

Schedule of Meeting Times:

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Worship Sunday Morn 11:00 AM
Worship Sunday Eve 5:00 PM
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Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

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“...And the devil said to Him, ‘If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, **“MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.”**”

—Luke 4:3,4



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“Examine everything carefully...” –1 Thessalonians 5:21 NASB

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LIVING ON THE BREAD OF LIFE

By Mike Thomas

Jesus said something about bread that is a challenge for anyone to consider. When Satan tempted Him to misuse His powers to turn stone into bread, Jesus said, “It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God,” Lk 4:4. He was referring to what Moses told the Israelites after God had given them bread from heaven (manna) to satisfy their hunger. He “fed you with manna... that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,” Deut 8:3. The manna was to demonstrate to the Israelites God’s love for them and ability to meet their needs. This

should have convinced them to love and trust Him no matter the circumstance—even above physical sustenance. As long as they followed Him, they had everything they needed. Jesus understood this principle and remained true to God’s word when confronting the devil. We must do the same with our temptations. Nothing should be more important to us than following God and keeping His word. Nothing.

What Moses and Jesus said about bread is a bold statement. Bread is a staple in most societies and has been for centuries. In America, grocery stores have entire aisles and sections

Servants during July:

Songleader: David (4), Peter (11), Stanley (18), Larry (25)

Reading: Larry

Announcements: Stanley

Table: David, Peter, Mike B, Robert

Wednesday Lesson: Kris (7), Larry (14), Stanley (21), Kris (28)

Lawn Mowing (week starting): Kris (4), Marty (11), Stanley (18), Robert (25)




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dedicated to it. Nevertheless, even it cannot meet our greatest need. James said, "Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls," Jas 1:21. If we want to be saved from sin, we must learn, understand, and obey God's word, Rom 10:13-17. Nothing else in the world has that power or ability. No medicine, no exercise, no currency, no administration, no person, no thing, and not even food and water can provide us with forgiveness. The only thing on planet earth that can save us from sin and cause us to be raised from the dead is the word of God. Specifically, this hope is found in

the teachings of Christ, who said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever," Jn 6:51. Our physical body is going to die, no matter how well we feed and care for it, but if we are wise our soul will last forever because we fed our spiritual man with the bread of life. "For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come," 1 Tim 4:8. God gave the Israelites daily bread to teach them to depend on Him. He has given us the Bible so we might live "by every word of God." Do we?

—via "Meditate on These Things,"
December 2013 

Baptism Comes Before Salvation

By David Padfield

I have been accused of over emphasizing the part baptism plays in the salvation of sinners. In view of what the Bible teaches, I do not see how this could be possible.

There are five passages in the New Testament that mention both baptism and salvation in the same

verse: Mk 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom 6:4; Acts 22:16; 1 Pet 3:21. In all of these passages, water baptism precedes the remission of sins. Do you know of a passage where the order is reversed?

Mark 16:16 contains two conditions for salvation: faith and baptism. It also contains the


conditions for damnation: a lack of faith. If you want to know what you must do to be lost, it will tell you—all that is necessary is a lack of faith. If you want to know what to do to be saved from your past sins—it commands you to believe and be baptized.

In Acts 2:38 Peter told a group of believers to "repent, and let everyone of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." Our Baptist friends often focus on the word "for" in this passage and insist it means "because of," even though it is never translated that way in any reputable translation of the Bible. We have to remind them that if baptism is "because of" the remission of sins, then so is repentance. Baptism and repentance are joined by the little word "and." Whatever one is "for" the other is "for."

After we are buried with Christ in baptism, we are raised to walk in a newness of life, Rom 6:1-4. This new life comes after baptism in

water. Many preachers want to "bury" the "new man," since they claim the newness of life comes before our "burial."

Three days after the Lord appeared to Saul of Tarsus, Ananias told Saul to "arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins," Acts 22:16. Many preachers today claim Saul was saved three days before Ananias met him. Ananias must not have known it, for he told Saul how to "wash away" his sins. If Saul had been saved on the road as some preachers claim, he must have been the most miserable saved man in the Bible. Saul was blind and spent three days praying and fasting until Ananias arrived.

1 Peter 3:21 states "baptism doth also now save us." However, baptism is not the only condition for the salvation of the alien sinner. Other requirements must be met, like faith, repentance, and love. I do not know of anything "alone" that will save a sinner, not even faith, Jas 2:24. 

Remember in Prayer

Please continue to pray for **Buddy's** neighbor, and a brother in Christ, **Tommy Nelson**, who suffers from advanced prostate cancer; and our sister **Joyce** continues to deal with cancer, as well. Pray also

for Serenity's teacher who was hurt when hit by a basketball.

Pray always for **Madelene Britnell**, **Carolyn Dennis**, and **Tim** and **Dot Hice**. 