

# SOME PRESENT DANGERS

TV BRAIN WASHING *1 PET. 5:8,9*



MORALS RIDICULED  
*GAL. 5:19-21: 1 COR. 6:9-11*  
FILTHY LANGUAGE  
*MT. 12:36,37*

TOO SYMPATHETIC TO ERRING



ADMONISH  
*ROM. 15:14*  
CONVERT  
*GAL. 6:1: JS. 5:19,20*

ERA INFLUENCE



DISSATISFIED WITH ROLE  
*1 TIM. 5:14*

SELF IDENTITY  
*EPH. 5:22-25*  
*1 PET. 3:1-7*

WORLDLY INFLUENCE

WAYS OF OTHERS  
*ROM. 12:1,2*

MATERIAL SUCCESS  
*1 TIM. 6:9-11: COL. 3:1,2*

PLEASURES & CARES  
*1 JO. 2:15-17: LK. 8:14: PHIL. 1:27: PS. 19:14*



WEARINESS

DO WELL  
*GAL. 6:9: 2 TH. 3:13*

PATIENCE  
*HEB. 12:1-3*  
*PHIL. 3:13,14*



ZEALOUS  
*TIT. 2:14: 2 COR. 9:2*

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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." -Acts 17:11

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## SAVE YOURSELF!

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Calvinism asserts that man's salvation is outside himself. That is, there's nothing he can do to effect his salvation. The idea that one should save himself is anathema to those who espouse Calvinism. Many Bible passages refute such a teaching, but none more clearly as the few that actually come right out and say that man is to save himself. Consider...

**Peter's Words.** In his sermon on Pentecost in Acts chapter two, Peter told His audience, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation" (Acts 2:40 -ESV). Although some modern translations translate the phrase "be saved," it's nice to see the relatively new English Standard Version bring back the accurate translation. The Greek word is *sozo* and it means to "Save (self)." Obviously God has a large part in our salvation; and Peter had just told the Jews what His part was. God sent the Son, The Son died on the cross making salvation available to all men; but the ball is now in man's court (So to speak). While God has made salvation available, man must choose to avail himself of that salvation through obedience to the Gospel (Acts 6:7; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). He must save himself!

**Paul's Writing.** To the Philippians, Paul wrote, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12 - ESV, NKJV, etc.). In the same verse Paul had just stated, "Therefore my beloved, as you have always obeyed..." Paul recognized that man must obey the Gospel in order to be saved, and he must then continue to obey faithfully in order to finally receive eternal life. Paul understood that one must finish the race and keep the faith in order to receive the crown of life (2 Timothy 4:7-8). Paul realized that even preachers and apostles could become disqualified to receive the "Imperishable crown" (1 Corinthians 9:25-27). We work out our own salvation by remaining faithful to the Lord regardless of the temptations and trials we might face (Revelation 2:10). It is possible for one to wander from the truth and once again need his soul to be saved from death (James 5:19-20).

**Preacher's Work.** Paul told Timothy that by taking heed to the doctrine and continuing in it he would "Save both yourself and those who hear you" (1 Timothy 4:16). We do not earn our salvation through obedience and faithfulness, but we will not be saved unless we do both! Save Yourself! 🔍

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



## COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00  
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00  
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00  
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

- [www.defendthegospel.com](http://www.defendthegospel.com)
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- Children's Class: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 5:30 pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evenings following services.

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## BURIED ALIVE!

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*“Buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.”*

- Colossians 2:12 NKJV

The Greek word for “Baptism” is a word meaning “To dip, to plunge, to overwhelm, to immerse.” In fact, the word “Baptism” isn’t even a translation, it’s a transliteration. That is, if you transpose the Greek letters into English, you get something that looks like “Baptism.” But the word speaks of a burial.

Our passage above makes it clear that bible baptism is a burial. Not sprinkling, not pouring, but a burial! Philip and the Eunuch both went into the water and they both came up out of the water (Acts 8:38-39), meaningless actions if sprinkling were sufficient.

But the purpose of this article is to deal with the teaching that one is saved by faith first, then baptized in order to demonstrate that he has been saved. This is what a large majority of

“Christian” religions believe and teach. It is more popularly known as the “Faith Only” doctrine.

Many are the scriptural arguments we could offer to expose the falsity of this doctrine. For example, the Bible makes it clear that one must “Obey” if he wants eternal life (Hebrews 5:8-9) and that merely calling on His name audibly will not suffice (Matthew 7:21). But have they ever considered that they are literally burying a living soul? If one is saved before baptism, then when he is baptized he is buried alive!

An alien sinner is “Dead” in his trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1). What do we do with a dead person? We bury him! So, the dead sinner is “Buried with Him (Christ) in baptism...” (Colossians 2:12). He then rises to walk a new life. Why would the Bible teach that one is saved before baptism, but not require the saved person to walk in newness of life until after he is baptized? It Doesn’t! (Read Romans 6:1-5). 🔑

## SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

STUDY  
DAILY!  
Acts  
17:11

### Self Editing

Introduction:

I. \_\_\_\_\_

II. \_\_\_\_\_

III. \_\_\_\_\_

#### DUTY LIST...

##### SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Robert Johnson  
Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:1-6
- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Opening Prayer.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord’s Table:  
Lead.....Ben Reagh  
Serve.....Kenny Johnson  
Serve.....Frank Anderson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd

##### SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Lord’s Table.....Ben Reagh

##### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Robert Johnson
- Invitation.....Ben Green

##### GOD’S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Home Bible Studies  
Available Upon Request!

Obey Today!

**THIS WEEK’S MESSAGE FOR OUTSIDE SIGN**  
(Thanks to anyone who can stay after services tonight and help change the sign.)

**BOTH SIDES:**  
**ARE YOU WASHED IN THE BLOOD?**  
**REV. 1:5 / ACTS 22:16**

**MEN’S BUSINESS MEETING TONIGHT**

