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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.  
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.  
Sonshiners: 4:45pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

Why I Believe...

Part 7 – God has ONE plan for man’s salvation.

**(Mt 7:21-23)**

PM Sermon

Why?

Sunday AM Bible Class:

Paul Praschnik

Wednesday Bible Class:

Things a Christian Should and Should Not Do – R.Earl

**In SEARCH of the Lord’s Way**

On Channel 6-2 Sundays @ 7:30 am

**The Gospel of Christ TV Program**

on Saturday @ 7:30am on Channel 53

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## The Oologah Informer

### February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Thoughts from the Preacher

**“Burn the Boat”**

If you want to take the island of spiritual victory burn the boat and don’t look back.

### On “Joining” the Church

By Jesse Dickison

It can come as shock for some readers to learn that the Bible says nothing about folks “joining the church.” If you have read with understanding, you know that we find the beginning of the church in the second chapter of Acts. The apostles were preaching to the ones who less than two months before had crucified Christ. The record says, “...when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart...” (Acts 2:37). They wanted to know what to do to be saved. Those believers were told to “...repent...and be baptized...for the remission of sins...” (Acts 2:38). Thus they were saved and the Lord added them to the church (Acts 2:47).

Throughout the New Testament we have the same process. The gospel was preached-- folks believed it--they confessed their faith in Christ--they repented of their sins--and they were baptized. Peter wrote, “which also after a true likeness doth now save you, even baptism, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the interrogation of a good conscience toward God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ;” (1 Pet. 3:21). There is no inspired record of anyone being saved that did not do this. There is no inspired record of people being told to “join the church.” When they obeyed the truth, the Lord added them to His church. There is no record of someone “being saved and then joining the church.”

Many times in religion the answer is not difficult to find, but it can be difficult to for some to accept. You can throw a rope to a drowning man, but you will never help save the man who will not exercise his ability to grab onto the rope. Too many people take a chance on what man has said and done. They look for a bargain--and sell their souls!

Dear friend, be sure that you are not among that number!