

# Safford Church of Christ

3888 S Hwy 191, Safford, AZ 85546

26 April 2015

## Topics

### A.M. Bible Class:

Kingdom & Church (Matthew 16:13-28)

### A.M. Lesson:

Applying the Scriptures (2 Peter 3:1-18)

### P.M. Lesson:

Fasting (Matthew 6:16-18)

### Wednesday:

The remnant of Israel (Romans 11:1-10)

### Pulpit Evangelist

Ken Knowlton: 428-3494

### Elders

Greg Briggs: 428-8756

John Cunningham: 428-0895

Sunday Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:30 P.M.
Wednesday Evening Class	6:30 P.M.
Thursday Ladies Bible Class	11:00 A.M.

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Psalm 122:2  
Please silence your cell phones and other electronic devices.*

## If you confess and believe, you will be saved

Neil Short

As we have been studying from the book of Romans on Wednesday evenings, we are able to appreciate very common passages in their wider contexts.

One very familiar passage in the epistle is Romans 10:9-10.

*...If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation (NASB).*

Many people quote that passage as a general recipe for salvation. The most straightforward response to this false doctrine is as follows:

Since the book of Romans is written to a body of believers, the readers are all already Christians. This passage makes more sense as a renewal of commitment for someone who has lapsed into a practice that is potentially detrimental to one's eternal security. Furthermore, if one concedes that this passage is talking about how a non-believer becomes a Christian, confessing "with

your mouth Jesus as Lord" means more than saying it out loud. It means acting as if the confession means something. If the confession does not precede a change (for the better) in the way the person lives then the confession was no confession at all. Salvation never happened for the person.

It is a good response. But there is a stronger point to the passage. Romans 10:9-10 is in the middle of large section of the book that deals with the question of why so many ethnic Jews had rejected Jesus as the Messiah. It is also towards the end of a much larger section of the book that strongly argues that Gentiles do not have to become Jews (Jewish proselytes) to be saved. Paul is speaking directly to Jews, even though Gentile Christians are listening in. With that context in mind, we can appreciate with near certainty what Paul actually means. Paul is referring to the pre-baptismal confession. In other words, he is referring back to Romans 6 which makes the strong point that "newness of life" is required for baptism's function and purpose. If baptism saves (Romans 6:5) then so does the pre-baptismal confession because it is a key feature of the very important salvation event.

Why would Paul refer back to baptism in Romans 10:9-10? The reason is because the confessional part of baptism (confessing Jesus as Lord) is the step that so many ethnic Jews at the time refused to do. "For

Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes" (Romans 10:4).

Salvation is in Jesus as the Messiah. The Jew might retort, "But we keep the law!" Paul would respond (in a nutshell), "Good for you; but you must also make Jesus your Lord."

Can I get to heaven by just being a good person? Paul says, "No."

*And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved (Acts 4:12).*

*Ken Cocke—back and shoulder pains*

*Janet Radar—nursing home*

*H.L. Boling—general health and complications from leukemia*

*Mike Cavasos—constant pain. Foot surgeries.*

*Sandy Cavasos—degenerative disk disease*

*Nic and Ani Self—health and personal needs*

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## News:

Jeannie Robinson

requests prayers for her daughter **Andrea**.

**Brian Miller**, friend of Marc and Jen Cavasos, passed away Friday morning. Keep Miller's family and friends in your prayers. Pray for safe travels for Marc and Jennie as they visit with Miller's relatives and friends.

**Joy Gibson** is undergoing post-surgery cancer treatments.

The **Shorts** will be out of town for A.M. services.

## Prayer List:

*Joy Gibson—cancer treatments*

*Tatiana Knowlton—macular degeneration*

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