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SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES
John 5:39

We see here that Christ told these people to search the scriptures, for in them they thought they had eternal life, and the scriptures testified of him. These were not the apostles' writings but the law and the prophets. And if they had done what they were supposed to do they would have known then the Christ would have come: but were as they are today.

Rom. 15:4, the *"things...written aforetime..."* If they had done as told through the scriptures it would have taught them how to obtain eternal life, when the life would come, and they could have laid hold on it. But we see from St. John 1 that they would not receive him although the world was made by him and all things were made by him. But they thought they had all that was necessary, and knew enough since they were God's people. Just like people today, they think they know all that is required; so why study, II Tim. 2:15? But I Cor. 8:2 said. *"And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know."* So we see we will not know anything as we ought.

In Acts chapter 8 we find the Eunuch was brought up and taught under the law, yet he didn't know the prophet Isaiah. When he was reading chapter 53 he asked, *"...of whom speaketh the prophet?..."*

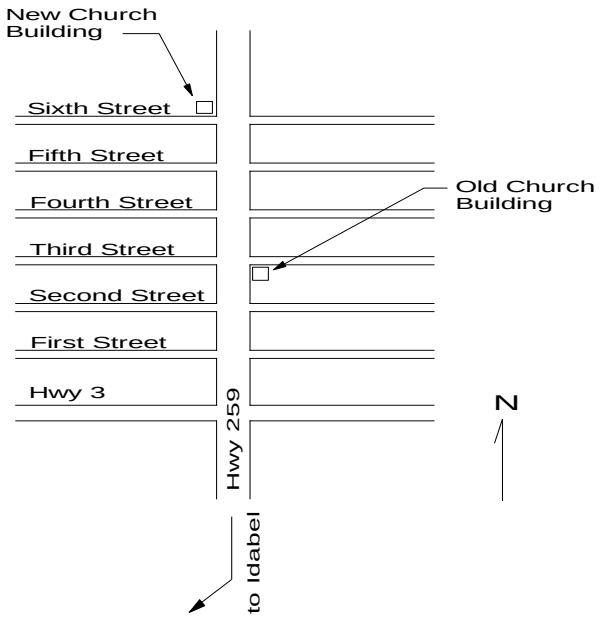
We ask today most anyone what the Bible says, and they don't know. Why don't they know? Have they studied and rightly divided the word of truth? I Cor. 10:12. *"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."* Take heed to what? I Tim. 4:16 *"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."*

Why do we have so many different views on the same subject? Is it not a fact that someone is using their thoughts, what they think, instead of what the book said?

I was talking to a person just last week on the communion. They said that the cup (vessel) was not the cup the Lord was talking about. It was the fruit of the vine. I asked them, how can the fruit of the vine be a cup without being in a vessel called a cup? They wanted to use the old adage "Drink ye all of it", the cup. So I reminded them they could not drink the cup without being in a cup. So if they did not drink all of it they sinned by disobeying the command, "Drink ye all of it". Either way they, I John 3:4, transgressed the command, and that is sin.

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P.S. We have our new building finished, and are worshipping in it. Here are the directions to it.



CHRISTIANITY OR RELIGION

This subject has been on my mind for some time. Christianity is religion, but religion is not necessarily Christianity. I have heard all my life that the United States is a Christian nation, founded on Christianity. This is not so! There is no nation on earth where I would rather live, but a Christian nation it is not; and I don't know of a single nation that is. There are several nations which are religious, but not Christian. I was told that there are more than 2,000 religions in the United States and that definitely qualifies it as a religious nation.

Eph. 4:5, There is "*One Lord, one faith, one baptism.*" If there is only one faith, where do the other 2,000 faiths come from? Acts 11:26, "*...the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.*" A Christian is a follower of Christ; not Mohammed; not Luther; not Wesley; not Mrs. Eddy; not Joseph Smith; not the King of England; not the Puritans. In latter times: not Oral Roberts, Billy Graham, Martin Luther King, Jim Bakker, or hundreds more. Christians follow Christ and not men.

Religious, yes; Christians, no. Paul wrote of this in Rom. 10:1-2 where he speaks of the Jews who had "*a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge*." They lacked a knowledge of what God wanted them to do. They were Jews outwardly, but not inwardly (Rom. 2:28-29). They boasted of the law, but they dishonored God when they did not obey it (Rom. 2:23); therefore the circumcision of which they boasted was considered uncircumcision (Rom. 2:25). If a man calls himself a Christian and does not as God commands, that does not make him a Christian. Religious people, yes; but not Christian.

