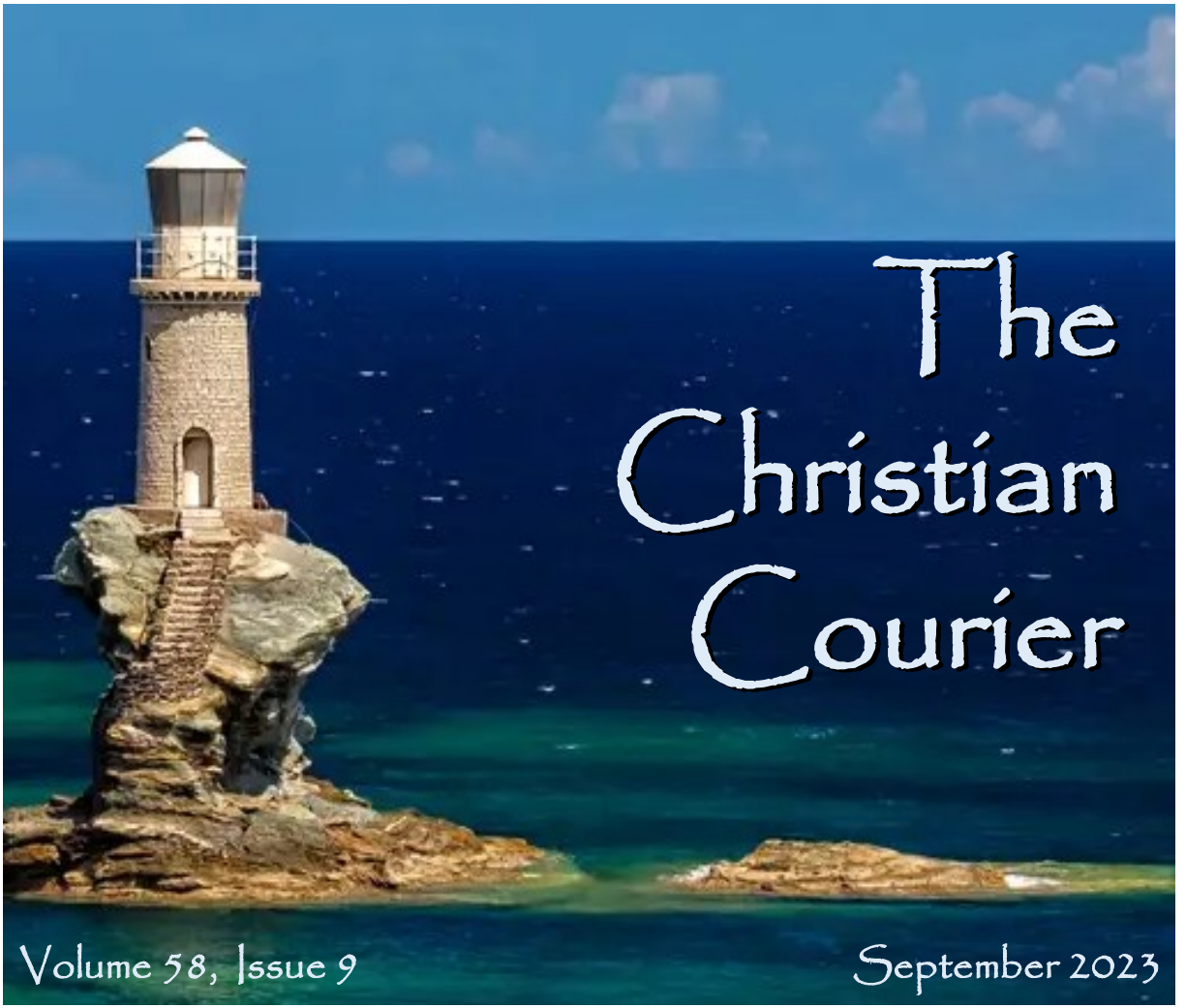


Peter and his keys

Bro. Eric Harper

The Apostle Peter was told by Jesus in Matthew 16: 15 -19, that he would build his church on the fact that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God as stated by Peter and that Jesus would give him the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Notice the keys to the kingdom would be given to "thee", which was Peter. It is not stated that it would be given to the other apostles, just Peter.

15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail

against it.

19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

All the disciples wondered when the kingdom would come. Jesus had preached that it would come and come soon, in the lifetime of some who were listening to him as he spoke, in Matthew 16:27-28.

