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### *Many Have Been Mistaken About Baptism*

Many God-fearing, Bible-believing persons have been mistaken about baptism. One of the first of these was the Appollos of Alexandria. He was an elequent man, a man mighty in the Scriptures. Also he was "instructed in the way of the Lord", and was "fervent in the spirit." He "spoke and taught diligently that things of the Lord," but he was mistaken about baptism (Acts 18 : 25 )

He knew only the baptism of John the baptizer, and had not learned of the baptism "with a baptism of repentance" telling the people that they should believe on the one who was to come after John that

is, "on Christ." Apollis was living up to the best light that he had. He was telling the people to be baptized, "into Christ," "unto the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 28 : 19)

He and those whom he taught in Ephesus had been immersed ( or baptized) but without a proper understanding of the act. Their immersion had not been "into the name of Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." What should they do? What should honest believers in Christ do today when they find out that they have not completely conformed to the teaching of Christ in this matter? Should Apollos become offended when Aquilla and Priscilla bring this matter to his attention? Should he shrug his shoulders and say that "baptism does not make any difference anyway?"

Of course not, Aquilla and Priscilla took him aside and "taught him the way of the Lord more perfectly." He accepted their teaching humbly. Later Paul taught twelve disciples at Ephesus who had learned only "John 's baptism" and they "were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." (Acts 19 : 5.)

It is just that simple. Study the book of Acts closely and see if you have obeyed the command to believers in Christ to "repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..." (Acts 2 : 38.) Goodspeed translates the last phrase "in order to have your sins forgiven." If you have not done this, then do not hesitate to make sure that you have obeyed the Lord in this respect. Baptism is not a "church ordinance" or command. It is a command of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a personal matter. Who baptizes you is not important, but the important thing is that you are "buried with him in baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should walk the newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection. (Rom. 6 : 4-5)

If you are not certain you have been scripturally baptized, we urge you to follow the example of Apollis and the twelve disciples at Ephesus, who were immersed the second time to be sure that they did exactly what Jesus wanted done. Any command of Jesus is important.

-M. Norvel Young, In Just A Moment.

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Life is action and reaction. You speak today; tomorrow you hear the echo of your voice.

Love and you shall be greatly loved, forgive and you shall be forgiven; be kind and kindness you shall reap.

Keep under control the three T's--Thought, Tongue, and Temper--and you shall be saved from many sorrows.

RICHARD ENGLAND MOVES TO HENDERSON, TENNESSEE

The last week in April closed out the work of Richard England with the church in Mammoth Spring and with FCGN. Brother England is in the process of moving his family to Henderson, Tennessee, where he will operate a Western Auto Store and also preach for a church nearby.

Richard did most of the work in the past two years toward editing FCGN. He revised the addressing of the paper as well as the appearance. The number of people receiving the paper has increased to over two thousand. This makes more work. There has not been enough money to pay those who edit the paper.

Every effort will be made to continue publishing the paper, though at this time we are uncertain as to future plans.

Let no one be asking, "What is the church going to do for me? Rather, let each one be asking, "What will I be able to do for the church?"

SPEED ME UP, LORD

Almighty God " Set fire to these cold hearts of ours! Disturb our complacency, and dispossess us of our ease! Shatter our pretensions and shake us from our sloth. Smite our fears and scourge our pride. Send us out upon Main Street, into alleys and slums, and upon the avenues and boulevards! Send us to shop and office, to factory and to farm to school and home! Send us wherever boys and girls are growing up in ignorance, and youth and maidens are perishing from lack of vision" Thrust us into lanes and streets of town and city, into highways and hedgeways of villages and countryside! Put the torch of faith in our hands and, if Thou dost choose, pin the red of martyrdom upon our breasts. Give wings to our souls, but make us unashamed to walk with bleeding feet, upon the path where Thy dear Son has trod. -via West Plains Mo. Bulletin

## DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Are You an active member,  
The kind that would be missed,  
Or are you just contented  
That your name is on the list?  
Do you take an active part  
To help the church along,  
Or are you satisfied to be  
The kind that "just belongs?"  
Think this over, sister, brother,  
Are you right or are you wrong?  
Are you an active member?  
Or do you just belong?

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## UNCLE MOSE SAYS-----

"Lot's of people think Sunday Mawin' is de time  
to ketch up on dey sleep. You jes' wait : Some  
mawin' de Lawd gonna blow de hawn on date buch  
an' brudder; you gonna ' see de cover aflyin.

