

Can one be saved and not be a member of the church?

Some in the religious community have said that a person can be saved and not be a member of the church. Here is what they are saying. Someone can have their religion and never get up and go to any services of the church. This is a religion of convenience rather than conviction. Do you think that the above is true? Let us think about the title of this article.

What is said is that the Blood of Christ is unimportant. If Christ purchased the church with His Own Blood, and that institution which He purchased with His blood, is not necessary to the salvation of anyone soul, the only correct conclusion is that the Blood of Christ is unimportant. One wonders if they will agree with this. But the Bible is our source of authority in all things religious. Let us observe what the Bible says about the church being unimportant.

**The church was purchased with the Blood of Christ.** Acts 20:28 states clearly, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." Peter calls this Blood, precious, "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Peter 1:18-19). If a person studies the book of Hebrews carefully, they will find that the blood of Christ is very important. This book refers to the blood that was shed by animals, but that the blood of these animals was not sufficient to take away the sins of mankind. The blood of animals was not sufficient to take away sins. Hebrews 9: 11-12 informs us, "But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us." Then reassurance is given in verse 14 in the form of a question, "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Sprit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" After studying this would you not agree that the blood of Christ is important? Not only is the Blood of Christ important, it is very important.

**Salvation is by the Blood of Christ.** "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Revelation 1:5). But how are we going to have our sins washed in His Blood? The Bible answers, "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). When is a person saved? Mark informs us exactly when this takes place, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16). When a person is saved notice what the Lord does for him, "Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should

be saved" (Acts 2:47). If a person has their sins washed away in the Blood of Christ by baptism in water, that individual is saved and is also added to the church.

Would those religious people say that they can be saved without contacting the Blood of Christ? That is the correct conclusion that must be drawn if they believe that the church is unimportant. Yet the church is important, the Blood of Christ is important, and salvation is very important. Do you not agree? Love, Keith



*Lisa Wolaver did a great job yesterday!  
The food was great as well.*

*The company was even better. If you missed this year  
please plan to come next year!*

**THE ELDERS WILL BE POSTING IMPORTANT  
NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION HERE SOON.  
STAY TUNED...**

**Don't forget about your Secret Sister!**

**CAN YOU BRING FOOD/SUPPLIES FOR THE PANTRY?**

#### **BULLETIN INFORMATION**

If there is something that needs to be put in the bulletin please email Crissy at [trudyblue1@yahoo.com](mailto:trudyblue1@yahoo.com). Please get this info to her before Thursday evening. You can also text her with info at 706-206-8514

### For The Record...

#### November 1st

Bible Study	58
AM Worship	80
PM Worship	45

#### November 4th

Bible Study	47
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**Offering November 1st**  
\$4392.00

Please keep any electronic devices  
on silent during worship.



### Big Helper!

Emma was very eager to help serve the ladies yesterday at their meal. It is so encouraging to see young people willing to help.

Thank you to everyone who donated  
cookies for the local police dept.

### IF YOU NEED A HEARING DEVICE PLEASE LET US KNOW!

#### PROJECTS FOR THE BUDGET

The elders will be putting together a new budget and are asking for any ideas of new projects that you may have. Please let Tommy or Larry know of anything you have in mind.

## GOSPEL MEETING

Speaker...Randy Kea

**Our Gospel Meeting starts today! Randy Kea is our guest speaker and he will be here until Tuesday. Monday and Tuesday will begin at 7pm. The Elders are asking for your attendance. Please be here to fellowship and hear a message from the Word of God.**

**Holiday Baskets...**there is a sign up sheet in the foyer if you would like to help with items to fill the baskets.

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#### Assembly Times:

##### Sunday

Bible Study-9:30 am  
Worship-10:30 am  
PM Worship-6:00 pm

##### Wednesday

Bible Study  
Morning-10:30 am  
Evening-7:00 pm

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#### GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear Romans 10:17  
Believe John 8:24  
Repent Acts 17:30  
Confess Romans 10:9-10  
Baptized Acts 22:16  
Live Faithfully Matthew 7:21

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*"...worship in spirit and in truth." John 4:24*

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### Visitors Welcome!

You are truly our honored guests! We hope that you find our Bible Study and Worship Service beneficial to you. We seek only to worship God in the same manner as done by Christians when the church began in Acts 2. Please stay after services so that we may get to know you. For your convenience, there is a nursery in the foyer for babies up to 18 months old and a toddlers room next to the auditorium.

**COME BACK TONIGHT! SERVICES START AT 6PM.**

**UP**  
*Coming*  
**EVENTS**

#### CARE GROUPS

If you are a current member and are not in a care group please let the edlers know.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST-EVERY WED-9AM ~ POT-LUCK CAFE**

**NUSRING HOME VISITATION-EVERY 3RD SUNDAY.**

**GOSPEL MEETING NOVEMBER 8-10-STARTS TODAY!!**

**THE HOLIDAY PARTY WILL BE SOON! LOOK FOR UPCOMING DETAILS.**

#### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our deepest sympathy goes to Teresa Renew in the passing of her father on Wednesday. Please pray for Teresa and her family.  
Karon Sims fell and had to have surgery on her foot. Heal fast Karon!  
Anita Pettus is in need of prayer.  
Rita Mitchell is at Gwinnett Medical in the North Tower in room 453.  
Donna Parker is still in need of prayer.  
Jessica Sweeneys grandfather is experiencing health issues. Josh and Jessica have gone to be with him.  
Please pray for Sandi and Don Evans. Their families are dealing with medical issues and they need support and praayer from us.  
Edwina has been experiencing pain with her foot since the surgery.  
June Handte is still experiencing a lot of pain.  
Jerry and Almeda Cooper are still dealing with medical issues.  
Jackie and Corey have recently moved and need prayer.  
Karen Atkinson is undergoing medical tests.  
Members of Calvin McCoys family were found dead recently.  
A friend of Albert Tolles, Brittany Herdon was killed in a car accident.  
Keith Dixons daughter, Tammy will have a mole removed.  
Please continue to pray for each other.



#### PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY



Barron Crane, Matt Callihan, Jacob Shepherd,  
Shilo Crane, Tim Dixon, Matt Shepherd, Corey Henry

**IF SOMEONE NEEDS TO BE ADDED PLEASE LET US KNOW.**

#### FOOD PANTRY ITEMS-NOV.

The pantry is used for members or anyone in need. Please help us be able to keep these items on hand. Let your kids bring them to class. They'll be excited to help!

- Canned Tuna
- Pasta Noodles
- Sauce
- Kleenex
- Toilet Paper

#### LADIES DAY 2015

Thank you to all who helped with the Ladies Day. Such a great time was had by some many. The food was excellent and the speaker was too! Thank you Lisa Wolaver and Judy Dixon and EVERYONE else who participated.