27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

There was a lot of confusion, even at the time of Christ while he was here on this earth. Many thought it would be a physical kingdom. Even the Apostles James and John wanted to sit on Jesus' right and left hand in His kingdom in Matthew 20:20-21

20 Then came to him the mother of Zebedees children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him.

21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.

The Pharisee named Nicodemus came to Jesus at night and Jesus told him that he had to be born again to see the kingdom of God. Jesus' kingdom was not to be a physical kingdom. It could not be seen unless a person was "born again." John 3:1-7

1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

The idea of born again was so foreign to Nicodemus that he had to ask Jesus what he was referring to. Entering the second time into my mother's womb? What confusion many must have felt. There was to be a kingdom only seen by those born again and then how does a person get born again? And if that wasn't confusing` enough, one

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apostle, Peter, would be given keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Remember, he would be given keys. Not a key, but keys to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus, the one that said he would have a kingdom was then arrested and crucified and then buried in the earth. But three days later, he was raised from the dead and was being seen by many after his death, burial and resurrection. Was this the time for his kingdom to come? Was Jesus now to be made king? As many waited for this to happen, the apostles asked Jesus if this was now the time for the kingdom to be set up. Jesus tells them that he is going back to his father in heaven and then he went. Acts 1:6-9

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Before Jesus went back to his father, Jesus told the apostles to wait in Jerusalem and they would receive the promised Holy Spirit in Luke 24:49

49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

So doing as they were told, they waited. Acts 2 tells us that while waiting, the Holy Spirt came upon them with such power, that the crowds came to see what was going on with this loud arrival of the Holy Spirit. The crowd was bewildered when they heard and saw the miracle of the Apostles speaking in tongues. Who was the apostle that stood up to talk to the crowd? It was Peter, the one who was to be given the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. He quieted the crowd and after getting their attention, told them that they were witnessing prophesy being fulfilled. He also reminded them of the prophesy that Jesus would not be abandoned by God to the realm of the dead and his body would not see decay. He then goes on to tell them that "God made this same Jesus, whom ye have crucified both Lord and Messiah."

At this realization, the people were cut to the heart and then asked "What must we do." Peter uses one of his keys, to open the door to the Kingdom of Heaven for the Jewish people. Peter tells them to repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins and they will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The door was open to the Kingdom that Jesus promised would come, while those that were listening to him while he was on this earth would see it come in their lifetime.

38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Peter had used one of his keys. He had another one to use, but it wouldn't be used immediately. In Acts 10 we see the time did come to use the other key when he was sent by God to a man by the name of Cornelius and his family. Cornelius was not a Jew and therefore not able to enter the kingdom. Prophesy had said that this opportunity would be for all people, but at this time it was only for the Jews. Peter arrives at his house and is given a sign that Cornelius and other Gentiles would now be given the opportunity to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. So now Peter has the opportunity to use his

second key. He tells them how they too can receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. He told them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. The second key was used and now the door was open for the Gentiles to be able to enter

47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

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The Kingdom did come just as Jesus said it would in the lifetime of those listening to Him in Matthew 16:28. The Kingdom that he spoke of is His Church. That door was opened with Peter's keys. Through baptism we are born again having our sins washed away, which makes us part of His Kingdom and His Church

In Christian Love,

Bro. Eric Harper





Milk of the Word

As I was reading and looking for topics, I happened upon a story. It is an adaptation of an essay in 1969 by Loren Eiseley.

There was once an old man who went to the seaside every morning to write after walking along the beach. One morning, he stumbled upon a stretch of beach where thousands of starfish had washed up.

The old man noticed a little girl approaching in the distance. As she walked, she would stop every so often to bend down and pick up an object and throw it into the sea.

As she came closer, the man asked what she was doing. She paused, looked up, and replied, "Throwing starfish into the sea."

The man asked her why, to which she replied, "The tide has washed them up onto the beach and they can't go back to the sea by themselves. When the sun gets high, they will die, unless I throw them back into the water."

The man noted, "But there are miles and miles of beach and there are thousands of starfish all along every mile, how will you make much of a difference?"

The girl bent down, picked up another starfish and threw it as far as she could into the ocean. Then she turned towards the old man, gave a smile and said, "I made a difference to that one!"

