

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



“every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b

## Are All Who Are Baptized Christians?

In every example of New Testament conversion people were baptized for remission of sins. "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) One cannot be a Christian without being baptized, but not all who have been baptized are Christians. Why would this be true?

**Many that have been baptized have not been baptized as accountable people.** Baptism is an act of submission that must come from the heart. "But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered." (Romans 6:17) Baptizing babies is no more Bible baptism than it would be for several strong men to baptize adults against their will. Babies have no sin and therefore do not need baptism, and certainly could not be baptized as a voluntary act of obedience.

**Many that have been baptized have not been baptized as the Bible teaches.** Bible baptism is a burial in water and it is for the remission of sins. Both the reason for which baptism is done and the way in which it is done are important. Bible baptism is a burial. "Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4) Bible baptism is never sprinkling or pouring. Bible baptism is essential to our salvation. The Bible is plain in teaching that: **(1)** Baptism comes before salvation (Mark 16:16), **(2)** Baptism is for remission of sins (Acts 2:38), **(3)** Baptism washes away sins (Acts 22:16), **(4)** Baptism comes before being a child of God (Galatians 3:26-27), and **(5)** Baptism puts one into Christ (Romans 6:3-4). In view of such plain Bible teaching, how can the Southern Baptist Church (and most other churches) teach that, "Baptism does not help a person to be saved or to become a Christian?"

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“The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us  
(not the putting away of the filth of the flesh,  
but the answer of a good conscience toward God,)  
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: ” - 1 Peter 3:21

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**SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:**

AM: HARVEY ALLEN

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"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly;  
and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." - 2 Corinthians 9:6

IN THE BIBLE WE'LL DELVE IN 2012

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CHRISTIANITY  
TODAY!

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**“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16**

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Margaret Herring, Wilson Burton, Betty Mathis, Lamar Reeves, Elma Berrier and Phyllis Johnson.
- **Bill Young’s** wife is to have rotator cuff surgery, June 20th.
- **Dorothy Gray** requests prayers as she and her family, including her mother, travel to Texas on vacation.
- **Anna Porter** is continuing to slowly recover from her surgery. Doctors say it might take another 6 weeks.
- Give thanks to God for His mercy, and pray for all these, and the work of the Lord here at West Columbia.

**"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him." - Psalm 27:1**

**“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42**

- Our thanks to brother **K. C. Dunbaker** and **Bill Young** who preached for us last Sunday.
- **Jim Carlson**, will be visiting and preaching for us the 2nd Sunday in June (June 10). We are considering him for the position of full time evangelist. Please come meet with him that Sunday.
- **No First Sunday Lunch this week!** It will be NEXT week when the visiting preacher is here.
- The **White Knoll church of Christ** (formerly Carolina church) will have a Gospel Meeting in their new building, Sun 6/3—Wed (evenings at 7pm). Singing Sunday 2-4 pm.
- Remember the cards **Marshal Mancuso** has provided to mail to visitors and people who we’ve been missing recently. They’re in the church office for you to use.
- **Bible Study at Church Building, Saturdays 3 pm**, all are invited and please invite visitors to come! It’s a good way for people to learn more of us. An informal session around a table with everyone using their bibles and Strong’s Concordances.

**"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which you have showed toward his name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister." - Hebrews 6:10**

**IN THE BIBLE WE’LL DELVE IN 2012**

<b>NT BOOKS (27):</b>	<b>1 Corinthians</b>	<b>2 Thessalonians</b>	<b>1 Peter</b>
<b>Matthew</b>	<b>2 Corinthians</b>	<b>1 Timothy</b>	<b>2 Peter</b>
<b>Mark</b>	<b>Galatians</b>	<b>2 Timothy</b>	<b>1 John</b>
<b>Luke</b>	<b>Ephesians</b>	<b>Titus</b>	<b>2 John</b>
<b>John</b>	<b>Philippians</b>	<b>Philemon</b>	<b>3 John</b>
<b>Acts</b>	<b>Colossians</b>	<b>Hebrews</b>	<b>Jude</b>
<b>Romans</b>	<b>1 Thessalonians</b>	<b>James</b>	<b>Revelation</b>

**Are All Who Are Baptized Christians? —(cont. from page 1)**

**Many that have been baptized scripturally have not remained faithful.**

They have not grown in faith. They have stopped following Christ and are in a worse condition than before they obeyed the gospel. The Bible says in **2 Peter 2:20-22**: **“For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.”** Jesus said, **“...If you continue in My word, then are you My disciples indeed.” (John 8:31)** All accountable people must be baptized for remission of sins and must remain faithful to God; but not all who have been baptized are Christians!

- By **Charles Box**, Evangelist, Walnut Street Church of Christ, Greenville, Alabama

**“If ye love me, keep my commandments.” - John 14:15**

**Jesus had commandments, do you love him?**

**REGARDING DENOMINATIONS:**

**“Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul: And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.” - Acts 11:25,26**

“Every denomination (Catholic or Protestant) had its origin this side of the New Testament. Every denomination has something in its teaching or practice that marks it as different from the church of the New Testament. Otherwise, it would not be a denomination.

As it was possible for an undenominational church to exist at Antioch, so it is possible now. Any church today that has the same faith and practice as did the church at Antioch (and other faithful New Testament congregations) is not a denomination, but a church of Christ”.—**David Pharr**, Gospel Preacher

**“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” - 1 Corinthians 1:10**