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## *If You Were Busy*

If you were busy being kind,  
Before you knew it you would find  
You'd soon forget to think 'twas true  
That someone was unkind to you.

If you were busy being glad,  
And cheering people who are sad,  
Altho your heart might ache a bit,  
You'd not have time to blame some man  
Who's doing just the best he can.

If you were busy being true  
To what you know you ought to do;  
You'd be so busy you'd forget  
The blunders of the folks you've met.

If you were busy being right,  
You'd find yourself too busy, quite,  
To criticize your neighbor, long,  
Because he's busy being wrong,

## THE WORST IDLENESS

The worst idleness is that of the heart . Think of  
the condition and prospects of a voiceless, thank-  
less, prayerless heart .

The only cure for indolence is work; the only  
cure for selfishness is sacrifice; the only cure for  
unbelief is to shake off the ague of doubt, by do-  
ing Christ's bidding; the only cure for timidity is  
to plunge into some dreaded duty before the chills  
come on.

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## NEWS AND NOTES

Brother Don Deffenbaugh from Neosho, Missouri  
will be the speaker at the Gospel Meeting at the  
Wheeling Church of Christ on June 3, through June  
9. The public is invited.

L. N. Moody will conduct a Gospel Meeting at  
Mammoth Spring beginning July 7 though 14.

St. Pierre H. Hoge is now preaching for the  
Hardy Church of Christ.

Eugene Polvado of Corpus Christi, Texas will  
conduct a meeting at Welcome Hill, beginning  
June 24, and ending June 30.

The meeting at Salem, Arkansas will begin the  
night of June 10, and run through June 16. Bro-  
ther Delmar Owens of Tulsa, Oklahoma will be the  
speaker.

Brother Don Reeves is now preaching for the  
Church in Thayer, Missouri. He can be heard on  
KALM at 7 : 45 a.m. Monday through Friday.

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Find something to do in the church, and you  
shall find contentment, Idleness breeds restless-  
ness. Restlessness frequently finds expression in  
strife or fault-finding.

The purest and best of people are susceptible  
to unholy influence. Exercise great caution,  
therefore, in the selection of your associates.  
"Be not unequally yoked together with unbeliev-  
ers."

# What Must I Do To Become a Christian?

HEAR-----" If any man have an ear, let him hear." Rev. 13-9 "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Rom 10 : 17

BELIEVE---~~z~~---"Except ye believe that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." John 8 : 24 "But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" Heb. 11 :-6

REPEAT----- "I tell you, nay; but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Lk. 13 :3 " And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent." Acts 17 : 30.

CONFESS -----"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 10 : 32 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10 : 9.

BE BAPTIZED----"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Mk. 16 : 16 "Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Acts 2 : 38

"THEN THEY THAT GLADLY RECEIVED HIS WORD WERE BAPTIZED : AND THE SAME DAY THERE WERE ADDED UNTO THEM ABOUT THREE THOUSAND SOULS." ACTS 2 : 41

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## Nine Things God Wants You To Know

1. That all men are sinners-(Eccl. 7 : 20; Rom. 3 : 23; 5 : 12)
2. That you cannot be saved in your sins-(Matt. 7 : 23; 1 Cor. 5 : 9, 10)
3. That you can be saved from your sins-  
-(Mk 2:17 1 Cor 6 : 11; Rom. 6 : 16-18.)
4. That God wants you to be saved-(1 Tim 2 : 3, 2 Pet. 3 : 9.)
5. That he makes it possible for you to be saved  
(1 Pet. 2-21-24; Tit. 2 : 11-14; John 14 :6.)
6. That he expect you to save yourself by obeying his revealed will-(2 Tim. 2 : 15, Eph. 2 : 10 Phil 2 : 12-16; Acts 2 : 40.)

7. That he wants you as a sinner to believe in Jesus Christ as his Son ( Heb. 11 : 6, repent of all your sins ( Acts. 17 : 30 confess with t he mouth that Jesus Christ is the Son of God(Mat. 10 : 39,) and be baptized into Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2 : 38; Gal. 3 : 26, 27.)

8. That if you are lost and go to Hell it will be your own fault-(John 5 : 39, 40; Rev. 22 : 17; Mat. 11 : 28-30.)

9. That he is not willing that any be lost, but that all obey and be saved-( 2 Pet. 3 : 9.)

Friend, will you not accept the Savior's offer of salvation by obeying the gospel?

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