This story is about how one step towards changing the world can make a big difference. Be the change for someone and inspire others to do the same.

We all have chances to create positive change. However, we often think we can't do enough to make a big difference so we delay our actions or wait for someone else to do it. We start thinking, "How much of a difference can I really make?"

While you may not be able to change the whole world, you can make a big change for a small part of it. There are countless examples in the bible of people making a difference. Just to name a few are:

David fighting Goliath 1 Samuel 17

The Philistines were led by a towering warrior named Goliath, who openly ridiculed the Israelites and dared them to put forth a champion to duel with him. Saul, Israel's king, promised great rewards to anyone who defeated Goliath. David had been sent by his father only to take food to his brothers serving in the army. But, when he got to the camp, he heard Goliath and was surprised that the giant dared to disrespect God. He didn't worry about Goliath's size or reputation, David volunteered to fight him. Saul questioned David's capability but eventually allowed the shepherd boy to battle the Philistine giant. David's weapons were simple: a sling, five smooth stones from a stream, and an unyielding faith in God. Little David made a difference that day.

Jonah and the Ninevites Jonah 1-4

Jonah was one man. He did not want to listen to God and go to the Ninevites. He learned a lesson about doing what God wants him to do. He listened and made a difference to a city that took three days to cross.

You may think you are just one person at school, or at your job. But, you can also make a difference. Let your light shine!

Matthew 5:15-16

Submitted by Robert & Christina Fuson

Family Camp Auction!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Melissa Harcrow of the Broken Bow, OK congregation won the cow elk tag

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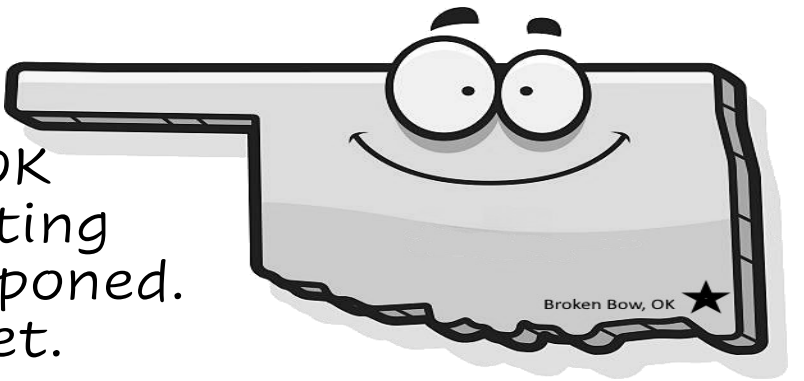
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has been postponed.
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Notes & Letters

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Labor Day meeting has come and gone. Brother Randy Queen did an amazing job! We were blessed with visitors from several congregations: Stilwell, and Broken Bow in Oklahoma, Cedarville, AR, Lorenzo TX, Cedaredge CO, and even a visitor from the great state of Washington. Thank you all for coming and please come back any time you have the chance. Please make plans to attend our meeting next year on Labor Day weekend, August 30-September 1, 2024!

Our new kitchen is coming along and we were sure glad that it provides much needed space. Although it is not complete, we used it for the meeting and had plenty of room. Special thanks to all of the people who have helped in any way to make that possible.

Gerald Buckner, Church of Christ at Pleasant View, Stilwell, OK

Brothers and Sisters,

It's time to write and let everyone know how folks are doing in the Yuma Church. Susie, myself and my Sister Diane and brother in law Bruce Cuming are in Alpine but we are heading back home to Yuma in a a little while and will be back with the congregation there sometime towards the end of October. Susie and I have several doctors appointments and they will keep us here until the last of October and then continue our appointments in Yuma. I spoke to cousin Robert and he said that all is about the same there with our congregation. He mentioned our brother from the Citrus City Church and said that Brother Sonny had a procedure, a stint, and that he is doing better. I wanted to address the dates for the meeting that we have each March and those dates are March 10th through March 17th. So please if you have the time come and join us for that week we would love to have you here. It is always pleasant weather and wonderful to be able to visit with brothers and sisters from distant lands, to be able to shake hands, to hug, to have conversations with you all and to have lessons brought to us from others that we don't get to hear very often. If you have questions please feel free to call me at 928-503-3709 and hopefully I can be of assistance.

