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Bible Study..... 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 A.M.
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Be a Soul Winner for Jesus

Barry Grider

Does the word “soul” mean anything to you? It should because you have one. I am not referring to a genre of music called soul, but to that part of you that lives within you and that will live forever. God gave it to you. “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul” (Gen. 2:7). “[God] formeth the spirit of man within him” (Zech. 12:1). Because man has a soul, he is made in the image of God (Gen 1:27). This differentiates man from the animal kingdom (Heb. 2:7). Through our submission to the word of God, our souls are saved (James 1:21). Every person whose soul has been saved should be concerned about the souls that are unsaved. What does being a soul winner for Jesus entail? It is probably not as difficult as you think. Let us build an acrostic with the word S-O-U-L.

Every soul winner should **Speak**. Man communicates through words. Jesus, the apostles, and other first century evangelists, went about preaching and teaching by using words that could be understood. For this reason, “the common people heard him [Jesus] gladly” (Mark 12:37). Paul had a passion for souls and as he wrote to the Corinthians regulating spiritual gifts, he said, “Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue” (1 Cor. 14:19). He continues, How then shall they call on him whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? (Rom. 10:14). Brethren, if souls are to be saved, Christians must open their mouths and speak the good news.

Every soul winner must take advantage of **Opportunity**. Jesus was an opportunity seeker. Sometimes people came seeking Him. People like Nicodemus (John 3:1). Sometimes He went to others, just as he did with the Samaritan woman (John 4:7). Sometimes the seeking Savior would meet the seeking sinner, just as happened with Jesus and Zacchaeus (Luke 19:3). There are probably more opportunities to evangelize than we realize. Jesus made that clear in His personal ministry. When he saw the multitudes, He saw shepherdless souls. This moved Him to say, “The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest” (Mat. 9:37,38). People want to know if others are interested. Will you and I take the opportunity to show interest in souls?

Every soul winner must have **Understanding**. The soul winner must know what he believes and be passionate about what he believes. This requires much personal study of the Bible (2 Tim. 2:15). A soul winner must also understand that every person is different and cannot be approached the same way. With some people one can be painfully honest about their souls. Others you may have to interest in a Bible Correspondence Course. There are others you will have to first become a friend and work toward a study. Our concern for souls also means we have to sometimes be willing to change our attitudes for the better and get outside our comfort zones.

Every Soul winner must **Live** in harmony with the message he teaches. Paul wrote, “Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ” (Phil. 1:27). If the gospel has not changed you and me, dear friend, others will not be interested.

The Bible Doesn't Say It

Jason Jackson

After more than an hour of listening, I asked the gentleman to turn to Mark 16:16. I used the same version he was using to make sure we were on the same page. I read aloud

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

I then asked him: "What if I were to say from the pulpit this Sunday: 'You have to believe and be baptized to be saved. If you are not baptized you are not saved.' " He replied, "You'd be wrong."

A few days later he texted me the following message: "When we met that day, you said 'Believe and be baptized, then you are saved.' I don't understand how you can say that because of Matt. 28:18-20.

I replied: "The day we studied, I did read to you Mark 16:16. 'Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved.' I would also recommend that you read 1 Pet. 3:21. I encourage you to go to our website, ChristianCourier.com, and study more articles on the New Testament teaching about baptism."

He responded, "I read it, but **there is nothing that says that if you are not baptized you are not saved.** Nothing. No scripture that I have read" (emphasis mine).

So how does one respond to the assertion: "No passage says it; no scripture says **that if you are not baptized, you are not saved**"?

HONEST, OBJECTIVE HEARTS

The assumption is that if no passage puts it just this way, then baptism can't be essential for salvation. It is incredibly difficult to teach anyone who affirms what the Bible must say before he will believe it.

Does a matter have to be spelled out in the Bible exactly the way one thinks **God should have said it**? Like the less-than-noble Jews in Thessalonica, many do not receive the word with readiness of mind and will not examine the Scriptures to determine what is true.

Like the chief priests and scribes who saw the Lord's miracles as a problem—rather than proof that he was the Messiah—many refuse to accept anything that runs counter to what they already believe.

Sound biblical interpretation and logical arguments are ineffective with those who are subjective and emotional rather than truth-seeking (cf. Jn. 8:31-32). If one simply reads Mark 16:16 and then repeats it, and someone responds, "You are wrong," the problem is in the heart, not the text.

OBEDIENCE

Must God repeat every command in the negative by saying, "If you don't do what I just said, you will not be saved"?

When God commanded Noah to build an ark to save his family, did Noah understand?

Ananias said to Saul, "Why do you wait? Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Was Paul confused by what Ananias **didn't say**? Or did he simply obey what the Lord commanded him to do?

Jesus requires that we do what he says (Lk. 6:46). He taught that we must do the will of God (Mt. 7:21). The Lord is the author of salvation to all those who obey him (Heb. 5:9). Christ said, "Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved."

Regardless of quibbles, the plain and simple truth is there for anyone to accept and obey.

BUT HE DID SAY IT

But, just for the sake of being thorough, observe: he did say it.

Jesus answered and said unto him, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except one be born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus saith unto him, "How can a man be born when is old? can he enter a second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" Jesus answered, "Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except one be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (Jn. 3:3-5).

