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Jack Calvert

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Randy Ellis Cole Meador

Invitation

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ABOUT US

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Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

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Jon Barry Bill Brittenham
Mike Davis Dave Massey

Evangelist

Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study9:30 A.M.
Worship10:15 A.M.
Worship6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17

Believe the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:35-30

Be Baptized in His name Mark 16:16;
1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

Think On These Things

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Who Is My Brother in Christ?

Bryan Garlock

Many hold the position that if you simply believe in Jesus you are saved and become either a brother or sister in Christ. However, the Bible is clear that God does not recognize everyone who simply believes in Him as one of His children (John 12:42-43). How, then, can we know who is our brother or sister in Christ?

Matthew recorded, "While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. But he replied to the man who told him, 'Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?' And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother'" (Matt. 12:46-50). Therefore, if we desire to be one of God's children, and a brother or sister to Jesus, we must do the will of the Father in heaven. Similarly, Jesus taught, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of

my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness'" (Matt. 7:21-23, ESV). Simply put, confession of His name (Matt. 10:32-33) is simply not enough, obedience must follow (Luke 6:46; Heb. 5:9).

When asking, "Who is my brother in Christ?" we need not look any further than Paul's words. He taught, "for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal. 3:26-27). Therefore, only those "in Christ" are our brethren; they are sons and daughters of God. However, how does one get into Christ? Notice the passage again. Paul clearly teaches that any who are baptized "into Christ" have "put on Christ." One cannot be "in Christ" if he has never "put on Christ." Further, Paul taught that to be

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Willie Margaret Mobley, Bob Buls, Bonnie Allgor, Max Thomas, Maxine Burnham and Mary Alice Turner.** Cards, calls and visits are ALWAYS needed and appreciated.

Max Thomas is still in very serious condition in the hospital. Please keep him, **Ann** and **Mark** continually in your prayers.

Jean Cronce is scheduled for another surgery Nov. 7th in Dallas.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME:
Don't Forget To "Fall Back" next
Sunday, Nov. 5th.**

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"of Christ" one would have to be baptized "into Christ" (see 1 Cor. 1.13). The evidence is telling; baptism allows us entrance into the family and fellowship of God.

What of those who obey the truth about how to be saved (John 3.16; Acts 2.38; Rom. 10.9-10), but do not obey the truth about the organization, work, and worship of the church and hold to false doctrine? While one may have obeyed Jesus to be baptized in His name for the forgiveness of his sins (Matt. 28.19; Acts 2.38), can it be said that they are doing the will of the Father in heaven? Remember, Jesus taught that man must

live by *every word* that comes from God's mouth (Matt. 4.4).

To be sure that we are living by every word of God, we must constantly "...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3.18) and have a love for the truth (Luke 8.15; 2 Thess. 2.10-11). Our diligence to be approved by God by rightly handling the word of God (2 Tim. 2.15) will allow us to see the errors of our way and, slowly but surely, renounce any sin and religious error hindering our service to God. If one has obeyed the conditions necessary to have our past sins washed away and yet holds to false doctrines, they are "erring brethren" or "a brother in error". Interestingly, the Bible certainly talks about erring brethren (2 Thess. 3.6; 1 Cor. 5.4-5; James 5.19-20) and false brethren (Gal. 2.3-4). We must do whatever we can to help each other out of error or from becoming brethren-in-error by holding fast to the whole counsel of God and admonishing one another as a "brother" (2 Thess. 3.14-15).

Are you a brother in Christ? In love, Bryan

Do You Believe Jesus?

Bryan Garlock

"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16.16, ESV)

There are at least five different interpretations of Mark 16.16. Let us examine them all.

View #1: "He who believes and is baptized will not be saved."

- Those who believe this view: Atheists, Muslims, Jews, etc.
- Why? Because they do not believe in God or the Bible.
- Problem with this view: There is a God and His majesty and existence is seen in the creation of this world (Psalm 19.1; Rom. 1.19-20).

View #2: "He who does not believe and is not baptized will be saved."

- Those who believe this view: Universalist [one that claims all will be saved].
- Why? Ultimately, because they cannot believe in a God that would send anyone to hell.
- Problem with this view: God says some will be saved and others will be lost: Matt. 7.13-14, 21-23; Rom. 6.23, etc.

View #3: "He who does not believe and is baptized will be saved."

- Those who believe this view: Catholics, Eastern and Oriental Orthodox, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Methodists, etc.
- Why? This view portrays infant baptism. They believe babies are born in sin and therefore they must be baptized to be saved (where's the Scripture?).

- Problem with this view: The Bible says one must hear (Rom. 10.17), believe (John 8.24), repent of sins (Acts 2.38), and confess Jesus (Rom. 10.9-10) before one may be baptized. Can a baby do any of that?

View #4: "He who believes and is not baptized will be saved."

- Those who believe this view: Baptist, Methodist, Lutherans, etc.
- Why? They do not believe baptism is necessary for salvation. However, they believe salvation is by "faith alone".
- Problem with this view: Jesus said baptism is essential in Matt. 28.18-20. James said we are not saved by "faith only" (James 2.24). Since Jesus requires faith (John 3.16), repentance (Luke 13.3), and confession (Matt. 10.32-33), then one cannot be saved by "faith alone".

View #5: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved."

- Those who believe this view: Those who believe Jesus, the Son of the living God.
- Why? Because they want to listen to Jesus (Matt. 17.5), obey Jesus (Luke 6.46), and be saved by Jesus (John 14.6).
- Problem with this view: None. This is the only view that quotes Jesus. The truth is, salvation and forgiveness of sins is found in baptism in the name of Jesus (Acts 2.38; 22.16; Gal. 3.27, etc.).

If we are honest with God's word, we can see that Jesus' words are truth and are in opposition to the views of the religious world. This raises the questions, "Which view is a lie?" and "Have you believed a lie?". What is your view of Mark 16.16? In love, BG (Some points adapted from an unknown author)