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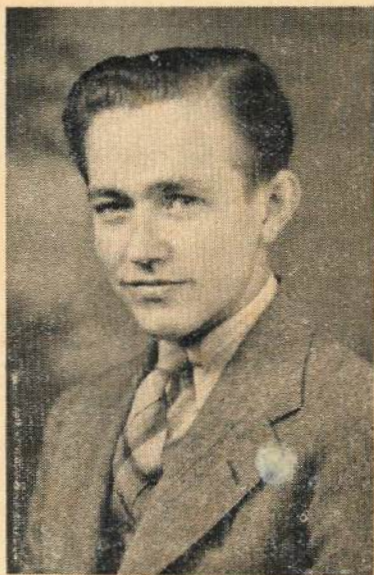
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# There Are Two Sides To Salvation, - God's And Man's

## GOD'S PART

Saves by his grace: "For by grace are ye saved, . . ." Eph. 2:8.

Saves by his power: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." Rom. 1:16.

Saves by his word: "Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." Jas. 1:21.

Saves by the preaching in Jesus' name: "It pleased God through the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." I Cor. 1:21.

Saves by his Son: "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." John 3:17.

## MAN'S PART

Saved by "saving yourselves": "Save yourselves from this unto-ward generation." Acts 2:40.

Saved by faith: "Being therefore justified by faith . . ." Romans 5:1.

Saved by repentance: "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation." II Cor. 7:10.

Saved by confession: "If thou shall confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:9.

Saved by obedience: "He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey

him." Hebrews 5:9.

Saved by baptism: "The like figure whereunto baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh . . ." I Peter 3:21.

Saved by calling on the name of the Lord: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13.

Saved by works of faith: "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him?" Jas. 2:14.

Saved by entering the church, which is the sheepfold: "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved . . ." John 10:9.

Saved by enduring to the end: "But he that endureth to the end shall be saved." Matt. 10:22.

Saved by hope: "For we are saved by hope." Romans 8:24.

In view of all this array of scripture, how dare anyone say that we are saved simply by trusting in Jesus, by faith only, or just by asking the Lord to save us? The destructive errors of those who so fervently oppose the essentiality of everything but just asking the Lord to save are here evident.

It is the fair plea of the churches of Christ that men recognize the full duty of a man as outlined by the Bible, continue in these things, and teach them, for in doing so, they will both save themselves and them that hear them.

## THE CHURCH OF CHRIST DOES NOT BELIEVE

- THAT water baptism is all that is necessary to salvation. Luke 13:3, John 8:24.
- THAT a responsible, able person can be saved without being baptized. John 3:5.
- THAT one church is as good as another. Matt. 15:13.
- THAT one can be saved without works. Jas. 2:24.
- THAT one can be saved by works only. Heb. 11:6.
- THAT one who has not become a child of God can pray for pardon and be heard. John 9:31.
- THAT the religion of Jesus is not heart-felt. Romans 6:17.

## THE CHURCH OF CHRIST DOES BELIEVE

- THAT the Old Testament is inspired of God. Romans 15:4.
- THAT its religion ended at the death of Christ. Col. 2:14; Hebrews 10:9, 10.
- THAT we are now under the law of faith. Romans 3:27; Gal. 2:16; and are saved by the law of faith. Romans 5:1; Gal. 3:23-29.
- THAT all men must believe, Hebrews 11:6; and that faith comes by hearing the word of God. Rom. 10:17; I Cor. 3:5; John 17:20.
- THAT an alien sinner must have godly sorrow in order to be saved. Matt. 5:4; II Cor. 7:10.
- THAT a sinner must earnestly repent of sins, and be baptized in order to be saved. Acts 17:31; II Pet. 3:9; Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38.

### **THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS:**

Catholic in that it is universal and includes all the saved. (Acts 2:47).

Baptist in that it baptizes.

Presbyterial and episcopal in that it is ruled by elders, who are referred to in the Bible also as bishops, pastors and presbyters.

Methodical in that it does Bible things in Bible ways.

Christian in that its membership is composed of Christians

Puritan in that it urges purity of heart, life and worship.

Missionary, fundamental and free in that we take the New

Testament as our only guide and primitive Christianity as our pattern while we stand as God's freedmen, unbound by partisanship, sectarianism and denominationalism.

Though churches of Christ possess these various attributes, they do not over emphasize one or more of them by naming the church after them as others have done and are doing. We plainly wish to magnify the Christ, exalt him, and put the emphasis where the Bible puts it, so we simply join with the Bible in saying "the churches of Christ" (Romans 16:16), "the church of God" (I Cor. 1:2), and "the church of the Lord" (Acts 20:28).

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# THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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We are not introducing a new doctrine or idea in religion, but intend merely to restate the great truths that were preached by the apostles and inspired men of the first century, A. D. It will be our aim to present nothing but Bible truths. No doctrine will be preached for which we cannot give New Testament proof.

You will be asked to subscribe to no theory nor creed. We will ask no one to join "our Church." If you are kind enough to lend us your presence and attention, we shall do our best to make it worth your while, not by trying to entertain you with outward show and pomp, but by preaching and singing the ancient Gospel in its purity and power.

The Lord said, "I will build my church." Matt. 16:18. This was shortly before He went to the cross and shed His blood. After He paid the terrible price, shed His blood, was buried and raised from the dead, had gone back home and taken His seat at God's right hand, Paul said to the elders of the Ephesian church, "He purchased the church with his own blood" (Acts 20:28). Evidently then, when Jesus said he would BUILD His church, He had in mind the PURCHASING of it. He built it, and He purchased it.

What is this church, then? It is composed of those who have been saved, purchased by the blood of Christ. On the day of Pentecost, when the first gospel sermon was preached in the name of a risen Lord, Acts 2, those who

heard the sermon were convinced that they were sinners, in need of salvation, cried out, "What must we do?" The answer Peter gave was, "Repent and be baptized everyone of you. in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, etc." Three thousand of them did this and the last verse of that chapter says those that should be saved were ADDED to the church.

Why added? They were saved by the blood of Christ, and were therefore a part of that church which He "purchased with his own blood." We believe that the same Gospel which was preached by Peter then, if believed and obeyed, will make what it made then. Those who obey it as they obeyed it, will become members of the church of which they were members.

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**Can one be saved while he rejects God's counsel?**

"But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected for themselves the counsel of God, being not baptized of him" (Luke 7:30). They rejected God, "being not baptized."

**Does baptism have any relation to forgiveness?**

"Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins" (Acts 22:16).

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## CHURCHES OF CHRIST

Call	Do
Bible Things	Bible Things
By Bible Names	In Bible Ways

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