Jesus said that a person cannot enter or see the kingdom of God **unless** he or she is born again—born of water and the Spirit.

WHAT DID THE DISCIPLES DO

What were the apostles told to do in order to make disciples (Mt. 28:19)? What were the Jews told to do on Pentecost (Act 2:38)?

What did the Samaritans do after believing Philip's preaching (8:12)? What did the Ethiopian want to do after hearing about Jesus (vv. 35-36)? What did Saul of Tarsus do after Ananias said, "Why wait?" (22:16; cf. 9:18)?

What did Peter tell Cornelius and his household to do after hearing words by which he could be saved (10:48)? What did Lydia and her household do after hearing Paul preach the gospel (16:15)?

What did the jailer do after Paul taught him about Jesus (v. 33)? What did they do in Corinth when they believed the gospel message (18:8)? What did the men in Ephesus do after hearing that Christ had come (19:5)?

WHY RESIST?

All who are baptized into Christ are baptized into his death (Rom 6:3). You cannot be in Christ if you have not gone into Christ.

How does a person get into Christ and therefore into his death? Paul said it as plainly as it could have been said. We are baptized into Christ (Rom. 6:4).

There are many scriptures that say it. "He that hath ears, let him hear."

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P.M. OPENING: Robert Berch
P.M. CLOSING: Randy Elliott

If you are unable to lead prayer or serve at the Lord's table, please contact Cedric Huff or Paul Connell.

RECORD, WEEK of June 24, 2018

BIBLE STUDY:	455
A.M. WORSHIP:	540
P.M. WORSHIP:	335
CONTRIBUTON:	\$17,059.00

HOMEBOUND

Bessie Berry	Albert & Ruth House
Virginia Ditto	Betty Jones
Hazel Eskew	Clarine Justice
Tommy & Nell Herndon	Jerry & Betty Robbins
Doris Jean Cole	Velton & Dorothy Trimm
Anita Hopper	

OUR SICK

Kay Downey, 2 broken ribs as the result of a fall.

Gene Kuehn, broken hip, Germantown Methodist, Room 446 W.

Helen Newsom, Methodist Hospital-Olive Branch, Room 4126.

Wayne Sanders, diagnosed with prostate cancer. He will have more tests this week.

Don Walker, former MSOP Instructor, awaiting eligibility for a heart transplant, Hermann Memorial Heart and Vascular Institute, 6411 Fannin St., Room 539, Houston, TX 77030.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR BOX!

HEARTS AND HANDS

TEAM "G" (TOM WACASTER) and team "H" (Kalon Brown) will meet Sunday, July 1 after morning service in the fellowship hall for a covered dish luncheon.

TEAM "A" (ROBERT BERCH) will receive assignment cards July 1.

EVENTS

LADIES AND MEN'S COMBINED CLASSES meet each Tuesday at 10 a.m.

INDOOR PUTT-PUTT Wednesday, July 4 from 2:30-6 p.m. in the fellowship hall for anyone that is interested. Please bring putters. Also bring finger foods as dinner will be served from 6-7 p.m. We will enjoy dessert and sparklers after Bible study. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

2018 SUMMER SERIES Wednesdays, June 20-August 8. Theme: *Add to Your Faith...(A Study of the Christian Graces)*. Speaker July 4: Tom Wacaster. Theme: *Add to Your Faith...Knowledge*.

KIRBY PINES Retirement Community worship service each fourth Sunday 8:00-8:45 a.m., conducted by Forest Hill. Our next service will be Sunday, June 24.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following MSOP students and their brides who were recently married:

Mr. and Mrs. Payton (Tiffany) Hoskins, May 11
 Mr. and Mrs. Everett (Jasmine) Gibson, June 16
 Mr. and Mrs. Tumelo (Magan) Thobosi, June 16
 Mr. and Mrs. Jonny (Katie) Royal, June 23

Beginning July 4, the television program, *A Bible Answer*, will begin to air on WTUV Good News TV in the Memphis designated market area. Please check your local listings. MSOP Instructor, Mike McDaniel is the moderator of the Bible question and answer program.

Last week's solution:

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: II Peter 1:3

CORNERSTONE

Bible Scramble: Unscramble the letters in each word to discover the passage.

**OLHEDB, EH TOMHEC WTIH USOLDC; NDA YVREE YEE
 SLLHA EES MIH, NDA YTHE SOLA WIHHC RPIEDC MIH:
 NDA LLA SRNKIEDD FO EHT TRHEA SLLHA WLIA
 USEECBA FO MIH. VNEE OS, NMEA.**

July 2018

Coordinating Elder-Eddie Ray

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Virginia Ditto	2 Sarah Phillips	3 Abby Case Caunr Gregory Ian Huff	4	5	6 Brenda Crowe Tish Clarke	7 Edwynna Woody
8	9 Jo Ann Ammons Keith Mosher, Sr Kari Summitt	10 Brenda Woods	11	12	13	14
15 Bryn Manning Wanda Rodgers	16 Everett Gibson, Jr Timothy Nichols	17 C.J. Stafford	18	19 Shaunna Hanel	20	21 Debbie Rogers
22 Tracey Adkins Bob Gitter Theresa Youngblood	23	24	25	26 John Connell	27 Matthew Jones Evan Manning	28 Jerry Wright
29	30	31 Sherry Brown				

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