the power was of the Lord and he needed to obey to receive the blessing. Likewise, there is no power in the water of baptism, but one must go to the water to receive the blessing. To be cleansed of leprosy, Naaman was told, "Go and wash in Jordan seven times..." (2 Kings 5:10). There was no power in the water of Jordan, but if Naaman had not obeyed, he would not have been cleansed. Similarly, if one does not obey in baptism, he will not be cleansed.

One is not lost just because he is not baptized. He is lost because he is a sinner. If someone who can't swim falls into a lake and a boat is sent, but he won't get into the boat, is he drowning because he won't get into the boat? No, he is drowning because he is in the water. Likewise, one is not lost just because he is not baptized, but because he is in sin. Just as the boat is the means of rescue and one must get into it, the gospel is the means of salvation and must be obeyed (baptism included) to rescue from sin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Aug 28 – Song Service
- Sept 4 – Men's Business Meeting & Ladies' Class
- **Directory Update:**
 - Doss:** Herman (3\24) & Betty (4\15) - Anniversary: 6\4
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- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell

I SAW HIM STANDING THERE

(or, The Old Gospel Preacher)

James E. Gibbons (via Gospel Advocate, sometime in early 1971)

I saw him standing there, this man of God,
Erect and firm, although his hair was gray.
The passing years had come and they had gone
To leave the weaker men along the way.

I saw him standing there; his face was fixed,
And he was unafraid to preach the Word.
Although the times had changed so many things,
His message was the same for those who heard.

I saw him standing straight and heard him preach
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
He preached against men's sins with force and might,
Then called to lost men with a pleading nod.

I heard him preach salvation through the blood,
The message many need to hear today;
How sinners must believe, and then repent,
And turn to be baptized the Bible way.

I heard him preach about the church of Christ,
The precious bride for which our Savior died.
He then condemned the sects of men as sin,
And called on all to give up party pride.

I thank the Lord for this, a stalwart man,
Whose message had that old familiar ring
Of the apostles' doctrine through and through,
And this, to me, was such a noble thing.

I saw him standing there, this man of God,
His life as faithful as the day is long.
It gave me courage that I needed most,
And I felt inspiration to be strong.