

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

- Hear the Word of God – Rom. 10:17
- Believe that Jesus is the Son of God – Heb. 11:6; John 8:24
- Repent of your sins – Acts 17:30
- Confess Christ before men – Rom. 10:10; Matt. 10:32-33
- Be baptized for the remission of your sins – Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21
- Remain Faithful – Rev. 2:10

By The Numbers for January 12<sup>th</sup>

Attendance:  
Sun. Bible Study – 90  
Sun. AM Worship – 120  
Sun. PM Worship – 76  
Wed. Night (1/8) – 65

To Our Visitors:

We are so glad and honored that you chose to be with us today. If you have any questions please feel free to ask the elders or one of the members. If we can be of any assistance, please let us know. Thanks for being with us, and we hope to see you again real soon!

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“Where the Gospel is Preached and People are Loved!”

The Wrapping Matters

If your house is anything like mine, at the conclusion of Christmas morning it looks like a bomb of wrapping paper, tissue paper, bows, and boxes has exploded in our living room. We all understand it is what is inside those boxes that we want to see, but to some (my wife being one of them), the wrapping matters.

With the exception of the one gift that I wrapped (which looked like a T-Rex did it), Micah had coordinating paper and bows. It really made for a very beautiful scene as we dimmed the lights on Christmas Eve and shuffled off to bed awaiting Santa’s arrival. To some, the wrapping matters.

Such is also true of the Gospel. We understand that it is the message that is of the utmost importance. It is God’s Word that is “living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword” (Heb. 4:12). It is the Gospel that is “the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes” (Rom. 1:16). It is the Scriptures that are “given by inspiration of God” and can make us “complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

And while the message matters, the methods that are employed and the manner in which it is delivered matters as well. Different aspects of the Gospel can be emphasized depending on to whom we are speaking. Understanding our audience can help us to better reach them in a manner that will be easier to accept. I am not for a moment suggesting that we change the message. Never! But we should be aware of the way in which that message is being disseminated. Consider these two quick examples.

First, notice the Gospel accounts. Why four accounts? Why do they each have a different tone? Why do they emphasize different things? They were written to different audiences. As such, God saw fit to emphasize the things that the audience for that particular account would benefit from the most

Second, consider the words of Paul. In 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, Paul discussed how he varied his approach depending on the individual. “I have become all things to all men, that I might save some” (v 22). Paul understood that the way in which he presented the Gospel to others mattered.

Yes, the message of paramount importance, but let’s not forget – the wrapping matters!

~Justin

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Sun. Night-5 PM  
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“Come Worship with Us!”

***“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16)***