

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..." (Jude 3)
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SUNDAY SERVICE

Bible Class: 9:30
AM Worship: 10:15
PM Worship: 1:00

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class: 7:00pm

LADIES CLASS

10:00 am Tuesday
mornings

A Message To Our Visitors

It is our privilege to have you visiting with us today. Please know that you are our honored guest. Please let us get to know you, and fill out an attendance card so we can have record of you being here. Please return to be with us again at your earliest opportunity. If you have questions or would like to study the Bible with us, please let us know. Thanks again for visiting with us, and may God continue to bless you according to His divine purpose.

THOSE TO SERVE

Announcements:

Andy Johnson

Lead Singing:

Wesley Tucker

Opening Prayer:

Josh Fulcher

Scripture Reading:

Chris Smith

Lord's Table:

Kyle Hobbs

Josh Price

Johnny Downs

Mitchell Smith

Closing Prayer:

Johnny Downs

Greeters:

Daniel Puckett

Addi Fulcher

Usher:

Kevin Smith

Lesson

AM: Two Searching
Questions

Scripture reading:

Acts 9:3-9

PM: See The Kingdom

Scripture reading:

John 3:1-3

THINGS THAT SAVE

By: Alan Adams

Salvation is what we are all about. Who, or What, saves us? God; yet, by many things. It certainly cannot be unprofitable to study and ponder the many things that Inspiration says save us. Such a study should certainly be educational and enlightening. It should also be corrective in that it refutes and defeats the only mentality that leads some to falsely conclude that salvation is by “faith only,” or “grace only.” As we consider these “things that save,” it will be crystal clear that we are not saved only by any particular thing, rather by many things. The study can also be preventive enabling us to avoid the fallacy of doing things that “ought to have [been] done” while leaving other equally essential things “undone” (cf. Matthew 23:23).

What a functional word is our word “thing(s).” In MerriamWebster, it is designated a noun and given ten subheadings. We have concrete and conceptual “things”; we even have “things that go ‘bump’ in the night”; more particularly and importantly, we have “things that save.” From one perspective, salvation is unilateral: God saves sinners; the story, however, does not end there. God also “gives life” (cf. Acts 17:25); yet, there are many “things” involved in a human being receiving, maintaining and enjoying life. The same is certainly true of salvation. There are many things that save. “The salvation of your souls,” about which “the prophets sought and searched diligently,” “so great a salvation” (1 Peter 1:9,10; Hebrews 2:3), is itself a multifaceted “thing” which is the sum of many “things.”

Some Corinthians were “saved” (1 Corinthians 1:18). They were saved by the “word of the cross,” by “the preaching” (1:21). “Fire” was also a part of the saving process (cf. 3:15). Being “deliver[ed]...unto Satan for the “destruction of the flesh” was essential to one being “saved in the day of Lord Jesus” (5:5). In some marriages, it may be, Paul said, that a “wife [could save her] husband...[or a] husband [his]...wife” (1Cor. 7:16). By foregoing personal rights and liberties, bringing oneself “under bondage to all...becom [ing]

all things to all men,” Paul determined “by all means [to] save some” (1Cor. 9:18-22). Avoiding “occasions of stumbling, either to Jews, or to Greeks, or to the church of God,” the peerless apostle sought not his “own profit, but the profit of the many, that they may be saved” (1Cor. 10:32,33). Having already “received” and “believed” “the gospel” (1Cor. 15:1,2), the Corinthian “brethren” were “saved, if [they would] hold fast the word which I preached unto you” (ibid).

All these “things,” and more are indeed the “things God prepared for them that love him” (1Cor. 2:9). “Christ sent [Paul]...to preach the gospel” (17). His preaching was not in “wisdom of words” (17). This is not some reference to Paul’s simple vocabulary or speaking ability, but rather his message. He preached “the word of the cross” (18). It is “God’s good pleasure through the foolishness of the preaching (literally, “the thing preached”) to save them that believe” (21). Paul’s message, the “thing” he preached, did not come from his own studies and experiences. His “eyes” had not “seen” these “things”; his “ears” had not “heard” these “things”; nor had these “things” “entered” his “heart.” Paul was an apostle. His message came directly by way of revelation and when he preached that message, it was by inspiration.

