

## *“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”*

Acts 16:30

### **Learn The Gospel**

John 6:45; Romans 10:17; James 1:22-25

### **Believe On GOD In CHRIST**

Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; James 2:14-26

### **Confess CHRIST**

Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 10:32-33; 7:21

### **Repent Of Sin**

Acts 3:19; Matthew 3:8

### **Be Baptized**

Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-6; 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:21

### **Be Steadfast**

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

## *“God Be Thanked”*

Romans 6:17

Upon realization that her baptism at the age of nine was invalid, **Jessica Winstead** confessed Christ and was baptized in His name for the remission of her sins on Monday night, following Acts class. We rejoice with Jessica and praise God for his love and mercy. May all understand that salvation requires obedience from the heart to the correct *“form of doctrine”* (Romans 6:17).

## *“Sound Doctrine”*

Titus 2:1

### **“PUT ON...”**

by Bryan Matthew Dockens

*“Put on Christ”*. The Lord Jesus should be worn like a robe that is never removed. Those who believe in Him should be wrapped up in Him. Being clothed in Christ is the result of baptism, as Paul penned, *“For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ”* (Galatians 3:27). None can rightly call themselves Christians who have not put on Christ and baptism is how it’s done.

Putting Him on means rejecting worldliness, as the apostle elsewhere wrote, *“Let us walk properly... not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts”* (Romans 13:13-14). To put Him on, therefore, is to emulate His righteousness. We are commanded to imitate Christ (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:1).

Since *“as many”* as were baptized have put on Christ (Galatians 3:27), there are no second-class Christians. *“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise”* (Galatians 3:28-29).

*“Put on the new man.”* Putting on the new man is a call for change, the rejection of past sinful behavior and the adoption of goodness and purity. *“This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their*

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## *“The Assembling Of Ourselves Together”*

Hebrews 10:24-25

### **Sunday**

10:15 am.....Worship

Las Vegas Library

833 Las Vegas Boulevard North

### **Monday**

7:00 pm.....Acts Study

Cogburn residence

### **Tuesday**

7:00 pm.....Ladies’ Study

Tanksley residence

### **Wednesday**

7:00 pm.....Various Studies

Jerry & Beverly Dockens residence

## *“Give Attention To Reading”*

1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 4:13

Your reading assignments for this week are as follows:

Sunday.....Luke 13-15

Monday.....Luke 16-19

Tuesday.....Luke 20-22

Wednesday.....Luke 23-24

Thursday.....John 1-3

Friday.....John 4-6

Saturday.....John 7-9

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*understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness"* (Ephesians 4:17-24).

Such spiritual and mental renewal (23) is dependent on casting off *"the old man"* (22) because the former self has been corrupted. There is no other way to put the old man to death but through baptism, which is likened to the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ Jesus. *"Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 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. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin"* (Romans 6:3-6).

This renewal is based on knowledge. Describing the ways of the old man, Paul said, *"But you have not so learned Christ"* (Ephesians 4:20). Again, he wrote, *"the new man... is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him"* (Colossians 3:10). Transformation is essential (Romans 12:2), as is the knowledge which produces it (John 6:45).

Once *"the new man"* is *"put on"*, it is essential to develop the qualities characteristic of such renewal. *"Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the*

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*bond of perfection"* (Colossians 3:12-14).

*"Put on the armor of light."* Comparing righteousness and unrighteousness to day and night, we are taught, *"And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts"* (Romans 13:11-14). In preparation for eternal salvation, a Christian must don the armor God has provided.

Furthermore, we must *"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil"* (Ephesians 6:11). Anything less and Satan will conquer us. The *"whole armor"* includes the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the boots of gospel preparation, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and one offensive weapon: the sword of the Spirit, which is God's word (Ephesians 6:14-15).

## CLEANLINESS, GODLINESS

by David Lipscomb

For a parent to require a child to wash his face and keep his body clean and not require him to learn and obey the Bible, is to teach him the body is worth more than a pure heart and clean spirit. For a parent to require a child to learn spelling and reading and not require him to study the Bible is to teach him that it is much more important to be qualified to live in this world than to be fitted to live in heaven.

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*Romans 16:16*

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