

Let us remember what the Lord has done for mankind, and therefore live in such a way as to glorify and honor Him. Read. Study. Obey God's Word. *(All Bible quotations are from The New King James Version)*

### WHAT MUST I DO TO BE A CHRISTIAN?

- ◇ Jesus taught obedience (Matt.7:21-23; Luke 6:46; Matt. 28:20)
- ◇ Jesus taught that unless we believe in Him, we will die in our sins (John 10:31-39)
- ◇ He taught repentance (Luke 13:3;24:46-47)
- ◇ He taught confessing Him before others (Matthew 10:32-33)
- ◇ He taught baptism as a necessity (Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:19-20; John 3:5)
- ◇ He teaches faithfulness unto death (Revelation 2:10)

### WHO WE ARE

- ◆ A Group Of Undenominational Christians - Taking The Bible As Our Only Guide.
- ◆ A Fellowship Attached To No Other Organization.
- ◆ A Church Desiring To Be Christians Only.



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**Sunday**  
9 :00AM — Bible Study for All Ages  
9:50AM — Worship in Praise, Prayer, Lord's Supper, Giving and Preaching  
6:00PM - Evening Worship

**Wednesday**  
7 :30PM — Bible Study for All Ages



"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God"  
2 Tim 2:15 (NKJV)

## WHAT DOES GOD REALLY WANT???



God desires for you to come to the knowledge of the truth.  
-1 Timothy 2:4



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**I**magine you are walking along the way and suddenly fall into a puddle of muck. There you are, stained and yucky – what a mess. What if someone then came along and said they could clean you right up? Would you take them up on that offer? I know I would!

We have all ‘fallen down’ at some point in our lives. “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). Yet, everyone can be cleaned up, spiritually. The apostle Peter spoke plainly of this when he wrote, “There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.” (1 Peter 3:21-22) Simply put, if the Lord sees you on your

back, wallowing in the mud, what’s He going to tell you to do? He commands you to get up out of the mud (*i.e., sinful lifestyle*)!! You must hear (Rom. 10:17), believe (Heb. 11:6), repent (Acts 17:30), confess Jesus as the Christ (Matt. 10:33), be baptized - and you will be cleansed spiritually (Acts 2:38, 22:16).



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Now that’s a big deal to us as sinners, but it’s not *the* biggest deal to God. Don’t get me wrong- these elements *are essential* to salvation (John 3:3-5, Mark 16:15-16). **The big deal for God, however, is for us to commit our lives to Him.** Once He cleanses us - if we then happen to stumble and get a little stained - God can clean us up again if we pray (Acts 8:22)! But, what do you suppose God will think if we get cleaned up – only to continue jumping

right back into the mire? The Lord has indeed spoken of this, “For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: “*A dog returns to his own vomit,*” and, “a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.” (2 Peter 2:21-22)

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Peter exhorts the Christian, “But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul...” (1 Peter 2:9-11)