

## Salvation Under the Law?

All must readily agree that there is no salvation apart from the blood of Christ. *“And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without the shedding of blood is no remission.”* (Heb. 9:22). Yet the blood offered under the law could not save: *“For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins.”* (Heb. 10:4). *“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sins.”* (1 John 1:7). *“And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.”* (Heb. 9:15). *“He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”* (Heb. 10:9-10). The law of Moses was thus removed that men might be sanctified by the will of Christ. We ask that you read these passages, checking their context and you will find that is only through Jesus Christ, that those who had died before can be eternally saved.

Salvation was not extended under the law, but through Jesus Christ salvation is extended to those who had lived and died under the law. His blood flowed back to cleanse, even to Adam; and flows forward to the end of time (Zech. 13:1; 14:8). All who died before had to look forward to the salvation which the Christ (Messiah) should give. *“I do not frustrate the grace of God, for if righteousness come by law, then Christ is dead in vain.”* (Gal. 2:21). *“Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: but had there been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.”* (Gal. 3:21). The law could not bring salvation. This was accomplished by the Son of God for those of all ages.

—Dillard Thurman, *Gospel Minutes*, 03/83

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## Investing in God’s Word

In his book, *The Hermeneutical Spiral*, Grant Osborne mentions an interesting point about personal Bible study.

The big problem with Bible study today is that we think it should be easier than other things we do. We study recipes for quality meals, how-to books for all kind of things – carpentry, plumbing, automobile maintenance and so on – and read vociferously for our hobbies. Why do we think the Bible is the only subject we should not have to study?!... What if we spent as much time and money on Bible study as we do our hobbies? What if we took the same amount we spend on golf clubs and courses or on skiing equipment and skiing trips, and put it into Bible study? Yes, encyclopedias, commentaries and other reference materials are expensive. But so is everything we do. The question is about priorities: what is important enough for our time and money? (25)

Mr. Osborne’s words may be pretty harsh, but are they true? How much time, money and resources do we invest in the study of God’s Word? Consider some benefits as to why we should invest in studying God’s Word: (1) to know truth (Acts 17:11; John 8:31-32), (2) to be blessed (Psalm 1:1-2), (3) to keep from sin (Psalm 119:11), (4) to promote a healthy

and peaceful life (Proverbs 3:1-2), (5) to receive guidance (Psalm 119:105), (6) to know Christ and the way to eternal life or making one wise to salvation (John 5:38-39; 2 Timothy 3:14-17), (7) to increase our faith (Romans 10:17) and (8) to teach others (Ephesians 6:17; 1 Peter 3:15).

There are many wonderful and admirable fields man can study, but it is only God's Word that reveals to us the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ (Romans 6:23). The study of psychology may help people with some of their problems, but it cannot alone properly answer some of life's most important questions, such as "Why am I here?" and "Where am I going?" The study of medicine may cure diseases, but only the Great Physician can cure man's greatest "sickness" (Matthew 9:9-13). The study of astronomy may teach us about the stars, but it is limited in teaching us about the One who made the stars (Psalm 19:1). The study of nutrition may contribute to one's health and wellness, but it cannot cause us to grow spiritually (1 Peter 2:1-2). Therefore, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

—Dale Parsley, [gospelgazette.com](http://gospelgazette.com), 08/16

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### **About New Converts**

Every Christian has been a new convert at one time. Yes, each member of the body of Christ should understand the process that new converts experience and also appreciate the challenges associated with being a new convert. Simply put, new converts are truly a challenge and a blessing. They challenge us to (1) take the Gospel to our community (Mark 16:15-16), (2) employ our abilities (Matthew 25:14ff) and to acquire and apply biblical knowledge (John 5:39) to be able to take the Gospel to them, and (3) formulate a spiritual growth plan that will assist them in their quest of spiritual growth (2 Peter 3:18). As a blessing, they (1) are a living example of the power of God's Word to actively and effectively work in the lives of misguided people (1 Timothy 4:12), (2) motivate brethren to renew one's spiritual fervor (Romans 12:11), and (3) remind each of us of the past joy of personal salvation and thereby re-energize our spiritual hope (2 Peter 1:3). Yes, new converts are a vital force in local congregations. We thank the Lord for our new converts and trust that we will all work cooperatively as we endeavor to bring more new converts into the church of our Lord.

—Ronald D. Reeves, [gospelgazette.com](http://gospelgazette.com), 11/17

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE  
WORSHIP---SUNDAY---9:00 AM**

**July 29, 2018**

Co-Coordinator .....Roger Draper  
Announcements .....Steve Anderson  
Scripture.....John 14:6-7....Gavin Spurlin  
Song Leader ..... Jacky Carver Jr.  
Opening Prayer. ....Brian Smith  
Lord's Supper-Preside: Jacky Carver Sr.  
Serve: George Clay, Dallas Eddie  
Glen Reece, Ted Russell  
Closing Prayer.....Mitchell Brooks  
Greeter— Susanne & Teresa  
Greeter— Lesa & John William Leonard  
Greeters: Please be here to greet 20 minutes before services  
Count Offering.....Dallas Eddie  
.....Kaleb Bush  
AM Sermon— Travis Thomas speaking  
PM Sermon— Adam Jolley speaking

**WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM**

Announcements.....Brian Smith  
Song Leader.....Gavin Spurlin  
Reading.....Rom. 6:4-5....Austin Clay  
Opening Prayer.....Kaleb Bush  
Speaker.....Adam Jolley  
Lord's Supper.....Ethan Leonard  
.....John W. Leonard  
Closing Prayer.....Justin Draper

**BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM**

Announcement.....Brian Smith  
Song Leader .....Jacky Carver, Sr.  
First Prayer.....Justin Draper  
Opening Prayer..... George Clay  
Closing Prayer.....Glen Reece

Prepare Communion for **JULY**  
Melanie Smith

**MONTROSE BULLETIN BOARD**

**NURSING HOME:**

Opal Agee-Kindred  
Pearl Anderson—Knollwood Manor,

**THOSE ON THE SICK LIST;**

W. A. Gibbs, Gladys Bowling,  
Jimmie Faye Cole, Sawyer Cole,  
Ramelie Cole, Billy Halliburton,  
Susanne Tisdale, Diana Preston

**OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**July 29th-** Young men conduct evening service  
**Aug 5th-** Men’s business meeting

**REMINDER:** Collecting school supplies

**READING SCHEDULE FOR JULY**

1 Ps 116-120	11 Ps 150;	21 Eccle, 1-3
2 Ps121-123	Prov. 1,2	22 Eccle. 4-8
3 Ps124-126	12 Prov. 3-5	23 Eccle. 9-11
4 Ps127-129	13 Prov. 6-8	24 Eccle. 12;
5 Ps130-132	14 Pro. 9-11	S. of S. 1-2
6 Ps133-135	15 Pro 12-16	25 S of Sol. 3-5
7 Ps136-138	16 Pro 17-19	26 S of Sol. 6-8
8 Ps139-143	17 Pro 20-22	27 Isaiah1-3
9 Ps144-146	18 Pro 23-25	28 Isa. 4-6
10 Ps147-149	19 Pro 26-28	29 Isa. 7-11
	20 Pro 29-31	30 Isa. 12-14
		31 Isa. 15-17