

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..." (Jude 3)
September 29, 2019

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PREACHER

Luke Puckett

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:

Josh Fulcher

Lead Singing:

Mitchell Smith

Opening Prayer:

Ron Hutchison

Scripture Reading:

Chris Smith

Lord's Table:

Andy Johnson
Mitchell Smith
Isaac Fulcher
Josh Fulcher

Closing Prayer:

Johnny Downs

Greeters:

Jordan Hobbs
Addi Fulcher

Usher:

Kevin Smith

Lesson

AM: What Does God
Require Of You?

Scripture reading:

Deuteronomy 10:12-15

PM: Song Service

Scripture reading:

ESSENTIAL NATURE OF BAPTISM

By: Victor M. Eskew

For some reason, the denominational world has rejected the essential nature of baptism in God's plan of salvation. They do not believe and teach that one must be baptized in order to be saved. This seems strange in light of Jesus' words in Mark 16:16. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned."

One of the arguments devised by man against baptism is centered upon its being a work. This is interesting since the Bible nowhere declares that baptism is a work. Once placed in the category of a work, it is then rejected as being necessary to salvation based upon Paul's writings about works and deeds. One of these passages is Romans 3:28. "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." Baptism is said to be a deed of the law. Paul says that such deeds do not bring justification. Therefore we are told, baptism does not save. Salvation is solely and only by faith.

There are at least three points that can be made in answer to this teaching. We have already made the first one. Where in the Bible is baptism ever referred to as a work? This is an assumption and an assertion that comes from the minds of men. It is interesting, on the other hand, that Jesus refers to belief as a work of God (John 6:29).

A second point comes from the little book of James. James notes that there are works that justify. In James 2:24, he puts these works in contrast to faith only. "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only." There are some works that justify mankind. Which works are these? Could these works be simple acts of obedience to the will of God? Could these include the command to be baptized (Acts 22:16)? Let's listen to Peter's words of Acts 10:34-35. "Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of

persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." To be accepted of God, one must work righteousness.

Psalm 119:172 tells us that all of God's commands are righteousness. This plainly affirms that the works that justify man are the works man does in obedience to God's commands.

This leads to our third point. What does Paul mean in Romans 3:28. The apostle plainly says that "a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." In the context of Romans 2 and 3, Paul was speaking to the Jews. Many of the Jews believed that it was necessary to keep the law of Moses in addition to the words of Christ in order to be saved (See Acts 15:5). In Romans, Paul makes a bold stand against this position. The deeds of the law of Moses are not essential to salvation. Both Jews and Gentiles are now under the new covenant of Jesus Christ. It was this law, the law of Christ, that had the power to save. This was Paul's premise from the outset of the book of Romans. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:16-17). To apply Paul's words about the deeds of the law of Moses to acts of obedience within the New Covenant is a wrong application of the text

Added to the library in memory of
Norma Darnell
Prayer: Does it Make Any Difference?
By Philip Yancey

Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ Josh and Kayla (5th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Song of Solomon
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team leaders meet 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.
- ⇒ **Tuesday Ladies Class:** Started back on 9-17. 10am every Tuesday morning!
- ⇒ **Men's Class:** Thursday, October 3rd at 6:30.
- ⇒ **5th Sunday Potluck and Singing:** No potluck today (due to remodel). Singing still at 1:00pm
- ⇒ **Congregational visit:** We will visit Dexter tonight as a congregation. They start at 5pm.
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Pasta Sauce
- ⇒ **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
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Richard Jones
- ⇒ Ashlee Whitley
- ⇒ Kristin Sims
- ⇒ Vicki Wilson
- ⇒ Neal Parker (Ron's bother-in-law)
- ⇒ Lucetria Hutchison (Ron's mother)
- ⇒ Karen Price (Josh Price's sister-in-law)
- ⇒ Johnny Wagner (Josh Fulcher's neighbor has cancer)
- ⇒ Deborah Moore (Linda Jones' daughter)
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law, cancer)
- ⇒ Dennis Thomas (Judy Black's cousin, cancer)
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Dean Chadwick (Tammy's mother)
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Trish Puckett (Having tests run)
- ⇒ 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)

