

ORDER OF SERVICES

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Three Songs
Devotion
Prayer
Song
[Class]

Sunday Worship Services

Announcements
Two Songs
Prayer
Song
Sermon
Invitation Song
Song
Lord's Supper
Giving
Song
Prayer

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Songs
Prayer
Song
[Class]
Invitation
Invitation Song
Song

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To: _____

PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear (Romans 10:17)
Believe (Mark 16:16)
Repent (Acts 17:30)
Confess (Matthew 10:32)
Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)
Remain faithful (Revelation 2:10)

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SERVICES

Sunday Morning
Bible Study:
10:00 AM

Sunday Morning
Worship Service:
11:00 AM

Sunday Evening
Worship Service:
6:00 PM

Wednesday Evening
Bible Study:
7:00 PM



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Classes for All Ages

“REPENTANCE BEFORE FAITH?: PART 1”

BY: FLAVIL NICHOLS

Those who teach one is saved at the point of faith—the very “split second he believes”—once openly debated the proposition: “The Scriptures teach that, in the order of occurrence, REPENTANCE precedes FAITH.” You perceive that if, after a man BELIEVES, he must repent, then he was not saved the very moment he believed! Yet admittedly salvation is conditional upon one’s repentance (Luke 13:3, 5). Knowing this, they sought to convince people that in the sequence of events repentance comes before faith.

Those who hold this doctrine argue that “repentance” is ALWAYS MENTIONED BEFORE “faith,” in every passage where both are mentioned. We readily admit this to be true. There is no exception. However, the order of mention is not necessarily the order of occurrence. If one eats “ham and eggs,” he does not necessarily eat the ham first, then the eggs. We put on our “shoes and socks”—but not in that order! I never heard a man say he put on his “vest and coat”—the order of mention is always “coat and vest.” Furthermore, in two succeeding verses the order of mention of “faith” and “confession” is reversed! It is “confess” and “believe” (in Rom. 10:9), and “believe” and “confess” (in verse 10). To Cornelius the apostle Peter preached Christ, “whom they slew and hanged on a tree” (Acts 10:39). This assuredly is not the sequence of events! They did not slay Jesus first, then nail Him to the cross! So, the fact that “repentance” is always MENTIONED before “faith,” does not necessarily mean that it comes before faith .

Let us examine those four texts where both “faith” and “repentance” are mentioned.

(1) “Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of REPENTANCE from dead works, and of FAITH toward God” (Heb. 6:1). REPENTANCE does indeed come before that degree of “faith” that saves—before faith has been perfected, and procures salvation (Acts 3:19). In fact, not only does REPENTANCE come before “saving faith,”—but BAPTISM also comes before THAT degree of “faith” (Mark 16:16). “Faith” remains, or continues, after baptism, so that Christians, have “faith,” and are called “believers” (1 Tim. 4:12). Faith should continue to “grow exceedingly” (2 The. 1:3). Admittedly, REPENTANCE comes before this growing “faith” of Christians! And so does baptism. Perhaps this is the degree of “faith” spoken of in Hebrews 6:1.

(2) Another text used to support the idea that “faith” comes after “a repentance,” is: “and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, THAT YE MIGHT BELIEVE him” (Mat. 21:32). But this was spoken to the Jews, who already believed in God, the Father. By John the Baptist they were required to repent of their sins against GOD (in whom they already believed), and then were taught to BELIEVE in CHRIST.

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SICK LIST

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Please remember to pray for the sick.
Also, please call, send cards to, and visit the sick.

BIBLE SCHOOL CORNER

Youth Perfect Attendance for the Month of April

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Ellie Dixon, Allie Gann, Jase Gann, & Shirley Gann

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Ellie Dixon, Allie Gann, Jase Gann, & Shirley Gann

Congratulations!

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Answer to Last Week's Bible School Corner Activity:

Cornelius (Acts 10:1-43)

NEWS

- We welcome you to the services!
- Campaign church of Christ Vacation Bible School 2018, June 17-20 at 7:30 PM on Sunday and at 7:00 PM on Monday through Wednesday; Theme: “Noah’s Ark Adventure;” Classes for all ages with different speakers nightly for the Adult Class; Please be inviting others to attend this!
- The picnic for the congregation scheduled for last Friday was postponed due to the rainy weather. A new date and time will be announced in the future for this, if the Lord wills.
- Help us to replenish our pantry. This week’s suggested pantry item is a bottle of apple juice . All pantry items are accepted.
- Happy Anniversary to Connor and Lindsey Dixon, who will celebrate on Thursday, May 24, 2018, if the Lord wills!

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This was before Christ had fully proved and confirmed His mission. Hence, men who were trying to live up to the Old Covenant were to REPENT; then as Christ’s divinity was establish they were to believe in “HIM” (Mat. 21:32; John 20:30-31). We learn from Acts 19:4 that John’s BAPTISM (as well as the repentance he preached) preceded their “faith” IN CHRIST! But who will now argue that in the order of occurrence, BAPTISM precedes FAITH???