On the Day of Pentecost the Lord added to the church (Acts 2:47). Question: Did the Lord add saved people to a church that didn't even exist? You ask, what of all these religious people who are so zealous? Jesus answers this in Matt. 7:22-23, "*...Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity*." Zealous, yes; followers of Christ, no. Jesus also speaks of them in Matt. 15:9, "*But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.*"

If you need more scriptures, please get in touch with me. The nation of Christians (Kingdom of God) was never put in the hands of presidents and kings of nations, but in the hands of the elders of local congregations. There is no central synod that makes decisions for the church. Christ is the only authority figure we have. Jesus said, "*My kingdom is not of this world.*" (John 18:36). 1 Pet. 2:9, "*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*" Christians live in the world, but not of the world. The "*...kingdom of God is within you.*" (Luke 17:21). It is this kingdom (sons of God) that is to be lights in a perverse nation (the world). It is this light that is not to be hid under a bushel, but is to shine unto the world as (or like) a city that sets on a hill cannot be hid (Matt. 5:14-16; Phil. 2:15).

I hope and pray to some day dwell in that final resting place of the kingdom when Christians are all gathered from the four corners of the earth. I hope this is plain for all, especially the young who continually are told that this is a Christian nation.

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JUDGE - STUDY 3

-- ONE JUDGE --
-- ONE STANDARD OF JUDGMENT--

In two articles we have studied to some extent the manner of our judgment, both of issues and people, as revealed to us in the scriptures. We have learned the manner that we have been instructed to make judgments and the judgments that we have been forbidden to make. We come now to the judgments which God has reserved to himself, which He alone can make. I cannot stress strongly enough the importance of this study.

--ONE JUDGE--

Acts 10:42, "*And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.*"

2 Tim. 4:1, "*...the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;...*"

These scriptures refer to the final judgment when not only judgment is made by Christ, but sentence is passed on all mankind. The "*quick*" (alive) "*and the dead*" will be judged, and final disposition will be made for all eternity. (For further on this, see 1 Thess. 4:16-17).

This will occur at a day appointed by God. Acts 17:31, (God) "*...hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained* (Christ) *...; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.*"

This will occur (in most cases) following our death. Heb. 9:27, "*...it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.*"

This judgment is not going on at the present time, (as some mistakenly believe), but is yet in the future. See Acts 24:25, "*And as he (Paul) reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled,...*"

Final judgment will be God's, but by the agency of Jesus Christ. See Rom. 2:16, "*In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.*"

This points out the folly of any man attempting to usurp this judgment from the Deity. We cannot know the "*secrets of men,*" and obviously cannot make an intelligent judgment on these matters: God has reserved this to himself.

--LET BOTH GROW TOGETHER--

Jesus told a story (parable) to his disciples that points out the woeful inability of mere humans to make judgments of a final nature while in this life. Matt. 13:24-30, "*The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him,* ***wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?*** *But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let* ***both*** *grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.*"

The servants in this case were probably well intentioned, meant well, and probably felt the master would approve of their "solution" of the matter. But the master's reply exposed their solution for what it really was; **No solution at all!**

Now look further at verses 37-42: Verse 41, "*The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather* ***out of his kingdom*** *all things that offend, and them that do iniquity.*"

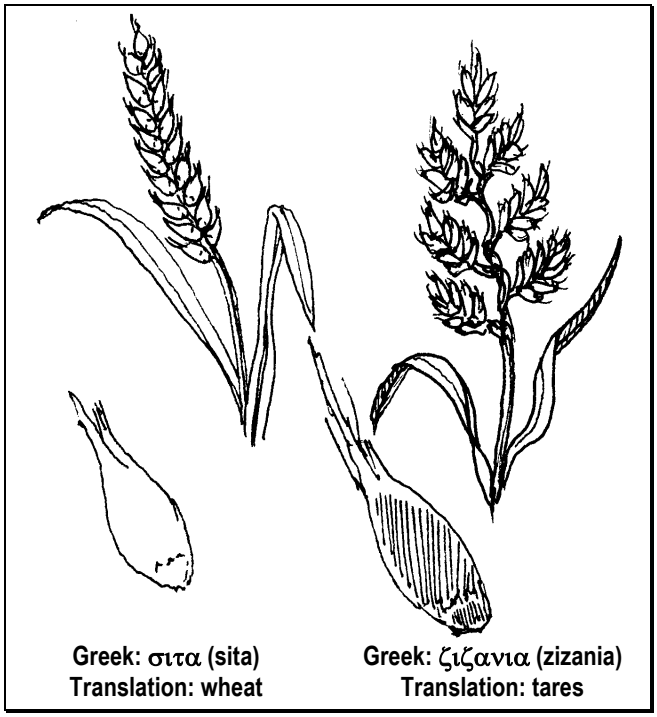
It seems that today there is a movement among our brotherhood to cast anyone out (exclude) of God's kingdom whom we conceive to have been guilty of certain sins such as fornication, covetousness, railing, extortion, etc., notwithstanding the fact that Jesus clearly stated that this was not to be. It seems that if this idea is pursued to its ultimate end, the angels will have nothing to do at the end; it would already be done for them.