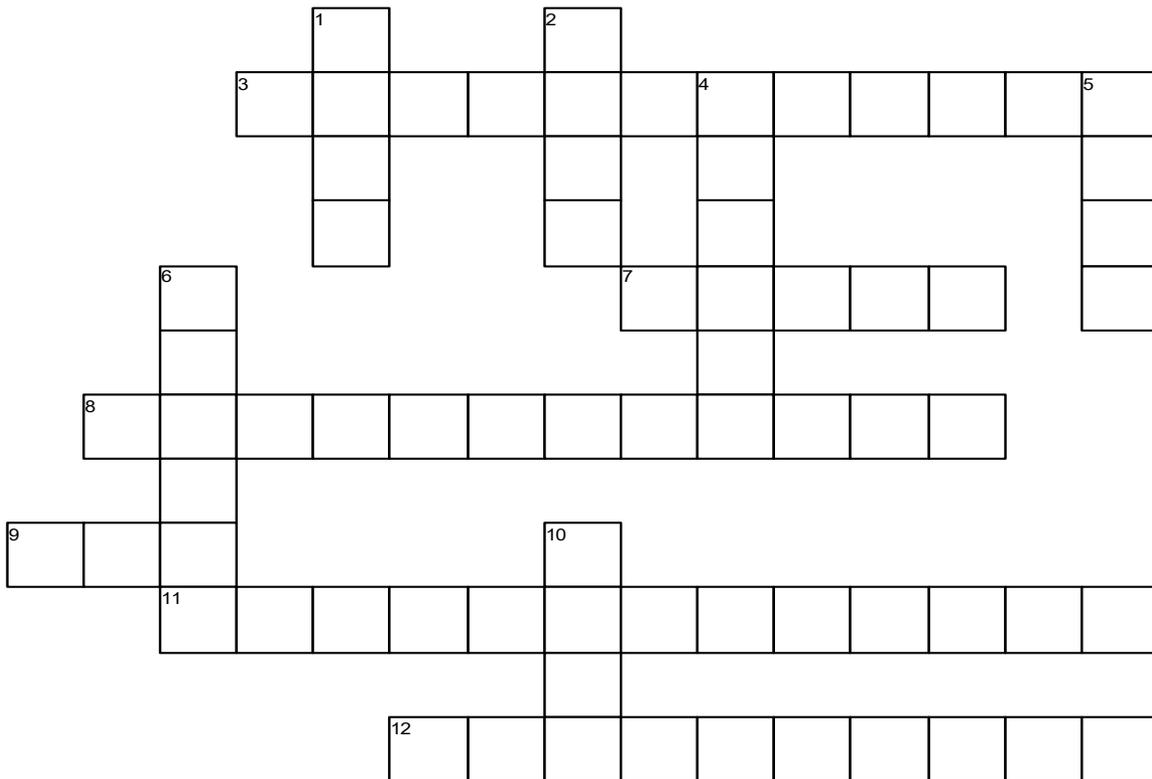
Be Baptized
(Acts 2:38)
(Acts 22:16)

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.





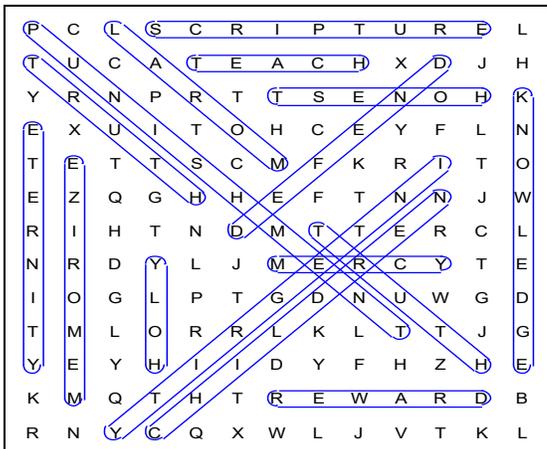
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ACROSS

DOWN

- 3 Keep His _____ (Deu 10:13)
- 7 _____ The Lord your God with all your heart (Deu 10:12)
- 8 Christ is a _____ for our sins (1John 4:10)
- 9 No one can serve _____ masters
- 11 His commandments are _____ (Psa 119:172)
- 12 His commandments are not _____ (1John 5:3)

- 1 We _____ Him because He first loved us
- 2 _____ in all of His ways (Deu 10:12)
- 4 It is not in man who walks to _____ his own steps
- 5 "Fear Him who is able to destroy both _____ and body in hell."
- 6 Knowing the _____ of the Lord we persuade men
- 10 _____ the LORD your God (Deu 10:12)



Bible question: In Song of Solomon, Solomon says he is like a rose from this place?

Last week's question and answer: In Song of Solomon, what does Solomon say is under his beloved's tongue?
Answer: Honey and milk (Song of Solomon 4:11)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome, Johnny and Mae Downs