

We wonder why one who has the power to cure kidney disorders doesn't do broken bones? It is probably for the same reason that he does not raise the dead, repair disfigured bodies, supply missing limbs, or restore the sight of the blind. Miracles do not exist today (1 Cor. 13:8-10), and so-called "faith healers" are simply fakes. Such is the reason every proclaimed healing is internal—when the healing is easily proved true or false, the healer will scream, "I don't do broken bones." Think about it!

—Marvin Weir  
Paris, TX



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Darrell Broking will preach Sunday in Dub's absence**

**Let us pray for...**

**Rick & Sheila Beauchamp**—his job hunt, mother, her ears

**Waynette Davis, Karla Dobbs, Sharon Harp**—health problems

**Darrell Broking family**—their job hunts

**Lavonne McClish**—macular degeneration treatments

**Janice Parks**—her health and family burdens

**Rick Heimerger, Darrell Conley**—health problems

**Records you helped make...**

Bible Class	14
Sunday AM Worship	14
Sunday PM Worship	14
Wednesday PM Bible Class/Worship	9
Contribution	\$365.00
Contribution average (2009)	\$325.79

**Sermon broadcasts...**

Both sermons each Sunday are broadcast via Internet, available at our Website, [www.northpointcoc.com](http://www.northpointcoc.com). The Sunday morning sermon begins at approximately 10:47 a.m., and Sunday afternoon at approximately 1:15 p.m.

**Bible class teacher for September**

**Chairman of Men's Meetings (July-September)**

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**Sunday**

Bible Class	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Worship	1:00 PM

**Wednesday**

B.C./Worship	7:00 PM
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## THE INGREDIENTS OF EVANGELISM

No subject that should be more vital to Christians than evangelism. It is our first responsibility. It is God's means of saving the lost. It is the lifeblood of the church. Evangelism lurks around every "corner" of the Gospel. Of what does evangelism consist?

**The *WHAT* of evangelism—deliver the Gospel:** "Evangelism" is really a Greek word (*euangelizo*) spelled in English letters. It means to proclaim glad tidings, to deliver a message that brings joy. The noun form of this word (*euangelion*) is the New Testament word for "Gospel," good news. Thus, God chose a word for His message of salvation that practically demands its proclamation. God's Truth about salvation in Christ is encouraging and thrilling—a message which every person should know and from which he can profit. The message must be **only** the Gospel Truth, for it alone is God's saving power (Rom. 1:16). The Gospel was never meant to be confined, but is to be delivered to "the whole creation" (Mark 16:15).

**The *WHY* of evangelism—Christ's Command:** No command is more central to the Gospel than the Lord's charge, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15). We are to always be ready to give answer with the Gospel (1 Pet. 3:15). Why is this the Lord's primary requirement of us? Because men are lost without the Gospel, and we are the means by which they will hear. The church cannot survive, much less grow, without evangelism. Only by evangelism are people added to it and it is kept pure (Acts 2:38-47; 2 Tim. 2:2). Everything pertaining to the cause of Christ on earth relates to evangelism.

**The *WHO* of evangelism—every Christian:** Some of the most effective evangelists in the New Testament were "ordinary" Christians (e.g., the Jerusalem saints [Acts 8:4; 11:19]; Philip [Acts 8:5]; Barnabas [Acts 11:22-30; 13:1-3]; Aquila and Priscilla [Acts 18:26]; et al.). Every Christian is an "earthen vessel" to carry the Gospel from place to place (2 Cor. 4:7). "The faith" has been "delivered to the saints" for defense and proclamation (Jude 3). Some of God's most effective evangelists will never stand in a pulpit. It is incumbent upon every Christian to find some means of spreading the Gospel.

**The *WHEN* of evangelism—constantly:** We must be **always** abounding in the Lord's work (1 Cor. 15:58). The New Testament emphasizes **daily** evangel-

ism (Mat. 26:55; Luke 9:23; Acts 5:42; 20:31). The Word must be preached “in season, out of season” (2 Tim. 4:2). We must constantly seek opportunities to teach the saving Gospel.

—Dub McClish  
Denton, TX



## GOD'S WORD IS THE LAST WORD

In “hermeneutics” (how to properly study the Scripture), one of the first principles learned is to take into account all that the Bible teaches on a subject. Too many are content to select one or two passages to the exclusion of anything else the Bible has to say on the subject. This is certainly the case when men begin to “search the Scriptures” in considering what man must do in order to be saved.

If one turns to John 3:16, 8:24, and 20:31 he learns that men are saved by believing in Jesus Christ. However, we also discover in Luke 13:3–5, Acts 17:30, and 2 Peter 3:9 that men must repent of their sins. Again, when we study Matthew 10:32–33, Romans 10:9–10, and 1 Timothy 6:12–13, the good confession of Christ as Lord is a Divine requirement for one’s salvation. According to Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, 22:16, and 1 Peter 3:21, one learns that unless one is baptized into Christ for (unto, in order to obtain) remission of sins—there can be no salvation from past sins. There is not any one passage of Scripture that lists every step in just one verse.