Do not misunderstand: I am not contending that there should not be church discipline. I am merely contending that it is not in our hands to take such measures. This is the ultimate judgment which is the sole prerogative of God.

God's judgment will be a vengeful judgment. Rom. 3:5-6, "*...is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? ...God forbid: for then how shall God judge the world?*" Also, Heb. 10:30, "*...Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.*"

God's judgment will also be a rewarding judgment. 2 Tim. 4:8, "*...there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day...*"

We each will give full account for all our deeds



Greek: σιτα (sita)
Translation: wheat

Greek: ζιζανια (zizania)
Translation: tares

in the final judgment. 1 Pet. 4:5, (you) "*...who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.*" Also Rom. 14:12, "*So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.*" Verse 10, "*...we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.*"

We see a vivid picture of the final judgment in Rev. 20:11-15. After revealing many things that he had seen, John states twice that all mankind will be judged from the records "*according to their works.*"

Jeremiah of old quotes the Heavenly Father, "*I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.*" (Jer. 17:10).

We can say, then, that all men will give account and be tried according to their records in the final trial by Christ, the righteous judge. There will be no appeal: all decisions are final. The judgment will not be left to men; indeed, the only concern that men will have will be their own welfare.

--ONE STANDARD OF JUDGMENT--

In all societies, the judicial arm of government is required to use a single standard to judge the guilt or innocence of any supplicant before the bar; just so, with the final judgment.

There is one standard by which each person will be judged. John 12:48, "*He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.*"

What we have learned in this series of studies is this:

(1) Christ commanded us to judge righteously.
(2) He gave us the standard of judgment, His Word.
(3) We are to be honest in our judgments, not hypocritical.
(4) He warned us that in the final judgment we would be judged by himself, using His Word as the standard.
(5) There will be no appeal from the final judgment.
(6) He has given us ample opportunity to prepare.
(7) He has reserved the final solution to himself.

What sort of judgment do we use now concerning these things?

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I dreamed death came the other night
And heaven's gates swung wide,
With kindly grace an angel
Ushered me inside

And there to my astonishment
Stood folks I'd known before,
Some I'd judged and labeled
Unfit for heaven's door.

Indignant words rose to my lips
But never were set free,
For every face showed stunned surprise
Not one expected ME.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT CHRIST DID NOT DIE ON FRIDAY?

For generations, the view that Christ was crucified on Friday has prevailed and, since he rose very early on the first day of the week, even while it was yet dark (John 20:1), and if he was buried shortly before sunset on Friday, such would limit his stay in the tomb to one day and two nights, contradicting Matthew 12:40, "*For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.*"

When was the crucifixion? It was on the Preparation of the feast of Passover, meaning the day before the Passover began; and, since the Passover always began on the 15th day of Nisan (Leviticus 23:5-6), that means Christ was crucified on the 14th of Nisan. All four of the gospels confirm this: (a) Matthew related how, on the day after Jesus was buried, "*Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate,*" (Matt. 27:62). (b) Mark recounted how Joseph begged the dead body of Jesus from Pilate on "*the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath*" (Mark 15:42). (c) Likewise Luke stated that the burial took place on "*the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath drew on*" (Luke 23:54). (d) The apostle John records that the trial of Jesus before Pilate took

place "*on the Preparation of the Passover: it was about the sixth hour*" (John 19:14). This makes it absolutely certain that Christ was crucified on the 14th of Nisan (also called Abib).

But, like any given day of the month, the 14th of Nisan could occur on any day of the week. Mark and John both mentioned that the Preparation was the day before the Sabbath; and, if that had been all the information we have, it could be said that Christ was crucified on Friday, which is the day before the ordinary Sabbath, that is, Saturday. However, "*that Sabbath*" was not an ordinary Sabbath. John's gospel declares: "*The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath day, (for that Sabbath day was an high day), besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.*" (John 19:31).

John's identification of the Sabbath immediately after the Preparation mentioned by all the gospels makes it certain that it was not Saturday the ordinary Sabbath at all, but another kind of Sabbath. Exodus 12:16 instructed Israel to observe both the first and seventh days of the Passover week as days of rest and holy, upon which occasions no work at all could be done. Thus the 15th of Nisan was a Sabbath regardless of what day of the week it was. These special Sabbaths were called "*high days*," and John identified the Sabbath following the Preparation as that kind of Sabbath, "*a high day.*"

Jesus' fulfillment of the type seen in the Passover lambs does not fit Friday crucifixion at all. If it is assumed that Christ was crucified on Friday, then the Passover began on Saturday, and "*six days before the Passover*" (John 12:1) was Sunday when the supper was made for Jesus with Lazarus present, and the triumphal entry would then have been on Monday the day after that. That is clearly incorrect. However, if he was crucified on Thursday, then the supper was on Saturday "*six days before the Friday Passover*" and the triumphal entry was on Sunday, as generally acknowledged. All of this ties in with the Lord's being the antitype of the Passover lamb. To have fulfilled the type, Jesus had to be selected on the 10th day of Nisan (Exo. 12:3), and slain in the afternoon of the 14th day (Exo. 12:6). No event in the Bible signifies better the selection of Jesus as the Pascal Lamb than His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. on the 10th.

