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John 5:24, *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.”*

We often use the phrase “passed away” to say that someone has died. If you heard someone saying that a person has passed away, it means that person has died. This phrase is used in Psalm 37:34 to mean someone who has died. ³⁵*I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. ³⁶Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.”*

For those who obey the LORD, the opposite is true. Those who hear the word of Jesus and believe on him have passed from death unto life. John wrote of this thought later in I John 3:14, *“We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.”*

It stings and is considered bad news when we hear of someone passing away. We know that means they have passed from life to death. For us living in the LORD, we have passed, but we have

passed from death unto life. Those outside of the LORD cannot do this. Their passing is only from this physical life unto death. Our passing is from a physical death unto everlasting life.

It might generally be considered “bad news” when you hear of someone passing, but for us, it’s the best news possible. It is indeed the “good news” made possible by the blood of Jesus.

—Marty Edwards❖

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In John 5:24 we saw that the one who believes on the LORD has everlasting life. What is believe and what does it consist of?

We know from studying the Bible that believing is much more than simply acknowledging Jesus as the son of God. It’s to obey all His commandments and to live faithfully. Jesus addresses this three chapters later in John 8:31, *“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed.”* These Jews had already believed on Him. It is past tense. But, Jesus added a condition to their belief. They had to continue in His word.

It’s no different for us today. We certainly do have to believe on Jesus as the Son of God, but we have to continue in His word. We cannot believe and then do anything we want. There has to be many other things we do such as baptism, attendance, giving, praying, singing, and just simply doing good works.

We are not saved by works. Paul told us that in Ephesians 2:8-9, *“⁸For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: ⁹Not of works, lest any man should boast.”*

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Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM



—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Shirley Parson, and Erin Davis.**

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Even though we are not saved by works, we cannot be saved without works. We are plainly told in James 2:17, “*Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.*” Three verses later in James 2:20 it says, “*But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?*” Then in James 2:24 we are told, “*Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.*” It’s clear that faith cannot please the LORD without works.

Many dismiss baptism as necessary. We are told plainly in I Peter 3:21, “*The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*” How can one reconcile that the Bible says we are saved by faith, and also says baptism saves us? The answer is simple. It takes both (as well as the other things we do for the LORD). I’ve often given the illustration as to what is most important to your vehicle getting you from one place to the other. Is it the tires, or engine, or transmission? It takes all of them.

For us to please the LORD it takes believing, repenting of our sins, confessing Him before men, baptism, and living faithfully. This includes worshiping, giving, praying, partaking of the LORD’s supper, etc.

Belief is a large encompassing term that includes a lot of details. It’s like someone saying come to our company and you’ll have the best benefits and retirement. To say “come” doesn’t mean just to arrive there. It means to work, give years of your life, and do well for the company. Belief likewise encompasses many things we do all of our lives for the LORD. —Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, June 10, 2018		
Classes	16	Titus 1:14-16
Preaching	25	Philippians 4:4-8; Ephesians 2:14; Psalm 16:11
Contribution	\$933.25	
Evening	17	Zechariah 1:1-21
Wednesday, June 13, 2018		
Classes	16	Revelation 19:11-21

Visitors— June 10 (PM) Margaret Sandidge (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

Who had a vesture dipped in blood?

Last Week’s Answer— King of Kings and LORD of Lords (Revelation 19:16)

“And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”

—Acts 22:16

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)