

BIBLE PASSAGES YOUR CHURCH MAY NOT BE SHOWING YOU

Passages about obedience being required:

Matthew 7:21 (NKJV)

21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but **he who does the will of My Father in heaven.**

Passages about "faith only" not saving anyone:

James 2:24 (NKJV)

24 You see then that **a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.**

Passages about baptism being essential for salvation:

Acts 2:38 (NKJV)

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you **be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ **for the remission of sins**; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16 (NKJV)

16 'And now why are you waiting? Arise and **be baptized**, and wash away **your sins**, calling on the name of the Lord.'

1 Peter 3:20-21 (KJV)

20 ... God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were **saved by water.**

21 The like figure whereunto **even baptism doth also now save us** (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Passages about Christians "falling away" and being lost again:

1 Corinthians 10:12 (NKJV)

12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands **take heed lest he fall.**

2 Peter 2:20-22 (NKJV)

20 For if, after **they have escaped the pollutions of the world** through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, **they are again entangled in them and overcome, THE LATTER END IS WORSE FOR THEM**

THAN THE BEGINNING.

21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.

22 But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."

Passages about one church being acceptable with God:

John 10:16 (NKJV)

*16 "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and **there will be one flock and one shepherd.***

Passages about doing things differently than the scriptures is sinful:

Galatians 1:8-9 (NKJV)

*8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach **any other gospel** to you than what we have preached to you, **let him be accursed.***

9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

Passages about women speaking in the church is forbidden:

1 Corinthians 14:34-35 (NKJV)

*34 **Let your women keep silent in the churches,** for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be submissive, as the law also says.*

*35 And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home; **for it is shameful for women to speak in church.***

Passages about weekly communion being required:

Acts 20:7 (NKJV)

*7 Now **on the first day of the week,** when the disciples came together to **break bread,** Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.*

Passages which teach a cappella singing being required:

Ephesians 5:19 (NKJV)

*19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **singing and making melody in your heart** to the Lord,*

Passages showing no one can predict when the end of the world will occur:

Mark 13:32 (NKJV)

32 *"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.*

Passages about the ending of the Old Testament requirements:

Colossians 2:14 (NKJV)

14 *having wiped out **the handwriting of requirements** that was against us, which was contrary to us. And **He has taken it out of the way**, having nailed it to the cross.*

Passages showing miracles would end when the scriptures were completed:

1 Corinthians 13:8-11 (NKJV)

8 *Love never fails. But whether there are **prophecies**, they **will fail**; whether there are **tongues**, they **will cease**; whether there is **knowledge**, it **will vanish away**.*

9 *For we know in part and we prophesy in part.*

10 *But when that which is **perfect has come**, then that which is in part **will be done away**.*

11 *When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.*

Let us study some of these issues together and together let us do what the Bible says:

Isaiah 1:18 (NKJV)

18 *"**Come now, and let us reason together**," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.*

If you would like to study some of these passages together with us, please write. You will be treated with courtesy and respect. There is nothing to fear from an honest and open discussion of God's holy word.

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Romans 16:16 (NKJV)

16 *Greet one another with a holy kiss. **The churches of Christ** greet you.*

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

To be saved from past sins, God requires the following steps:

- 1) **Belief** in Christ as the only begotten Son of God (Jn 3:16).
- 2) **Repentance** of sins (“turning away from”) (Acts 17:30).
- 3) **Verbal Confession** of faith in Christ (Rom 10:10).
- 4) **Baptism** (immersion) into Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38).

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Romans 6:3-4 (NKJV)

*3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were **baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?***

*4 Therefore we were **buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.***

Baptism is the “*point in time*” that God applies the blood of Christ to the sinner’s life. The sinner is baptized into the death of Christ (Rom 6:3-4). Sinners were never told to “*pray the sinner’s prayer*” as is commonly believed today (see Jn 9:31). Only Christians have the privilege of praying for forgiveness of sins (1 Jn 1:9; 2:1 – notice these verses were written to Christians, not sinners). Those who have not been baptized correctly must be rebaptized (see Acts 19:1-5) in order to be saved (1 Pet 3:20-21).

While it *may* be true that the “thief on the cross” was never baptized (perhaps he may have been—see Mt 3:5), it must be remembered he was saved while the Old Testament law was still in force (Heb 9:16-17). This is exactly what the controversy over the Sabbath day revolves around—which law applies today and what does the Lord require of men today. The Lord’s requirement of baptism “*for the remission of sins*” came after His death and resurrection (Mt 28:18-20; Mk 16:15-16).

After baptism, we must continue in “*all things*” which the Lord “commanded” (Mt 28:20). We must be careful “*lest we fall*” (1 Cor 10:12). Even saved Christians can “*fall*”

away” (Gal 5:4), have their name removed from the “*book of life*” (Rev 22:19), and suffer a worse fate than “*death without mercy*” (Heb 10:26-29). Christians must “*make their calling and election sure*” by “*giving all diligence*” (2 Pet 1:5-11).