A.D.	*DATE*	*HOUR*	*DAY*	*MOON SEEN AT SUNSET*	*DAY-TIME NISAN 1*	*DAY-TIME NISAN 14*	*DATE NISAN 14*
25	MAR 7	9:39 PM	THU	FRI	SAT	FRI	MAR 22
26	APR 6	6:50 AM	SAT	SAT	SUN	SAT	APR 20
27	MAR 26	8:24 PM	WED	THU	FRI	THU	APR 10
28	MAR 15	3:01 AM	MON	MON	TUE	MON	MAR 29
29	APR 2	8:06 PM	SAT	SUN	MON	SUN	APR 17
30	**MAR 22**	**8:22 PM**	**WED**	**THU**	**FRI**	**THU**	**APR 6**
31	MAR 12	12:52 AM	MON	MON	TUE	MON	MAR 26
32	MAR 29	10:31 PM	SAT	SUN	MON	SUN	APR 13
33	MAR 19	1:04 PM	THU	FRI	SAT	FRI	APR 3
34	MAR 9	5:48 AM	TUE	TUE	WED	TUE	MAR 23
35	APR 7	2:03 PM	WED	THU	FRI	THU	APR 22
36	MAR 28	6:26 AM	MON	MON	TUE	MON	APR 11

The Jewish calendar is based upon the positions and motions of the moon. A few years back Herman H. Goldstine used a computer to calculate the exact positions of the moon during these early centuries. The above table shows the moon settings for the years A.D. 25-36:

Only twice in this twelve-year period did the 14th of Nisan (the day our Lord suffered) fall on a Friday, namely in 25 A.D. and in 33 A.D. This means that if the Lord suffered on Friday. he died in either 25 A.D. or 33 A.D., one of these dates being too early and the other too late. But what about Thursday? The 14th of Nisan began on Thursday in 27 A.D. and in 30 A.D., the latter being the date usually agreed upon by scholars as the year of our Lord's death. Thus scientific evidence harmonizes with Thursday crucifixion, but not Friday crucifixion. Thursday, April 6, A.D. 30, is the most plausible of the dates suggested for the crucifixion of Christ.

	3RD HOUR 9:00am		6TH HOUR Noon		9TH HOUR 3:00pm		12TH HOUR 6:00pm		MID-NIGHT
WED			Jesus tells his disciples to prepare for the Passover				Jesus has Pass-over	Mount of Olives	Christ's betrayal
THU	Peter's Denial	Interro-gation	Cruci-fixion	Dark-ness	Death	Remov-ed from cross	Christ buried. The High Sabbath Passover proper		
FRI	The High Sabbath Passover proper						Sabbath normal		
SAT	Sabbath normal								
SUN	Jesus arose								

The above table shows the events of the days concerning the crucifixion of Jesus. Remember the Jewish day started and ended at sundown (12th hour of the day) when they observed the holy days.

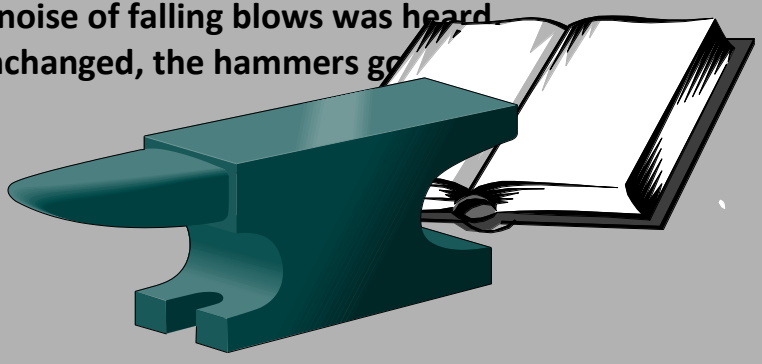
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THE ANVIL OF GOD'S WORD

Last eve I paused beside a blacksmith's door,
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;
Then looking in, I saw upon the floor,
Old hammers worn with beating years of time.

"How many anvils have you had," said I,
"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"
"Just one," said he, and then with twinkling eye,
"The anvil wears the hammer out, you know."

