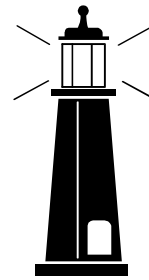




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"Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)

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I'm Saved, Right?

Kevin Cauley

Are you saved? "Well, of course I am saved." If this answer flashed immediately into your mind when you saw this question, then you may want to continue to read this. The Bible teaches that there are some people who think they are saved, but in actuality they are not saved. In fact, did you know that Jesus himself said that there were going to be some people who think they are saved, yet will be eternally lost? Jesus said in Matthew 7:21-23

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'" (New King James Version)

So, I ask again, are you saved? Maybe at this point you are thinking about what you did in order to be saved. That is good. What did you do to be saved? How do you know you are saved? Perhaps your answer is like many in the religious world today who say, "Well, I prayed a little prayer to Jesus and told Him that I accepted Him into my heart and that's how I know I am saved." In other words, you believed that Jesus was the Son of God. This is good, because faith is necessary in order to be saved. However, is it the ONLY thing that is required on your part for salvation? In fact, Jesus acknowledged in this same scripture that there were some who called him "Lord" yet they were not saved. They believed in Jesus, but they were not saved. Are you one of

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Kevin's Korner

Well, I feel like I am back in the swing of things this week. I am feeling much better and I certainly appreciate everyone's concern for my health. We have so many reasons to be thankful to God and that is definitely one of them. Let's continue to pray for the health of the congregation in this time of transition from warmer weather to cooler weather.



Please remember the following in your prayers. Leon Duncan's mother passed away this past week. Her funeral was on Friday in Oklahoma. Hugh Atchley is still waiting on doctors to decide when he needs to have a surgery. Austin got his cast off this past Monday, but he had to have another one put right back on again. The doctor said that he needed a few more weeks just to make sure.

We have several activities over the next several weeks for which we are preparing. Tonight, Rusty and I will be presenting a video tape of our efforts in Costa Rica. We should not be there for more than an hour and a half so please make plans to come and hear the report and see the video. Did I mention pizza as well? We will definitely have some pizza ready for those who choose to stay and watch the video Sunday night.

Mark your calendars for Saturday November the 9th at 9:00 AM if you are interested in doing personal evangelism. We are going to have a personal evangelism workshop that morning right after the men's breakfast. I have some materials that we will be going over in order to prepare each participant better to do some home Bible studies. This is the same material that we used in Costa Rica and it is very good. In addition to the material, we will try to share some helpful hints

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these people?

Perhaps you are asking yourself now, "Well, if I can be a believer, yet not be saved, what must I do to be saved?" This is a very good question to ask. But where do we go to find the answer to this question? Should we go to our teachers at school? Should we go to our family? Should we go to the deacons? Should we go to the pastors? Should we go to the preacher? To all these questions, you must answer, "No." In fact, in order to find out what one must do to be saved, we must accept ONLY the answer that God gives to this question. Where does God answer this question? He answers it in the Bible.

The book of Acts in the New Testament answers this question several times. The question is specifically stated three times in the book of Acts. We find it stated in Acts 2:37 in the form, "What shall we do?" In Acts 9:11 it is stated by Saul (who would later be known by the name Paul) "Lord, what do you want me to do?" It is also stated by a jailer in Acts 16:30 in the form, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" God considered this question so important that He gave us the answer to the question three times. Each time the answer is the same, though the context in which the answer is given is different.

The first place in which the answer was given, Peter told them the following: "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). The answer to the question, "What must I do to be saved?" was to repent and be baptized. Isn't it strange that Peter didn't tell them to believe? Why would he leave out such a critical piece of the answer? Was it because they already believed? This is, in fact, the case. They heard Peter's message and were convinced that they had crucified the Son of God—they believed! So what more did they need to do? "Repent and be baptized."

The second place in which the answer was given, Jesus told Saul the following: "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do" (Acts 9:6). Did you notice something missing from this answer? Jesus did not say to Saul, just accept me into your heart and you will be saved. He told him that someone else would tell Saul what he needed to do. Who was this someone else and what did he tell Saul to do? We find that answer in Acts 22:16. The person was Ananias and he told Saul the following: "And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

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on having a home Bible study and give some practical information in this regard as well.

They're coming! Moises and Maritsa from Costa Rica. We are all anticipating their arrival here in the United States and are looking forward to the wonderful time that we will have to spend together. Remember that Bill Fort is going to be handling their schedule while they are here. If you would like to host Moises and Maritsa or you have a special event in which you would like them to participate, please contact Bill Fort so he can make the necessary arrangements.

It's party time! We had our annual costume party at the Windle's house yesterday. Since I am writing this before the actual party, I am afraid that I do not have any report on who dressed as what. I am sure, however, that by the time you receive this bulletin all will have had a good time and have a few stories to tell.

Let's also keep in mind our Christmas party which is coming up in December. Ken and Debbie will host the party and it will be held at Quigley's Castle. The date for the party is Friday, December 6th and I heard a rumor that Santa Claus is going to be in attendance at this party this year.

Let me also mention a word about Halloween. For those members who actually do choose to participate in this day of costumes and fun, may I suggest that you remember to observe some common sense safety rules. Don't let your kids go trick-or-treating by themselves. Be sure to carry a flashlight with you if you are out after dark. Never allow your children to eat candy that is unwrapped. If you are in doubt about a piece of candy, toss it—don't take any chances. I am not sure about around here, but if you are suspicious of something, you should be able to take it to the hospital to have it X-rayed. Keeping these guidelines in mind will ensure that everyone has a safe and fun time Thursday evening. Have fun and save all the chocolate for Rusty.

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Deacons: Ken Smith, Brent Stevens, Rusty Windle.

