

## DON'T QUIT- Author Unknown, chandler church of Christ, Chandler, OK

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill  
When the funds are low and the debts are high  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest, if you must, but don't quit.  
Often the goal is nearer than,  
It seems to a faint and faltering man,  
Often the struggler has given up,  
When he might have captured the victor's cup,  
And he learned too late when the night slipped  
down, How close he was to the golden crown.  
Success is failure turned inside out—  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
And you never can tell how close you are,  
It may be near when it seems far,  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—  
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit...

## OUR FAMILY NEWS

**Pray For:** Logan's grandpa

**Traveling/Working:** Slope workers, Tom & Debra, Wayne & Cathy, Steve & Abby.

**Radio Program:** Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

**Today's Scripture:** : "whom we proclaim, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ;"...Col. 1:28 (1901 ASV)

**Today's Proverb:** "But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell securely, And shall be quiet without fear of evil." 1:33 (1901 ASV)

**Attendance Last Sunday:** 65

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# Church of Christ AT WASILLA

## God's Plan of Salvation

- Hear ..... Romans 10:17
- Believe ..... Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
- Repent ..... Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
- Confess ..... Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
- Be Baptized ..... Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
- Arise & Walk in Newness of Life..... Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

### MEETING TIMES

#### Sunday:

Bible Classes 10AM  
AM Worship 11AM  
PM Worship 6PM

#### Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7PM

### COME JOIN US!

The church of Christ at Wasilla meets at:  
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Visitors Always Welcome; Members Expected

## A NEW BIRTH

A NEW BIRTH I've always been delighted seeing a newly born child. The beginning of a new life that is pure and without a single evil thought or motive brings joy to family, friends, and even casual acquaintances. While the birth of a child is cause for rejoicing, there is another birth that brings even more joy. That is the "birth" of a Christian. Jesus said, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." This New birth takes place only in baptism because it is in baptism that we become a "new creature." We must be in Jesus Christ to be a new creature (2 Cor. 5:17). The only way we can be in Jesus Christ is through baptism (Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:27). Since that is where we become a new creature that is where we are born again. There is one birth, but two elements in this one birth. The first element is that in which we are baptized,—"water." Since Jesus in the great commission told His apostles, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved," we understand that baptism is necessary for salvation. Since water baptism is the only baptism preached in the New Testament in which each of us may choose whether or not we will submit (Eph. 4:4-6) and that is the baptism people obeyed in the New Testament (Acts 8:38; Acts 10:47-48), we rightly conclude that the element of water in the new birth is the water of baptism. The other element in the new birth is the "Spirit."

How does the Holy Spirit enter into the new birth? Is it a Holy Spirit baptism in which the Spirit in some way overwhelms us as it did the apostles and Cornelius? Is it the Holy Spirit somehow enlightening the mind of the individual so that he might better understand the Scriptures or perhaps withstand temptation? Of course not. It is the Spirit working though the Word to bring about our obedience in baptism. The Word is the sword of the Spirit, and the Spirit uses the Word to cut to the heart (Acts 2:37; 5:33; 7:54; Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12). In doing so it has the power to bring about obedience in baptism. The fact the Spirit uses the Word of God cannot be missed.

## A NEW BIRTH (CONT'D)

Peter wrote: "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Pet. 1:2223). We are born by the corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Pet. 1:2223). We are born by the Word of God, which is the sword of the Spirit. This is the part the Spirit plays in the new birth. If we are to be part of the Kingdom of God and be saved from our past sins, we must be born again. Will you begin a new life that, like a newborn babe, is pure and innocent? Then you must be baptized in water in obedience to the words of the Holy Spirit as proclaimed in the New Testament.

✉ Philip Smith

### BAPTISM STANDS BETWEEN...

- Sinner – *Baptism* – Salvation.....Mark 16:16
- Sinner – *Baptism* – Remission of Sins.....Acts 2:38
- Sinner – *Baptism* – The New Life.....Romans 6:4
- Sinner – *Baptism* – Sin Destroyed.....Romans 6:6
- Sinner – *Baptism* – Washing.....Acts 22:16
- Sinner – *Baptism* – Calling.....Acts 22:16
- Sinner – *Baptism* – Kingdom.....John 3:5
- Sinner – *Baptism* – Cleansing.....Ephesians 5:26
- Sinner – *Baptism* – Dead to Sin.....Romans 6:7-12
- Sinner – *Baptism* – Free from Sin.....Romans 6:18
- Sinner – *Baptism* – Salvation.....1 Peter 3:21
- Sinner – *Baptism* – Forgiveness.....Colossians 2:11-12
- Sinner – *Baptism* – Christ's Blood.....Romans 6:3
- Sinner – *Baptism* – A Child of God.....Galatians 3:26-27
- Sinner – *Baptism* – Death of Christ.....Romans 6:3
- Sinner – *Baptism* – New Creature.....Romans 6:4-5
- Sinner – *Baptism* – Good Conscience.....1 Peter 3:21
- Sinner – *Baptism* – Putting on Christ.....Galatians 3:26-27
- Sinner – *Baptism* – Raised with Christ.....Romans 6:4
- Sinner – *Baptism* – Putting Off Sins.....Colossians 2:11-12
- Sinner – *Baptism* – Sanctification.....Ephesians 5:26
- Sinner – *Baptism* – Body of Christ.....1 Corinthians 12:13