"And so," I thought, "The Anvil of God's Word,
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon,
Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard,
The Anvil is unchanged, the hammers go



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BAPTISM COLUMN NO. 11
SPRINKLING or FULL IMMERSION?

There are at least these two different methods religious organizations use to baptize people; sprinkling and full immersion, (putting them completely under the water). This month we will consider whether one of these methods is preferable to the other, **scripturally.** Which is the right way to baptize, according to the Bible?

To consider the subject let's first examine the requirements of each, then examine the scriptures to see which is used in baptism in the scriptures.

Both sprinkling and immersion require water. However, immersion requires much more water than sprinkling. Immersion requires a lot of water. Immersion also requires that both participants (the one being baptized and the one baptizing) go into the water and come out of the water when done. With sprinkling neither participant must go into or come out of the water. The following chart summarizes these requirements.

REQUIREMENT	***IMMERSION***	***SPRINKLING***
1. Water	Yes	Yes
2. Much water	Yes	No
3. Into water	Yes	No
4. Out of water	Yes	No

Now, in examining the scriptures, do the scriptural examples of baptism require only water, as in sprinkling, or all the other requirements too, as in immersion?

Let's look first to John 3:23 to answer this question. "*And John also was baptizing in AEnon near to Salim, because there was <u>much water</u> there: and they came, and were baptized.*" Here we have the second ingredient required for immersion, that is, much water. We do need to go further though, because it is the baptism of John, and because it still doesn't have the remaining two requirements.

Look next to Acts 8:36-39. "*And as they* (Philip and the eunuch) *went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went <u>down both into the water</u>, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were <u>come up out of the water</u>, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.*" So we see that all the requirements of immersion are fulfilled in the scriptural accounts of baptism, not just the one requirement of sprinkling.

However, the word "sprinkling" can be found in the Bible. But it refers only indirectly to baptism, not to the method used to baptize people.

Look first to I Pet. 1:2. "*Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and <u>sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ</u>: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.*" Further explanation of this sprinkling of the blood of Jesus can be found in the book of Hebrews. You will see that in likeness of the law, where Moses sprinkled various things with the blood of animals, the blood of Jesus is sprinkled in our hearts.

Heb. 11:28. "*Through faith he* (Moses) *kept the Passover, <u>and the sprinkling of blood</u>, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.*" Heb. 9:13-14. "*For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer <u>sprinkling the unclean</u>, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, <u>purge your conscience</u> from dead works to serve the living God?*"

Notice the things that he sprinkled in Heb. 9:19-21. "*For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the <u>book</u>, and <u>all the people</u>, Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the <u>tabernacle, and all the vessels</u> of the ministry.*" The rest of the chapter shows that Christ's sacrifice was after the pattern of these, but a much better sacrifice because it put away sin. And we can search the scriptures, and see God's pattern. The things Moses sprinkled apply to <u>us</u> under the New Testament. <u>Book</u> - Heb. 8:10. <u>People</u> - I John 3:1. <u>Tabernacle</u> - II Cor. 5:1. <u>Vessels</u> - II Cor. 4:7.

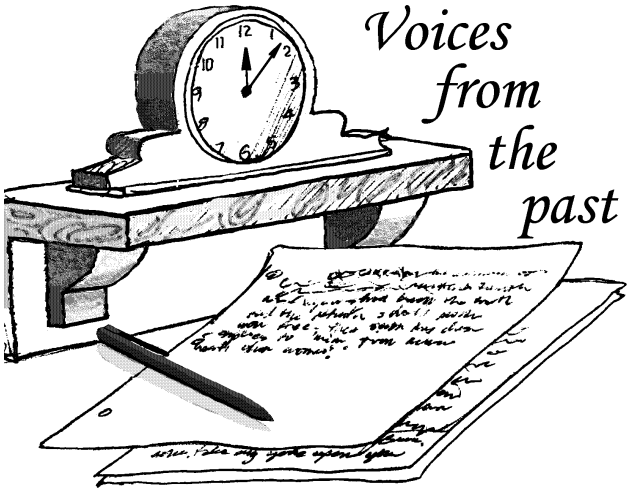
These scriptures lead us to the conclusion that as Moses sprinkled those things; our conscience, or heart, is sprinkled with the blood of Jesus to cleanse it. Heb. 10:22. "*Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.*"

How does this happen? To answer that, let's remember where the blood of Jesus was shed for us. It was shed when He died, through the stripes laid on Him, the crown of thorns, the nails, and when He was already dead through the spear then thrust in His side. How, then, is the death of Christ (and thus His blood) applied to us? Rom. 6:3-4. "*Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death:* (where His blood was shed) *that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*" Thus our hearts are sprinkled with Christ's blood to cleanse them when we are baptized into His death. So the sprinkling is of our hearts. It has nothing to do with the method of baptizing.

