

MARC'S REMARKS

If Faith Only Saved

There are several New Testament passages that only mention “belief” and omit “baptism” (John 3:16; Acts 16:31; Romans 10:10). Does this mean that baptism is not necessary for salvation?

I believe that baptism is absolutely necessary. Numerous New Testament passages speak of its necessity for salvation (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom 6:3–4; Gal 3:27; 1 Pet 3:21). Also, the following passages clearly teach that “faith only” is not enough.

1. **Otherwise, demons would have no cause to tremble.**

You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder (James 2:19).

2. **We could hide our faith and still be saved.**

Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God (John 12:42–43).

3. **The Bible would be false, because the only passage that mentions “faith only” has the word “not” in front of it:**

You see that a man is justified by works, and not by faith alone (James 2:24).

Yes, we are all saved by God’s grace (Eph 2:8), but it’s not granted by faith only.

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study . . . 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:15 A.M.
Worship 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study . . . 7:00 P.M.

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THE PLAN OF 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 8:35–39

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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I Want To Be Like Barnabas

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The early church in Jerusalem was blessed by the presence of a wonderful disciple named Joses. He was such a faithful and helpful disciple that the apostles named him Barnabas, the Son of Encouragement (Acts 4:36). Though he was not one of the Twelve, Barnabas was the type of person who could encourage both leaders and followers towards greater service to the Lord. He perfected in his life this command of God:

Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works (Heb 10:24).

Barnabas is introduced in Acts 4:36–37 as one who sold property and gave the money to the needy saints. Barnabas was generous and self-sacrificing. His treasure was in heaven and he readily gave up the fleeting treasures of this life.

He Could Be Counted On

As we read further in Acts, we learn that Barnabas could be counted on to carry out

important duties. As more Gentiles were being converted in Antioch, the apostles confidently sent Barnabas to encourage and aid the work there (Acts 11:20–24). His influence for good has this testimony:

²³When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord, ²⁴For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord (Acts 11:23–24).

Barnabas was honest and trustworthy. When someone was needed to carry aid to the poor saints in Jerusalem, Barnabas had such a sound character that he was one of those called upon to deliver the precious relief (Acts 11:30).

Barnabas encouraged the strong and the weak, exhorted the saved and converted the lost. He was a man of great generosity, honesty and trustworthiness.

Thanks for worshipping with our church family!

FAMILY TALK

About Our Sick

Gladys Winters will undergo hip replacement surgery tomorrow in Little Rock.

John Haley's sister, **Glenda Williams**, underwent surgery to remove a brain tumor Thursday in Indianapolis.

Lenita Lansford's husband, Charles, continues to struggle health issues.

Helen Kinney's son, **Bruce**, remains in Dallas, after undergoing extensive back surgery. He will be in rehab for 1½ years!

Elders and Deacons Meeting

The elders and deacons have decided to start meeting every other month on Sunday afternoons. They will meet together at 4:30 next Sunday, Aug. 1st.

Men We Support

The eldership has invited two of the men we support to speak over the next couple of Sunday's.

- Abelardo Montañez, Aug. 1st
- Antonio Montañez, Aug. 8th

Area Gospel Meetings

Two churches have meetings at the same time. Next Monday–Wednesday (Aug. 2–4) at 7 P.M., the Springhill church will have **Tim Coffey**. The Belt Road church will have **Russ Bowman** with them during the same time period next week.

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements
Rodney Ellis

Song Leading
Daniel Allgor

Lord's Supper
Bill Brittenham
Wendell Mobley
Dave Massey
Jon Barry

Prayers
John Haley
Mark Davis

Scripture Reading
Nathan Scott

Bulletins
Josh Moore
Hayden Ellis

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements
Joey Avance

Song Leading
Josh Moore

Lord's Supper
Mike Davis
Dee Minter

Prayers
Randy Ellis
W. H. McFerrin

WEDNESDAY

Announcements
W. H. McFerrin

Song Leading
Phillip Moore

Prayers
Melvin Potts
Hayden Ellis

Invitation
Marc Hinds

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He Saw Potential

There was even more about Barnabas that is worth imitation. He was able to see the potential in people—sometimes when no one else could—and successfully bring that potential out.

Saul's Potential. When Saul began his preaching for the Lord with fervor—after having persecuting the church for years, he came to Jerusalem and wanted to join himself to the saints there. However, the saints' memory was sharp and they were afraid of Saul. Barnabas intervened, carried Saul to the apostles, and vouched for Saul (Acts 9:27). As a result, Saul (later known as Paul) was accepted.

John Mark's Potential.

There is also the story of John Mark. He was a relative of Barnabas and one in whom Barnabas had great expectations. Barnabas took John with him when He and Saul embarked upon the First Missionary Journey (Acts 13:5). But John, to Saul's great disappointment, did not finish the task he

had set out to accomplish (Acts 13:13).

Barnabas was unshaken in his belief that John Mark would become of great service to the Lord. When Paul (Saul) and Barnabas decided to make another journey, Barnabas was determined to give John another chance (Acts 15:36–37). Paul was just as adamant that John Mark was not the man they needed. Barnabas insisted, Paul refused. Feelings were so strong that Barnabas and Paul parted company over the issue and went their separate ways preaching the gospel (Acts 15:38).

Did Paul or Barnabas have the better argument? At the time, certainly Paul was right in his assessment. But Barnabas saw something that he did not: the young man's potential.

John Mark became the solid servant of Christ that Barnabas thought he would. And later, Paul would gladly acknowledge this:

Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with Mark the cousin of Barnabas (Col 4:10).

Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry (2 Tim 4:11).

He Was Not Perfect

Barnabas could stand with great men against error (Acts 15:2). But he was not perfect. When great men stumbled, Barnabas could stumble too:

And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with [Peter], so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy (Gal 2:13).

Let us imitate that which is good in the lives of the people of the Bible and the people that are around us. None are perfect but the Lord. For the rest we should hold this caution:

Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God (3 John 11).

Barnabas was not perfect. Yet he was a good man with many great qualities that we would do well to imitate. 📖

Sermon Notes