I'm sure that most have already heard that Susie and I have lost our son Robby back on the 4th of September and I just wanted to say thank you for all of the prayers, cards and calls the support we received from everyone was such a blessing and was deeply appreciated, they each brought tears to our eyes as we felt the love coming from you but thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We are having a service for Robert November 9th there at the Church in Yuma. So many wonderful people that we are able to associate with and proud to call you brothers and sisters. God be with each and everyone of you.

The Yuma congregation,
Denny and Susie Davis

News from Abroad

DEFENDING THE FAITH
(CHURCH OF CHRIST)

According to 1 Peter 3:15 we understand the defending the faith was a God-given command. Peter wrote that we must be ready "to give a defense to everyone who asks" concerning our hope. Every Christian was to be ready to give an answer concerning his faith. The early Christians were willing to defend the truth of the gospel. So should we.

The defense of Christianity had its origin in the inspired apostles. When Paul boldly matched over the plains of ancient world he stood ready any time to sound forth a defense of the truth of Christianity. His defense of the time religion against the Athenian Philosopher in Acts 17 is one example (Acts 17:22-31). For historical value here we must recognize that the first Christians were willing and able defenders of their faith (see Ph 1:7, 16; Acts 24:10 – 25; 1 Peter 3:15, Jude 3).

THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN KENYA

There was a religion problem in Kenya whereby so many people died. It has been reported that more than 400 died at Shakahola, where Pastor Mackenzie, proclaimed false prophet told those people to fast to death before the coming back of Jesus to take His church.

All the registered religious groups were asked by the government authority to explain and differentiate their faith or doctrine.

The government wanted to know, among other things;

1. The goals of the church in the community;

The church exists to evangelize. In the first century, the Christians met together daily to encourage each other (Acts 2: 42). They were active in teaching God's word daily (Acts 5:42).

2. How you worship;

There are two types of worship that a Christian will engage in; public worship and private worship. The public worship will be with one or more other Christians. It may take place in a home or in an open field or almost any place (since the Bible does not tell us where to conduct our worship assembly). Men are lead in the public worship service (1Timothy 2:8).

3. They weekly collection of money:

Christians are taught to collect together a gift of money to be given to the Lord on each first day of the week. This is the way that God intends that each Christians give back to Him a portion of the goods that he has given (1 Corinthians 16:2). Each person is to purpose or plan to give back to God, a part of the blessings he has been given. It is to be done in a cheerful manner (2 Corinthians 9:7).

The Christians relationship to His government except for laws that would prevent a Christian from obeying, worshiping and serving God, a Christian

is commanded to obey the laws of his country (Romans 13:1-7). Christianity can exist in any culture, under any form of government as long as Christians are allowed to worship, God in freedom. The church should never involve itself in politics and the affairs of the government. Since all churches of Christ are autonomous, or self-governing, there is no structure or government higher than that of the local church.

I am however delighted to let everyone know that the government authority was and is satisfied with the doctrine and the way of Christ.

God bless the church in Kenya. We appreciate your financial support the work of the Lord in Kenya. We continue to pray for Brother Ellis Forsman, his wife, Sister Lynell, his daughter Kelly and her family. We also thank and pray for Brother Gerald (the only person we know who accompanied Brother Ellis to his trip to Kenya. Brother Gerald is working hard to establish the orphanage in Kenya at Kakamega.

Your Brother in Christ.
John Kombo

Brethren,

Greetings to all. We are doing fine in the Lord. God is continuing to help us in various ways. I doing well right now thank you all for your prayers.

We have been moving on with evangelism, knocking doors and teaching people the way of Christ. Sometimes we face gas problems and so getting motorcycles becomes hard. For this reason hiring a motorcycle becomes hard because owners wants much money. However, we go because that is our calling. There is a family that wanted to be immersed, but we didn't do it because I was sick, and during this period brother Edward went to see him and they postponed. Lord willing we are going to do it next week.

The work in Congo is also doing tremendously they had baptism last month at Kikwena church. The brother in Congo asked me to tell about the need of a bicycle it will help him get to other places on time.

Continue to pray for me and my family as we continue to work in the vineyard.

Your brother in Christ.
Sadat

We still have some left-over lesson booklets, "3 Questions From Matt. 24", from our April 2023 weekend meeting. Pls email your request to **ChristianCourier1Cup@gmail.com** and we will be happy to mail you one!

Note!