Preacher: Kevin Cauley 870-423-6707

Times of Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class:.....9:30 AM

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship:6:00 PM

Ladies Bible Class: 10:30 AM

Wed. Evening Bible Class:.....7:00 PM

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Ananias also left out the part about "accepting Jesus into your heart." Why? Because Saul already believed. He then said that if Saul wanted to wash away his sins that he needed to be baptized.

The third place in which the answer was given, Paul himself told an unnamed man the following: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household" (Acts 16:31). In this answer, the man is told to "believe." Why would this particular man be told to believe? He was told he needed to believe because he did not already believe. He needed to believe first. Notice that in the same context in

verse thirty-three we read the following, "And he took them **the same hour of the night** and washed their stripes. And **immediately** he and all his **family** were **baptized.**" Why was there a need to be baptized? Why was there a need to be baptized the same hour of the night? Why was there a need for him and all of his family to be baptized immediately?

The answer is that it was necessary for them to be baptized to be saved. Notice what the next verse says in verse thirty-four: "Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he **rejoiced**, having believed in God with all his household." It says that he rejoiced after he was baptized. It also says that the action of being baptized indicated that they had believed. In other words, baptism is part of the expression of belief in God. Without baptism, one cannot really honestly say that one believes God. In other words until we are baptized for the remission of our sins; until we are baptized to wash away our sins; any expression of faith on our part is no different than those folks that Jesus spoke about who merely said, "Lord, Lord." They "believed," but they failed to do the will of the Father.

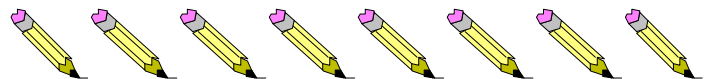
"We don't have to guess at how Paul was saved. We have the exact words that were used in his salvation."

What do you need to do to make sure that you are saved today? Interestingly enough, Paul says that you can be saved in exactly the same way that He was saved. In a letter that Paul wrote to a young preacher named Timothy, he said, "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life." Paul said that his salvation was a pattern for everyone else. In other words, you can be saved in the same way that Paul was

saved. We don't have to guess at how Paul was saved. We have the exact words that were used in his salvation in Acts 22:16. "And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Do you believe you were saved before you were baptized? If you do, then you are in the same category as those who cried "Lord, Lord."











Believing that you are saved when you actually are not. Remember, Jesus said that only those who "do the will of the Father" will enter the kingdom of heaven. Do the father's will today! Don't just hear the answer to the question, "What must I do to be saved," but act on it. If you believe you were saved before you were baptized, then all you did was get wet. You did not put your faith in God's word to remove your sins as God said he would remove your sins. Put your faith in God's word today to save you through being baptized, for the remission of your sins, calling upon his name!

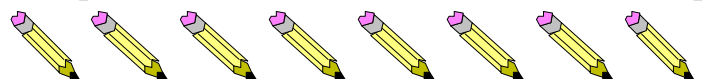
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Our Record

Week of 10/20

	Sunday Class	66	
	Sunday A.M.....	89	
	Sunday P.M.	69	
	Wednesday	68	
	Contribution.....	\$1583.65	



Sunday's Sermons

For October 27th

Morning Lessons from Jesus' Birth

Scripture..... Matt.1:18-25

Evening Zeal!

Scripture..... Titus 2:13, 14

News, Notes and Prayer List



- Please remember the following in your prayers: Hugh Atchley, Annie Elliott, Opal Hull.
- Leon Duncan's mother passed away this past week. The funeral was this past Friday in Locust Grove, AR. We extend our sympathies to this family.
- Lucille Wright is in room 504 of the Berryville nursing home.
- Jessica Lovelady is also in the nursing home in room 307.
- Edith Mischler is in the nursing home in Eureka Springs.
- This morning after worship services all teachers and anyone who wants to teach are requested to attend a short meeting.
- Please note that we have an update on the work of A. J. Hendrix posted in the foyer.
- Please note an update from House to House posted in the foyer.
- Tonight after services, Rusty and I will present a video and a report on the work in Costa Rica. We invite everyone to stay after services to get to know more about this work.
- On the second Saturday of next month, we will have a workshop for personal workers. If you want to learn more about how to study the Bible with others, please make your plans to attend.
- Please take note of next months assignments of service. Leon Duncan will have announcements. Bruce Foster will be our worship coordinator. Lucille Fort and Pat Foster will prepare communion. Bob Moore and Ken Smith will carry communion.
- The Pantry Item for this week is Kool Aid. Let's get our pantry all filled up!



Men to Serve

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Sunday Morning:	October 27th, 2002	November 3rd, 2002
Song Leader:	Bill Fort	Ken Smith
Preacher:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Bob Moore	Brent Stevens
Scripture:	Matt Bassing	Ray Duncan
Lord's Table:	Bill Fort	Clyde Atchley
	Bruce Foster	Raymond Kimes
(assist)	Ray Duncan	George Eddings
	Perry Foster	Brandon Foster
Closing Prayer	John Gass	Larry Elliott
Sunday Night:		
Songs:	Rusty Windle	Clay Bozarth
Preacher:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Ken Smith	Bob Moore
Scripture:	Bruce Foster	Brandon Foster
Lord's Table:	Dale Pinkley	Leon Duncan
	Brandon Foster	John Gass
Closing Prayer	Brian Scheller	Dale Pinkley
Wednesday		
Songs:	Bruce Foster	Hugh Atchley
Opening Prayer:	Matt Bassing	Rusty Windle
Invitation:	Glenn Williams	Ken Smith
Closing Prayer:	Brent Moore	Ray Duncan
Monthly Assignments		
Announcements	John Gass	
Worship Coordinator	Glenn Quigley	
Communion Prep	Wilma Morris	Beth Duncan
Communion Carry	Brent Stevens	Larry Elliott

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