That very verse, though, confirms the method we must use to baptize people. That verse said we are buried with him by baptism. When was the last time you saw anyone buried by sprinkling a little dirt on them? If a person is buried they are fully covered. And the Bible shows, Mt. 27:60, emphatically that Jesus was fully covered when He was buried. So for us to be buried with him by baptism, we need to be fully covered by the water.

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ALL GOING TO THE SAME PLACE



We hear many people use the above expression when talking on a religious matter. That is only partly true. John tells us in Rev. 20:12, "*And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.*" Also, Paul tells us in Rom. 14:10, "*...for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.*"

From the above scriptures it is unmistakably clear that we will all be at that great judgment, and we will each be judged according to our works. (See Rev. 20:12). Jesus tells us in Matt. 25:46, "*And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.*" We learn from this scripture that we are not all going to the same place from the judgment. In Matt. 15:13, Jesus speaking says; "*Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.*" In Matt. 7:21, Jesus speaking says, "*Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.*" If we profess a religion which we cannot read of in God's holy word, then it is a plant which God did not plant; if we profess no religion at all, we are a plant that God did not plant, and in either case, will be rooted up.

Our only hope of a heavenly home is to do God's will. We must lay aside every man-made thought and turn to God's holy word if we are to expect a heavenly home beyond the grave.

Now, in conclusion, let us take a little advice from the wise old Solomon, in Prov. 3:5, "T*rust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*"

Written in love of the truth and the brotherhood,
W.E. Daniels
(From The Christian Courier, September 1971)

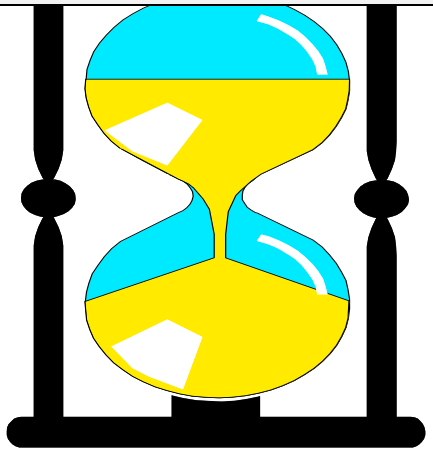
Precious Memories

"...the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance." (Psalms 112:6)

It Is Written, November 1954 • Bro. W.E. Daniels writes of holding an eight day meeting at Ringgold, TX. "*May God's blessings rest upon all of his children, is my prayers.*"

Gospel News Courier, November 1964 • The passing away of Lillie Myrtle Yates was written of by her daughter. • Bro. Ken Baldwin writes more about the camp meeting, including games, sight-seeing trips, services, and the surprise birthday party for Bro. Earl Atchley. • Bro. Claude Perigen wrote the following about Sis. Carrie Long. "*She will be 81 years old the 17 of October and never misses church services Sunday mornings. It is an inspiration to a lot of people to see our older ones continue faithful unto the end of life's road.*" • Bro. J.C. Spurlin of Reydon, OK writes. *I wish you would request through the paper that brethren write more articles on first principles, although we enjoy reports from the various congregations. I think the crying need of the day is the spread of the gospel. We have brethren capable of writing just such articles.*" Later on in his letter he reminds us. "*Never was a time when Christians should stand closer together, and thereby put forth a solid front against sin.*" All of this is just as true today as it was then.

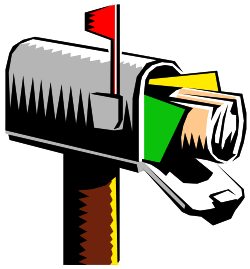
"A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Prov. 18:24



The Christian Courier, November 1974 • Bro. George Vanderpool advises us: "*I would to God, we would be willing to speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where it is silent and get behind the little paper and make it the Best Paper yet; then and only then would Christ's prayer become a reality. John 17, I would to God, we all turn and study with an open mind, and remember verse 21, Christ's last prayer was, that we all be ONE. This can be brought about IF we will love Christ enough to KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS:*". • Bro. Mike McCay writes of the baptism of Donna Ball at the meeting at Springfield, OR. "*Also Brother and Sister Richard Johnston now have a new daughter, Jessica Ruth.*" • Bro. Claude Perigen writes of the passing of Bro. George Meadows July 26, 1974 and of the birth of Melinda Michelle Ditch. • The church at Modesto writes, "*Our elderly in the convalescent hospitals are in our prayers, hoping their future will brighten some, also the shut-ins at home.*" They also report the death of Gary Francis Logan in a timber accident September 25th. • Bro. Ken Baldwin announces the baptism of Debbie Wilkerson.

