




Today's Sermons
 Morning: The Way, Truth & Life
 Evening: God Has Spoken!

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The Ark & the Church

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■ One HOPE	• New World - Genesis 8	• Eternal Life - 1 Peter 1:3-4



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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!**

Can One be Saved Outside the Church?

- Stan Cox

Numerous passages of scripture reveal Jesus Christ to have authority in the church. Authority, or "headship" is shown in such passages as Colossians 1:18, "And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence"; and Ephesians 1:22-23, "And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."

Christ, as Head, exhibited his love for the body by dying on the cross. "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her", Ephesians 5:25. In verse 23 of that same chapter, Paul refers to Christ as being "head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body."

With these scriptures in mind, the sectarian mindset is shown to be invalid. Sectarians are driven to relegate the church of God to the category of unimportant, unnecessary and optional. Today the emphasis is on a "personal relationship with Christ", and the concept that salvation is to be found only in one body,

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or church is repugnant. If only one church consists of the saved, then one church can't be "just as good" as another! In our day of diversity and tolerance, such a view is unacceptable. In addition to the preceding verses, which affirm that 1) Christ gave himself for the church, and 2) He is the Savior of the body; other verses point out the fact that one must be a member of Christ's church in order to be saved.

Acts 20:28, "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood." If a man is saved without being "in the church", then he is saved without being purchased with the blood of Christ. Who can believe it?

Ephesians 2:16, "And that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity." Both Jew and Gentile are reconciled to God in the body, the church. If you can be saved without the church, you can be saved without being reconciled to God. Again, who can believe it?

I Timothy 3:15, "But if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." The church is the house of God. If you can be saved without the church, you can be saved without being in God's household. Such an idea is ludicrous!

The Baptist admits that you can be saved without being a member of the Baptist church. If this is so, the Baptist church is not the Lord's church, and is unworthy of our membership. The same is true of any other man-made denomination.

Often you hear the ridicule, "You guys think you are the only ones going to heaven. You think you have to be a member of the church of Christ to be saved!" Such statements show ignorance. Everywhere in the Bible such an affirmation exists. Only those who belong to Christ are saved! Everyone who belongs to Christ is a member of His church. "And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47).

We should never forget that the church is the blood-bought institution of the Lord. It was conceived in the mind of God before the world began, and is an integral part of God's scheme of redemption. The voice that speaks lightly of the church is guilty at the least of ignorance, and at the worst of blasphemy.

When Paul persecuted the church, he was persecuting the Lord Himself. "And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?'" (Acts 22:7).

No thoughtful Christian would ever consider belittling the importance of the church in the redemption of men's souls. Nor should any Christian be guilty of harming the church through divisive actions or attitudes. The church is the bride of Christ, and is loved tenderly by Him. Let us never be guilty of harming by pride, strife or deceitfulness our Lord's bride.

Too Important Not to Share

Author Unknown

Because of the intense competition in the automobile industry, carmakers try to keep their design breakthroughs secret. A company that can offer a new and desirable feature on its cars gains a coveted selling edge in a tough market.

That's why it was surprising when a Mercedes-Benz ad showed one of their cars being crashed into a brick wall during a safety test. The way it withstood the impact revealed why its energy-absorbing construction has saved lives. Even though Mercedes-Benz holds the patent on the safety design, competitors are free to use it because the company does not enforce its claim. When asked why, the automaker's spokesman replied, "Because some things in life are too important not to share."

We possess information as Christians which can have a much greater impact on humankind than any new auto safety technique. We know the good news of Jesus Christ for the redemption of sinners! This message, which has been entrusted to us, is too important to keep secret from those who are lost and perishing without Him. Isn't it about time we got busy?

"And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" - Luke 24:47

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"The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins" (Mark 1:1-5).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mar 1 – Men's Business Meeting & Ladies' Bible Class
- Mar 8 – Daylight Savings Time Begins – Roll your Clock forward 1 Hour
- Mar 8 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Service (Song Service)
- March 13 – Family Game Night – 6:00 pm – Finger Foods
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Jim Winters