

"Owd you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

# Welcome Visitors

We are blessed by your attendance and worshipping with us.

## Prayer Request

Jason Rowell
Teddy Cauthen
Pete Bridges
Jeremy and Candyce
Sarah Stapler
Linda Rider
Pat Blumer
Barbara McElroy
Diane Aldridge

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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Martha Payne	3	
Alan Wilkerson	5	
Shelia Hotalen	10	
Harel Otwell	24	
Jeremy Isabell	26	
Alison Benefield	29	
Camp Mallory	31	

## 100% Effective Against the Disease

Since the days of Louis Pasteur, mankind has been aware of the relationship between germs and disease. These unseen microorganisms enter into the body and cause us any number of physical problems. It is for this reason that we use various agents to try and kill said disease.

Many times, the cleaners we use to try and sanitize our homes, our offices, and the like advertise how effective they are at getting rid of these unseen, but unwanted, pests. They will say something like, "proven to get rid of 99.9% of all household germs," or words to that effect.

But is it curious that they never claim to be a hundred percent effective. They always leave themselves that .1 percent of a possibility that there is some super-germ somewhere that will be too tough for even the toughest cleansing agent.

The Bible declares, however, that there is a cleaning agent that is one hundred percent effective. Not effective at getting rid of germs, but rather effective at getting rid of an even worse malady: sin, with all of its spiritual consequences.



There is a 100% effective cure for what ails you.

I AM
the LORD
your God...
You shall have
NO
other gods
before Me.



### God's Plan of Salvation

- Hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17; Acts 16:32)
- 2. Believe what is taught (Mark 16:16; Heb 11:6)
- 3. Repentance (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- 4. Confession (Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:9-10)
- 5. Baptism (1Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Rom. 6:3-4)
- 6. After the above five steps, faithful

This Week Leading Worship:		Next Week Leading Worship:	
Sunday Morning:		Sunday Morning:	
Announcements	Harel Otwell	Announcements	Kelly Cauthen
Scripture	Camp Mallory	Scripture	Korbin Cauthen
Song Leader	Cory Payne	Song Leader	Harel Otwell
Opening Prayer	Tony Hotalen	Opening Prayer	Alan Wilkerson
Table	Kenny Laminack	Table	Cory Payne
	Kelly Cauthen		Tony Hotalen
Assisting	Brennan Mallory	Assisting	Camp Mallory
	Steve Cole		Troy Stapler
Closing Prayer	Carlos Payne	Closing Prayer	Brandon Estvanko
Sunday Evening:		Sunday Evening:	
Announcements	Joe Mallory	Announcements	Tony Hotalen
Scripture	Cory Payne	Scripture	Cody Payne
Song Leader	Joe Mallory	Song Leader	Brennan Mallory
Opening Prayer/Table	e Harel Otwell	Opening Prayer/Table	Joe Mallory
Closing Prayer	Tony Hotalen	Closing Prayer	Caden Mallory

Some might not think sin to be so bad. Used to its ways, they simply accept it as a part of their lives, but while a germ might make you physically ill, or even bring about the death of the body, sin, God tells us, brings spiritual death (cf. Romans 6:23). Concerning our eternal home, Jesus said concerning sin and heaven, "you will die in your sin, and where I go, you cannot come." (John 8:21) Elsewhere in Scripture we are reminded concerning sin, "those who do such things cannot inherit the Kingdom of God." (Galatians 5:21; cf. 1 Corinthians 6:9) Simply put, sin keeps you out of heaven and guarantees a judgment of condemnation before God in the last.

What to do about sin? Its touch is corrupting, and everyone is guilty (cf. <u>Romans 3:23</u>). Should we just ignore the problem and hope it goes away? While some might decide to do just so, the rational actor, realizing the enormity of the situation, realizes that there is a solution needed. But what is the solution?

The apostle Paul presented the case, in <u>Romans 7</u>, of a man struggling with sin in his life, wanting to do right, but finding that Spiritually, he fell far short of where he wanted to be. He voices the cry of one who recognizes he needs a solution: "O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death (<u>Romans 7:24</u>)?"

The wise apostle presents the answer to the dilemma in the very next chapter, stating, "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8:1-2; NKJV)"

The blood of Christ is effective in cleansing the believing saint from all sins. Notice the words of another of the apostles: "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:7; NKJV)

Notice the amount of sin that the blood of Christ can cleanse from your life, from your soul. It is not ten percent, or fifty percent, or eighty percent, or even ninety-nine-point-nine percent. The blood of Christ, if we are willing to walk according to the Spirit, living our lives by the light of God's word, is effective in cleansing one hundred percent of all our sins.

#### Reminders:

Check bulletin board

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Sunday Bible study: 10AM Sunday Worship: 11AM Sunday Afternoon: 1:30PM Wednesday Bible study: 7PM

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There is no sin that God cannot forgive through Christ if we will come to Him for that cleansing. This does not mean that all men everywhere will be forgiven. Just as a cleaning agent does no good in a bottle under your sink – it is only effective when applied; so too with the salvation Christ offers from sin. You must come to Him in faith (cf. <u>John 8:24</u>), you must repent of those sins (cf. <u>Luke 13:3</u>) and you must be buried with Christ in baptism (cf. <u>Acts 2:38</u>, <u>22:16</u>).

When you have done these things, the sin is gone. As the Scriptures elsewhere say, you have been washed as white as new-fallen snow, not a blot or a stain remains (cf. <u>Isaiah 1:18</u>). It is, in every case, one hundred percent effective.

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