A couple of letters and an article came in after the 20th, and regretfully, the main editing was finished so we were unable to include them in this issue. They will be in the next issue. Please send all correspondence early enough so they arrive before the 20th. Thanks!! (-Ed)

THE THIEF ON THE CROSS

There is a common false doctrine in the denominational world that the thief on the cross was not baptized, so that shows that baptism is not necessary for salvation.

This doctrine is based on several assumptions that may or may not be true:

· We do not know if the thief was baptized or not.

· We do not know if Jesus saved the thief from his sins or not.

· We do not know if paradise means Heaven or a place in death to wait for judgement.

While we want to acknowledge the assumptions, the focus of this article is three key, simple points that show that the promise Jesus made to the thief on the cross does not disprove the necessity of baptism for salvation from sin.

First off, the promise Christ made to the thief was done under the Old Covenant. While Jesus was preparing the New Testament while He walked this earth, it did not go into effect until He died. Just the same as we prepare our will while we are still alive, and it goes into effect upon our death.

Hebrews 9:14-17 says. "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth."

In Luke 23:39-43, we read of the thief's response to the first thief's statement, and of Jesus Christ's promise. "And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me

when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."

Obviously, Jesus was still alive when He made this promise. Reading on in Luke 23:44-46, we see that He didn't die for another three hours. "And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost."

Jesus rose from the dead on the

third day, then continued teaching His disciples another 40 days before ascending back to Heaven. Then on the day of Pentecost, the apostles began teaching this New Testament. And baptism for salvation from sin has always been a part of New Testament doctrine, from the very first gospel sermon.

Look to Acts 2:36-38, the part of that teaching where the hearers realized that what they had done was wrong, and wanted to know what to do. "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Baptism as part of the process of remission from sin continued to be the New Testament way, and so we continue to follow that example and doctrine today. Acts 22:16. "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

Second, the promise made to the thief on the cross was made by Jesus. Kind of obvious, I know, but let's read Luke 23:43 again to establish the point. "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."

While that promise may or may not have included forgiveness, Jesus did have the authority to forgive sins, even as He walked this earth living under the Old Law. Matt. 7:1-7. "And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. And he arose, and departed to his house."

Jesus had that authority to forgive sins, and still does. Well, who are we baptized into? Gal. 3:26-27. "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

Whose Name are we baptized in? Acts 2:38. "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Note the result being
remission of sin.

Who are we buried and risen with in baptism? Col. 2:12-13, "Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the

operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;" We are buried and risen with Jesus in baptism, again with the result being forgiven of all trespasses.

Jesus still has the authority to forgive sin, just as when He walked the earth. He forgives us when we believe, repent, and are baptized into Him.

Last, the thief on the cross was crucified with Jesus. Again, I understand that is a pretty obvious, self-evident statement. But it is important, so let's read Luke 23:32-33 to establish the point by scripture. "And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death. And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left."

We are crucified with Jesus in baptism, Rom. 6:3-6. "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: 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. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." We are baptized into His death, burial, and resurrection, with the result again being the destruction of sin from our lives.

So we have seen by the scriptures:

· The promise Jesus made to the thief was under the Old Testament, and we live under the New. New Testament doctrine has always included that baptism is necessary for salvation from sin.

· The promise made to the thief was made by Jesus. Jesus is the one who blesses and forgives us as well, and we read over and over that we are baptized into Jesus, in His Name, buried and risen with Him.

· The thief on the cross was obviously crucified with Jesus, as are we when we are baptized into Him.

We'll close with Gal. 2:20. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

In Christian love,
Bro. Terry Warford

A Great-Big Shout-Out!

To our contributors this month!
Thank you very much!

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Broken Bow, OK
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If you're in the area, please give us a call and stop by. We love to visit and worship with visitors! So come on by, pull up a chair and sit a while.

Thought for the Month

Thieves. Don't you just hate the thought of someone else taking what you've worked hard for and earned?

There is a different kind of thief though. A sinister, crafty, cunning and convincing thief that isn't interested in our physical, worldly possessions. Rather, this insidious robber is after our eternal salvation. His name is Satan. The devil. He chips away at our chastity, temperance, charity, diligence, patience, kindness, and humility, attempting to draw us away from God by providing motive and opportunity for sin through countless temptations.

But why all the effort? Well, it seems we have something he wants: our hope of an erernal home with God. So when we find ourselves in the midst of trials and tribulations, remember… **thieves don't rob empty houses**.