These “things,” this “thing preached,” are the “deep things” of God (10b). Such things could only be known by and revealed “through the Spirit” who “searcheth all things” (10a). Paul had “received the spirit which is from God”; thus he knew “the things which are freely given to us of God.” He also spoke these “things...not in words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Spirit teacheth, combining spiritual things with spiritual words” (12, 13). “Spiritual things”—things that save — have been combined with “spiritual words” which “the Spirit teacheth.” These things we must study and know.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Luke Puckett (30th)
- ⇒ Gerald and Shirley (3rd)
- ⇒ Joe and Rhonda (3rd)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Daniel
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 4 (Andy Johnson) meets today.
- ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings, singings, and Bible schools are coming up in our area.
- ⇒ **Personal invitation handouts** are available. Please make sure to take some and handout or leave with a tip, and invite someone to services.
- ⇒ **Men's Class:** Tuesday, August 6th at 6:30.
- ⇒ **Ice Cream Supper:** Today at 5pm here at the building
- ⇒ **Back to school drive:** Team two is hosting a back to school supply drive on Aug 3rd. Please see Johnny Downs for more info and to help!
- ⇒ **Sick list:** The sick list will be "cleaned out" next week. If you know someone who needs to stay on or be added, please see Luke.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Tea Bags
- ⇒ **Sick:** If you know someone who is sick, please get this information to your team leader or Luke.

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Ima Barnes
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Peggy Newsome
- ⇒ Richard Jones
- ⇒ Whitney Tucker
- ⇒ Brett Bennett
- ⇒ Mike Smith
- ⇒ Neal Parker (Ron's bother-in-law)
- ⇒ Lori Barnett (Vicki Wilson's niece has cancer)
- ⇒ Johnny Wagner (Josh Fulcher's neighbor has cancer)
- ⇒ Harry Henderson
- ⇒ Shirley Tucker (Wesley's grandmother)
- ⇒ Charlotte Irvan
- ⇒ Paula Fulcher
- ⇒ Deborah Moore (Linda Jones' Daughter)
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Dennis Thomas (Judy Black's cousin, has throat cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Dean Chadwick (Tammy's mother)
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Continue to remember all those who have lost loved ones this year

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Hear the Word
(Rom 10:17)

Believe the Word
(John 8:24)

Repent
(Luke 13:3)

Confess Christ
(Rom 10:10)
(Acts 8:37)

Be Baptized
(Acts 2:38)
(Acts 22:16)

Remain Faithful
(Rev 2:10)
(Acts 8:12-24)

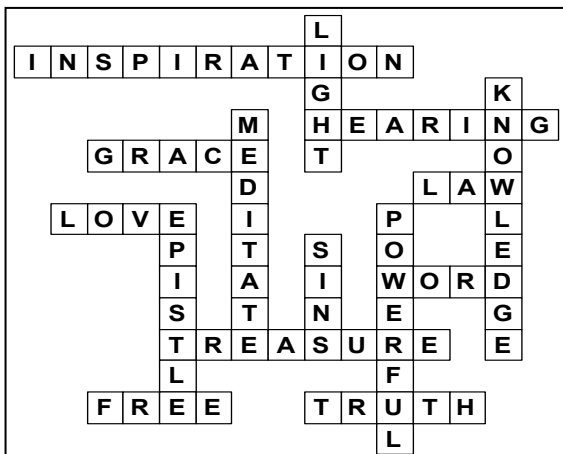
Heaven can be your
home if you obey God!
(Heb 5:8-9)

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You will find bulletins,
sermon outlines, and
other helpful links and
material.

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Fast	Searching
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Lord	Tarsus
Pray	Wash
Questions	Wise



Bible question: What king had Daniel thrown into the lion's den?

Last week's question and answer: What was written on the palace wall by the finger of God?
Answer: Mene, mene, tekem, upharsin (Daniel 5:25)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome