

August 7, 2022

Olney Church Of Christ

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Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 am

Morning Worship 10:20 am

Evening Worship 2:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 pm

"Feeling or Knowing"

Ray Warfel Jr (2001)

Does one need to feel saved to be saved? Must there be the sense of sin's heavy weight being lifted from our shoulders to assure us that our sins are gone? Is it necessary to hear the singing of angelic beings in our heart to confirm our salvation? To many folks it is, but is it really?

Of all the conversion cases found in the New Testament none speak of how the obedient person "felt" about his or her salvation. The Scriptures do, however, speak of them rejoicing. This expression of emotion was not the result of one's unique "feeling" of salvation, but rather of his assurance of it. When the Philippian Jailer was baptized, Paul didn't tell him, "Now when I pull you up from the water if you don't feel saved, just let me know and I push you back under till you hear the angels sing or see the white light." The Bible tells us instead, that "*they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house. And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds. and immediately he was baptized, he and all his household. And he brought them into his house and set food before them,*

How Can I Help?

Michael Hickox (2001)

A school teacher once commented that when his students misbehaved, the first question he asked was what he could do to encourage the students to behave differently. Instead of saying “nobody acts like I want them to,” the reaction was “what can I do to help?”

Asking how we can help those who “misbehave” is a practice Christians should adopt with regard to sinners.

The Jewish leaders rebuked by Jesus treated sinners with contempt instead of love. They saw sinners as “second-class people” to be criticized and abstained from instead of precious souls in danger (**Mark 2:15-16**).

Jesus could have become angry Himself when He saw people “**scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.**” Instead, He “**was moved with compassion on them**” (**Matthew 9:36**), and prayed that help would be sent (**Matthew 9:37-38**).

Perhaps the more common response to those living in sin is merely discussing their actions with others. Discussing sin with fellow Christians does help clarify what sin is and assure one another that it is not something we should have any part in (**Ephesians 5:7-8**). Yet, helping others goes beyond identifying problems.

Helping to fix the problems of those in sin is not accomplished by merely complaining, but by proclaiming that sinners can be forgiven if we repent and obey God (**Acts 2:38-40**).

When Paul knew of Jews living in sin, it was his “**heart’s desire and prayer to God...that they might be saved**” (**Romans 10:1**). Like Jesus, Paul admonished sinners to change (**Acts 26:20**), prayed that Christians would not join in evil (**Philippians 1:9-11**), prayed for sinners (**Romans 10:1**), encouraged prayers for evangelism (**Ephesians 6:18-20**), and admonished brethren to be a light for those in darkness (**Philippians 2:15**).

Like Paul, we must recognize sin as the horrible mistreatment of God that it is. Regarding the sinner, though, we must ask, “How can I help?”

Instead of proudly looking down on sinners, we should pray for them. Instead of gossiping about them, we should exhort them to obey God. Remember, it is not the world, but the church, that is responsible for shining as a bright light.

This is not to say unrepentant sinners will not be held accountable. Every individual must work out his or her “**own salvation with fear and trembling**” (**Philippians 2:12**).

Yet, part of working out our salvation is helping others work out theirs. This was Jesus’ focus (**Luke 19:10**), and it should be a focus of ours (cf. **Acts 8:4; 1 Thessalonians 5:14**). Instead of complaining about others for failing to meet their responsibilities, may we focus on how we can help others, and thereby fulfill our own responsibilities.

God's Plan for Saving Man

God's Grace Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism 1 Peter 3:21
Christian's Work James 2:24
Christian's Hope Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance Rev. 2:10

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Upcoming Gospel Meeting

Our Meeting (Aug 14-19) Gale Towles

Sun Class - Free Will

Sun AM - Powerful Things

Sun PM - The Marriage Partner Everyone
Wants To Have

Mon - Challenges To Being A Parent

Tues - Skill To Help In Parenting

Wed - the Spirit of Christ

Thurs - Serving God Where I Am

Fri - The Gospel Of Christ

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*and rejoiced greatly, having believed in
God with his whole household."*

Ac.16:32-34. If this is all that happened
how could he, and all other obedient
persons, be sure that their sins were
washed away? The key is in the word
obedient. When a sinner does what the
Lord commands, the sinner gets what
the Lord promised. "*He who has
believed and has been baptized shall be
saved*" Mk16:16. To require something
more than God's promise, such as a
feeling of tranquillity, is doubting God.

Prayer List

Holly Gerber
Jerry & Sandy Stivers Family
Cheryl Smith
Norma Cook
Raymond Bryant
Robert Cantowine
Doan's Grandson, Wilson
Devin Deisher (Cancer)
Jerry Spencer (Lung Cancer)
Berlyn Yockey
Leah Clark

Daily Bible Reading

Aug 7: Ps 72-73; Rom 9:1-15
Aug 8: Ps 74-76; Rom 9:16-33
Aug 9: Ps 77-78; Rom 10
Aug 10: Ps 79-80; Rom11:1-18
Aug 11: Ps 81-83; Rom 11:19-36
Aug 12: Ps 84-86; Rom 12
Aug 13: Ps 87-88; Rom 13

*"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a
light unto my path ."* - **Psalms 119:105**

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, August 07, 2022

(Bible Study)	Dave
(Worship)	Larry
(Evening)	Dan D

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

Steve

Assignments

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Reading:	Jeff
Announcements:	Roger
Table:	Mike
Serve:	Steve
	Darrell
	Dan D

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Invitation	Jeff
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Cleaning Building

Linda

Prepare Communion

Cynde

Preaching August 7

Jeff Wright (AM)

Luke McDaniel (PM)

Anniversaries

August 15 - Roger & Debbie

Birthdays

August 10 - Cheryl

August 11 - Jim

August 19 - Paula

August 24 - Debbie

August 26 - Olivia

August 31 - Stephanie