Having something spiritual worth taking is actually a great compliment! Take comfort in these scriptures: 1Cor 10:13 - God will not allow temptations beyond our ability to bear them, and he will always provide a way out. And in 2Cor 12:9 - Jesus reminds us, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

Through these hardships we can learn to forge victories over Satan's temptations through surrender to God.

Love & blessings
Bro. Jesse Warford

Voices from the Past

Is the Soul, or Spirit, conscious between Death and the Resurrection?

The soul leaves the body at death. James 2:26, 1 Kings 17:20-22.

The soul lives although the body's dead. Matt. 10:28, 2 Cor. 4:16.

Is the soul conscious apart from the body in death? Matt. 17:3 Moses and Elias talked with Christ, Luke 16:22-31 The rich man talked to Abraham, Rev. 6:9-10 the (souls) of them that had been slain cried with loud voices saying "How long O Lord holy & true, doth thou avenge our blood?"

Now here are 3 plain passages that show conclusive that the soul is conscious between death and resurrection. Jesus and Paul both say in the mouth of 2 or 3 witnesses every word is established. Matt. 18:16, 2 Cor. 13:1.

Bob Musgrave

Brothers **Ellis Forsman** and **Jerry McCay** and their families have moved from Lorenzo to Lubbock in Texas, about a half hour away, to be closer to health care providers. Their phone numbers remain the same, and their new address is:

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What do you see?

On the 1st day of the week
when the communion is passed
when the loaf comes around
and the cup at last
What do you see?

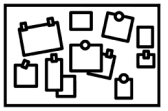
As for me

I see a God that came from Heaven
in whom was no leaven
took on the flesh of man
became as I am
Lived a life here
with its sorrow and tears
was treated cruelly by man
who didn't understand

As for me
I see Calvary's tree
I see my Lord
on whom all sin was poured

I see Him wounded for me!

Bro. Paul Warford



Bulletin Board

Those in need of our prayers

John Rawlins	Ottawa, Canada	Needs heart transplant
John Kombo	Nakuru, Kenya	Diabetes, heart issues
Wilkister Silvester	Gaita, Tanzania	Malaria
Agrippina Silvester	Gaita, Tanzania	Severe back problems
Linda Camp	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
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Debbie Wilkerson	Cedaredge, CO	Fighting cancer
Billy Martin	Citrus City, AZ	Fighting cancer
Pauline Holloway	Gleed, WA	Uterine & cervical cancer
Ilene Thrush	Gleed, WA	Several strokes & heart issues
Otto Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, 2 angioplasties
Mariela Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, thyroid issues
Jackie McCay Via	Lorenzo, TX	Recovering from surgery
Jessica Chastain	Stilwell, OK	Health issues
Reba Morris	Stilwell, OK	Lupus, recent loss of husband
Retha Morris	Stilwell, OK	Parkinson's disease
Darletta Spencer	Stilwell, OK	Cancer
Fred Cummings	Yuma, AZ	Congestive heart failure
Dennis Davis	Yuma, AZ	Back & leg issues
Tom Core	Gleed, WA	Recovering from heart surgery
Jason Christianson	Gleed, WA	Healing from surgery
Hailey Christianson	Gleed, WA	Shoulder surgery Aug 10th

Gospel Meetings

Weekend Meeting	Broken Bow, OK	Postponed	TBA
Yuma Meeting	Yuma, AZ	Mar 10-17 '24	Assorted

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Aaron
Abel
Abraham
Agabus
Agur
Ahab
Ahijah
Amos
Asaph
Azariah
Azur
Barnabas
Daniel
David
Eldad
Eliezer
Elihu
Elijah
Elisha
Elymas
Enoch
Ezekiel
Gad
Habakkuk
Haggai
Hanani
Hananiah
Hosea
Huldah
Iddo
Isaac
Isaiah
Jacob
Jahaziel
Jehu
Jeremiah
Jesus
Job
Joel
John
Jonah
Joseph
Joshua
Judas Barsabbas
Nebuchadnezzar
King Saul
King Solomon
Lucius
Malachi
Manaen
Medad
Micah
Micaiah
Miriam
Moses
Nahum
Nathan
Noadiah
Noah
Obadiah
Oded
Paul
Peter
Philip
Samuel
Shemaiah
Silas
Simeon
Simon Magus
Urijah
Zechariah
Zedekiah