The Christian Courier, November 1984 • Bro. Wilbur Reading of Yakima announces that Bobby and Teri Lamb were blessed with a baby boy, Brady Andrew Lee. • Bro. Lawrence Arnett of the Waterford congregation announces the baptism of Ken Williams. • Bro. Lloyd Usrey announces that he and his wife, Debbie, had a son, Joseph Franklin Usrey, on July 2, 1984. "*Baby and Mother are doing fine and Daddy even survived the delivery.*"

Praying that all these memories are precious to each of you, and help to strengthen us all.



Cards and Letters

Aloha, OR

Greetings to all the Brotherhood,

It has been sometime since we wrote last. A lot has been going on since the last we reported in. We have a lot of good news. Sister Doris Jared from the La Habra Congregation has recently moved to Oregon to be near her folks. What a wonderful addition she has made, I am sure she will be missed by all in La Habra.

On September 2nd, 1994, weighing 4 lbs. 4 oz. Hailey Nicole Maloney was added to our family. She is the daughter of Sheila Maloney. Mother and baby are doing very well, Hailey is growing so quickly.

Our next arrival is Brother Albert Crum from Phoenix, Ariz. Albert has returned back to Oregon with his wife, Charlotte and their four kids; Justin, Alex, Eddie and Mary. We are all very happy to have them here.

Just last Lord's day Brother Albert's wife, Charlotte decided to answer the call and obey the Gospel by being buried in watery grace with our Lord Jesus Christ and being raised to new life. We are all rejoicing. It is indeed a glorious day when men and women will still obey the gospel call and come out of the evil world.

I will close for now. Keep us in your prayers as you are in ours. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

For the congregation in Aloha, Oregon
Chuck Garner

Baron, OK

Dear Brethren:

We are happy to announce that the Baron Church of Christ will be holding a weekend Gospel meeting on Nov. 25, 26 and 27, and invite all to come and share with us the joy of worshipping our God, singing His praises, and be strengthened by the fellowship. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings, and at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Sunday.

We plan to invite guest speakers from our Brothers in Christ in the surrounding areas.

We have a large fellowship area adjoining the church with a kitchen, restrooms and means for RV hook-ups. The Brethren at Baron will provide accommodations. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact:

Jim Brown (918) 778-3240; Doyle Wilson (918) 696-7354; David Brown (918) 723-3879; Robert Eldridge (918) 696-6317.

We here at Baron are doing fine. This has been a very uplifting year for many, especially for those who were fortunate enough to attend the various church meetings around the country. It is very important to visit and fellowship with the brethren in Christ (I John 1:7).

I would also like to thank the Brethren in charge of the Courier for including this on such short notice, and for their earnest work.

With Christian love,
Robert Eldridge
Baron Church of Christ
Baron, Oklahoma

Cedaredge, CO

Hello to all:

From the Happy Hollow Church of Christ, Cedaredge, CO. Our trees have turned there beautiful colors and our weather is wonderful.

We are all pretty well at this writing. Bro. Kenne is still not doing to good and Bro. Lyle Fouch has been undergoing tests and etc. he is in so much pain most of the time. We pray that Bro. Kenne and Bro. Lyle will soon be feeling much better.

Bro. Cowger's mother passed away in Sept., let's all remember him and Sister Cowger in our prayers.

Bro. Mike Wilkerson had an accident at school on his training job and cut his leg pretty bad, he had to have a lot of stitches and infection has set in, he is not feeling too good.

Sister Tressa Wilkerson had surgery on her teeth this week.

Some deer got in the road in front of Misty Wilkerson coming off of the Grand Mesa and caused her to wreck her car. Bro. and Sister Terry Wilkerson are surviving all of this. If any one would like to send them a card or letter send it to P.O. Box 1135, Cedaredge, Co. 81413, and remember them all in your prayers.

All of us here are looking forward to our 31st camp meeting next July. We hope you are making your plans now to be with us.

God bless you all,

Happy Hollow Church of Christ

Seattle, WA

Dear ones in Christ,

We have a little news to pass on from the Sea-Tac congregation.

Bro. Howard and Sis. Nell McCay flew to Mexico to their cancer clinic. Both received excellent reports of improving health. They especially reported having a good time with Bro. Al and Sis. Okja Way. Bro. Al was there for the day receiving treatment as well. Howard and Nell are next planning to travel a while with Bro. J.D. and Sis. Fern Logan, hoping to make it to the meeting in Yuma.

Sis. Jeannean McSwane is recovering from pneumonia. Others of the rest of us have had some colds, but nothing as serious as Jeannean. (Although we don't know yet how bad everyone's ears are damaged from me trying to lead singing with my sore throat this morning).

Bro. Matt and Sis. Kelly Shepherd enjoyed a short visit, and worshipping, with his family in Arizona.