Ephesians 1:13 does mention that hearing and believing are required for one to be saved. Galatians 3:26–27 informs the student that faith and baptism are required by God for salvation. Acts 18:8 forthrightly tells us the Corinthians heard the Gospel, believed what they heard, and that they were baptized. Acts 16:13–15 tells how Lydia and her household heard the Word and were then baptized. Romans 10:8–17 is inclusive of hearing, believing, and confessing faith as part of what one must do in order to be saved. There is no single passage that spells out: (1) Hear the Gospel, (2) believe or have faith in Jesus as God’s Son, (3) repent of all sin in your life, (4) confess your faith (belief) in Christ as Lord, and (5) be baptized into Him in order to be saved. Yet, all of these things are clearly taught within the pages of the New Testament, as just demonstrated.

Many years ago I was handed a tract being passed out by a denomination in the area. It was titled, “What You Must Do to Be Saved.” Toward the end of the tract I noticed this statement: “We learn in Acts 16:30–31 the answer to the question ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus and thou shalt be saved, thou and thy house.’ STOP READING RIGHT THERE! THERE IS NO NEED TO READ FURTHER! THAT IS WHAT ANY MAN MUST DO IN ORDER TO BE SAVED...” (emph. in tract).

One must read much further if he desires God’s full answer to the question. Why did that preacher not want us to stop reading? Verse 32 tells us “they spake the word of the Lord unto him” and in verse 33 (just 2 verses after we were asked to stop reading): “he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was **baptized**, he and all his, **immediately**” (Emph. JW). Verse 34 informs us they rejoiced “having believed in God” (cf. v. 32).

We cannot afford to have a “cafeteria” religion in which we go through the line and pick and choose what we will believe (accept), and what we will not believe (accept). It is a common practice in the denominational circles of our day for certain preachers to “camp out” on the Scriptures that require “faith” or “grace” and insist that salvation comes by that one thing alone. The writer of the tract mentioned above “camped out” on a few passages that mentioned “belief” and then insisted that believing in Christ **alone** would result in salvation. The Word of God **must** be the last word!

Let me give you a clue to all of this. If any man stands in the pulpit and declares that you can be saved by “\_\_\_\_\_ alone/only,” that man is a false teacher. Whether one fills in that blank with the word *faith*, or *repentance*, or *confession*, or *baptism*, that man is a false teacher!

Numerous factors are involved in the salvation of any man. You must take into account Jehovah God (John 3:16). You cannot omit Jesus the Christ or His blood (Heb. 9:15–22; Eph. 5:2). The Holy Spirit has revealed the true teaching of what we must do to be saved (John 16:13; 1 Cor. 2:10). The Bible Itself is an integral part leading to our salvation (John 17:17; Heb. 4:12; Jam. 1:21). There must be both faith and obedience on the part of man (John 8:24; Heb. 11:6; Rom. 1:16; Heb. 5:8–9; et al.). There is a hymn that we sing frequently: “Trust and Obey; for there is no other way....” How true are the sentiments sung! The man who teaches that one can be saved without being baptized into Christ for salvation must explain away Matthew 28:18–20, Mark 16:16, Acts 2, 8, 9, 10, 16, 22, 26, Romans 6:2–6, Galatians 3:26–27, Colossians 2:12–13, 1 Peter 3:21, et al.

Jesus Christ declared: “He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my sayings, hath one that judgeth him; the word that I spake, the same shall judge him in the last day” (John 12:48). God desires that all men be saved (2 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9). Let us never forget that “**the Word of God is the Last Word.**”

—Jess Whitlock  
Evant, TX



## FAITH OR “FAKE”?

Several years ago a newspaper report by *Lewis Grizzard* tells of his experience at a “faith healing” meeting he attended. Ray Dodd Hembree was in Lewis’ hometown conducting a “healing” service. A lady by the name of Inez Pickett came to the special service complaining of a kidney disorder. As Ray Dodd prayed, Miss Inez began rejoicing and celebrating her cure (?) by jumping around the platform. It is at this point that something **not** planned transpired—Miss Inez fell off the platform and broke her leg. When one person suggested getting an ambulance another said, “No need for the ambulance, just get Ray Dodd to heal her.”

When they consulted the “healer,” Dodd said, “I don’t do broken bones, just vital organs.” What a shame! Have you not heard it said that “one picture is worth a thousand words?” We suggest that one instantaneously healed broken bone would be worth more than a month’s worth of so-called kidney cures.