



Arlington Church of Christ

*"The churches of Christ greet you."
Romans 16:16*

The Thief on the Cross

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Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.*

Sunday Worship.....5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Class.....7:00 p.m.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What foreign power defeated and carried off the northern kingdom of Israel?

In their attempts to deny the necessity of baptism for salvation, many will bring up the 'thief on the cross' saying that he was not baptized, and yet he was saved. The account is recorded in Luke 23:39-43. There are several things that must be noted, for instance:

While Jesus was alive on the earth, he performed miracles and signs to show the unbelieving world that He was God's Son. He also had the power to forgive sins and did so to prove it - (for a paralyzed man in Matt 9, and a sinful woman in Luke 7) - so he could forgive the sins of the thief right there on the cross.

Both the thief and Jesus lived under the Old Covenant, the Law of Moses. So the New Covenant requirement of baptism in Jesus name was not yet in effect. Indeed, it was the death of Jesus that ushered in the New Covenant - as **Hebrews 9:16-17** says *"For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives."* When Jesus died, the Old Covenant was taken away, nailed to the cross - Col 2:14 *"He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness (Law of Moses), which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross."* and in doing so he placed all people Jews and Gentiles under the New Covenant in Christ - **Ephesians 2:14-16** *"For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility."*

Under the new Covenant, we are joined to Christ through baptism - Galatians 3:27 *"For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."* and baptism into Jesus is being baptized into his death - Romans 6:3-5. So if Christ had not died at the time of the thief on the cross, the baptism requirement was not yet in place.

Some have tried to avoid baptism with theoretical questions like: If a person is on their death-bed and cannot be baptized - will they be lost in hell? But that question could also be asked in other forms too, like if a person is being told the gospel and dies halfway through so they didn't have a chance to believe - would they be lost? Or if a person dies before they got a chance to repent, would they be lost?

Most thinking people will admit that one has to believe in Jesus to be saved, and also that people must repent of their sins if they are to be saved - but somehow they balk at the command to be baptized - **Mark 16:16** *"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."* Both are commands and both must be obeyed if a person is to be saved.

Others object saying that Mark 16:16 doesn't say 'and is not baptized' in the second half of the verse. Therefore baptism is not necessary for salvation. But Jesus said that both belief and baptism are necessary for salvation - belief by itself is not sufficient and baptism by itself is not sufficient. If one does not take the first step (belief), the second (baptism) would not make any difference.

Won't you obey the Lord now? - "Now is the day of salvation" - 2Cor 6:2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST

Joe McCollum — undergoing
radiation and chemo treatments for
esophageal cancer

*See the caring cards list in the lobby

*"The effective prayer of a righteous
man can accomplish much."
James 5:16*



BIRTHDAYS

6/11 Gayla Jacobs
6/12 Felicia Rice
6/12 Greg Vicars
6/16 Kim Roark
6/19 Terry Roberts
6/24 Holly Terlau
6/28 Nancy Frith

*"For where two or three have
gathered together in My name,
I am there in their midst."
Matt 18:20*

UPCOMING EVENTS

6/13 Ladies' Class noon at the building
6/22 Fellowship Dinner after morning worship
7/06 Sack Sunday (bring donations for the pantry)

ANNIVERSARIES

7/26 Joe & Doris McCollum
7/28 Rob & Holly Terlau

MEN TO SERVE	6/08		6/15	
	AM	PM	AM	PM
Announcements	John Bauer	Michael Menard	Jeff McCollum	John Bauer
Song Leader	John Bauer	Michael Menard	Jeff McCollum	John Bauer
Lesson	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Opening Prayer	Joe McCollum	John Bauer	Jeff Nauman	John Bauer
Lord's Table	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman	Michael Menard	Michael Menard
Lord's Table Assist	Jeff Nauman	—	Matt Williams	—
Closing Prayer	Ron Hartman	Joe McCollum	Ron Hartman	Joe McCollum
Greeters	John & Terri Bauer		Joe & Doris McCollum	
Wednesday Devotional	(6/11) Michael Menard		(6/18) John Bauer	
Wednesday Song Leader	(6/11) John Bauer		(6/18) Jeff McCollum	

SCRIPTURE READING

TRIVIA ANSWER

PANTRY NEEDS

	AM	PM
June 8	2Chron. 26-28	John 17
June 9	2Chron. 29-31	John 18:1-23
June 10	2Chron. 32, 33	John 18:24-40
June 11	2Chron. 34-36	John 19:1-22
June 12	Ezra 1, 2	John 19:23-42
June 13	Ezra 3-5	John 20
June 14	Ezra 6-8	John 21

*"Blessed are those who hear the
word of God and keep it!"
Luke 11:28*

Over the counter medicines/aspirin
Canned meats— fish, chicken & SPAM
Canned Veggies— all kinds
Boxed Potatoes
Peanut butter and Jelly
Breakfast Cereal
Fruit Juice— apple, grape, pineapple, etc.
Small- Flour and Sugar
Laundry detergent
Face soap & Shampoo
Toilet Tissue & Paper Towels