Rumor has it that Sis. Tara Ross has moved to this side of the mountain for school, but at this point we can neither confirm nor deny the rumor.

By way of announcement, we are changing our time of meeting on Sunday evenings. Our new meeting time is 4:00 PM, and we will try to be more faithful in starting on time than we have been in the past. We are having lunch together after morning services, spending the day together, and sharing dinner together now after evening services. We are hoping to make this easier for visitors to stay longer with us, plus it gives us more time to be together.

That is all for now from here. I'll close with our prayer that the paper, this month and always, is profitable to you.

In Christian love,

Bro. Terry Warford

for the congregation at Seattle, WA

News From God's Family

We had a lot of news phoned in to us from throughout the brotherhood. Here it is, given for your prayers.

Lillian Chaffin Dodd, mother of Bro. George H. Cowger, passed away in Charlotte, North Carolina, Sept. 20, 1994. She was survived by her son, two sisters, two brothers and four grandchildren. She was buried in Bedford, VA.

Bro. Henry Newman's son of the Aztec, NM congregation was shot and killed by thrill-seeking kids August 27. This dear family especially needs our prayers, as do the youth of this country, to turn from this senseless violence.

Bro. Earl Broadway fell and broke his neck in two places. He is in the Phoenix, AZ hospital.

Bro. Al Jones passed away October 29, 1994.

Bro. J.W. Bedingfield reported all are well there after the Houston flooding. Also, Sis. Betty Eldridge and her son Jason came back into the church there.

Sis. Cora Hansen of the Pleasant View congregation in Stilwell, OK passed away from cancer October 21, 1994.

Brian Dean of the Yakima, WA congregation cut his hand and fingers at work. He had successful surgery, and is now recuperating. Also from Yakima, Bro. Brian Bauer was involved in an automobile accident, but was not hurt bad.

Sister Myra Dabbs isn't feeling too well. Also, Sister Carolyn Beddingfield had a successful kidney transplant.

Stanley Berry is having severe problems with Multiple Sclerosis. He can barely walk, and is now in a wheelchair.

Sis. Mabel Cooper is undergoing some tests. Her husband, Bro. Jack Cooper, had a horse accident. Both are improving, but still need our prayers.

BULLETIN BOARD

MEETINGS

Nov 23-27, 1994	Yuma, AZ	Guest Speakers
Nov 25-27, 1994	Baron, OK	Guest Speakers
July 1-9, 1995	Cedaredge, CO	Camp Meeting

BAPTISMS

Charlotte Crum Aloha, OR

BIRTHS

Hailey Nicole Maloney	9/2/94	4 lbs, 4 oz

PRAYER OF FAITH SHALL SAVE THE SICK

Bro. Kenne	Cedaredge, CO	sickness
Lyle Fouch	Cedaredge, CO	pain
Tressa Wilkerson	Cedaredge, CO	surgery on teeth
Mike Wilkerson	Cedaredge, CO	cut leg/infection
Misty Wilkerson	Cedaredge, CO	car wreck
Jeannean McSwane	Seattle, WA	recovering from pneumonia
Myra Dabbs	Cedaredge, CO	sickness
Carolyn Bedingfield	Colorado Springs, CO	kidney transplant
Mabel Cooper	San Pablo, CA	tests
Jack Cooper	San Pablo, CA	horse accident
Earl Broadway	Yuma, AZ	broken neck
Frank Ridlon	Aztec, NM	blood illness
Doris Ridlon	Aztec, NM	migraine headaches
Stanley Berry	Aztec, NM	multiple sclerosis
Robert McCay	Port Orchard, WA	high blood pressure
Ellen McCay	Port Orchard, WA	knee
Roy McCay	Eugene, OR	recovering from stomach surgery
Mattie McCay	Eugene, OR	declining health
Gerald Warner	Eugene, OR	bronchitus
Anna Lee Warner	Eugene, OR	bronchitus
Lloyd Treat	Broken Bow, OK	injured back, hospitalized to re-do medication
Jo Williams	Comanche, OK	battling cancer
Olene Howe	Lorenzo, TX	severe knee problems

DEATHS

Son of Bro. Henry Newman	8/27/94
Lillian Chaffin Dodd	9/20/94
Cora Hansen	10/21/94
Al Jones	10/29/94

Editor's Notes:

- It has come to our attention that the names of Jim and Jaetta Loftis were left out of the letter from the Comanche, OK congregation last month. We would like to apologize to the Comanche congregation and to Jim and Jaetta, it was a typographical error. Thank you for your patience.
- We have noticed references in some older papers to publications in the 1920's. This is much older than any we have, and goes back to the era of Bro. Bob Musgrave, for example. Does anyone have any of these treasures? Would you be willing to copy them for us? Thank you.