

Do you have to remember your wife's birthday?

Do you have to call home when you are late coming home from work?

Do you have to buy Christmas presents for your family?

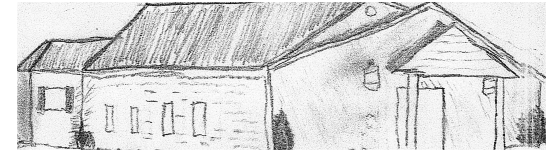
Do you have to attend ballgames and band functions in which your children are involved?

Do you have to attend the funeral of a close friend or loved one?

Do you have to say, "I love you" when you love someone?

I think you see the point. Sometimes we are guilty of asking the wrong questions. There are some things in life that we do not "have" to do, but we "get" to do. In fact, even asking the question, "Do I have to..." is terribly inappropriate. When my relationship with my God is based on what I "have" to do and what I don't "have" to do, then I had better take a long hard look at that relationship. "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

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### Upcoming Events

December 4: **Men's Day at Pennville**  
Congregation 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Lunch Provided. John Cupp, speaker.

**Challenge Youth Conference (CYC):** February 25-27, Gatlinburg, TN. We plan to rent a cabin for the weekend for any youth who would like to attend. Please let Kevin or Monda know if you plan to attend.

### Please add the following to your prayers:

Please pray for **Valbina Barrientos**. Valbina is the wife of **Macario**, who has been attending with Cenobio Barrientos. She has been struggling with some very serious health problems. Please keep Valbina and Macario in your prayers.

**Jimmy Woods**, an elder at the Highland congregation, is now at home. Please continue to remember him in your prayers.

**Curtis Love**, a member of the Chatsworth congregation, is now at home. After having his lung removed. Please keep Curtis and his family in your prayers as he faces chemo and radiation treatments.

**Butch Jones**, minister for the Ellijay congregation, continues to recover at home after having a kidney removed. Please remember to pray for him.

**Edna Dooley** has been sick, but is feeling a little better. Please keep her in your prayers.

*Continue to remember our other family members who are confined to their home: Lillian Criswell and Cecil Hill and Callie Paige.*

Continue to remember in prayer: The Lord's church worldwide, our missionaries, our nation and her leaders and our service men and women on foreign soil, Steve Weaver, Glenda Weaver, Eathel Currey, Betty Holt, Nelle Tipton, Gene Smith, Chovo Barrientos, Raymond Walker. George Stefanic and Curtis Love.

## ***Baptism Study***

Donald R. Fox

Do we believe what the Word of God teaches? Most of us would answer in the affirmative, with a hardy, "Yes." For many, the New Testament subject of baptism has caused the most study and misunderstanding. The

proposition "Is baptism necessary in order to be saved?" has been debated many times over the years. Denominational creeds have been very conflicting on this biblical subject. Throughout the centuries, denominations have added or changed what they believe concerning the doctrine of baptism. Is the problem with the Word of God or is it with man?

Let me suggest that we allow the Bible to answer the question, "Is baptism necessary?" Or, we could rephrase by asking, "Is baptism part of God's plan of salvation for sinful man?"

1. What Does the New Testament Say About Baptism?
2. It provides remission of sins (Acts 2:38).
3. It puts one into Christ (Romans 6: 3).
4. It puts one into the church (Acts 2:47; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 1:22-23).
5. It provides one with a mediator between himself and God (1 Timothy 2: 5).
6. It provides spiritual blessings in Christ (Ephesians 1: 3).
7. It buries one with Christ (Romans 6:4).
8. It destroys the old man of sin (Romans 6: 6).
9. It is the avenue by which we have access to a new life (Romans 6:4).
10. It makes one alive unto God (Romans 6:11).
11. It makes one a joint heir with Christ (Romans 8: 17).
12. It makes one a child of God (Galatians 3:26).
13. It allows one to put on Christ (Galatians 3:27).
14. It makes all who obey the Gospel one in Christ (Galatians 3: 28).

15. It makes one a seed of Abraham (Galatians 3: 29).
16. It makes one an heir according to the promise (Galatians 3:29).
17. It is an operation of God (Colossians 2:12).
18. It makes one dead with Christ (Colossians 2: 20).
19. It causes one to rejoice (Acts 8:39).
20. It is the process (in part) by which one calls on the name of the Lord (Acts 22:16).
21. It puts one in contact with the redeeming blood of Christ (Romans 6:3-4; 1 Pet. 1:18-19).

Hopefully, you have taken the time to search the Scriptures in our brief study of baptism. Is it not time to lay aside our preconceived ideas concerning this important biblical subject?

## ***Do I Have to Go to Church?***

Steve Higginbotham

Have you ever had questions like that asked of you? Through the years, I have often had people ask the question, "Do I have to go to all the services of the church? I mean, what if I do not go on Sunday night or Wednesday night? Do I have to go at those times if I faithfully go Sunday morning?" Well, allow me to answer that question with a few questions of my own.

Do you have to hug and kiss your little children?