
I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD – Psalm 122:1

The Northside church of Christ

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Visitors Welcomed!

Order of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship Service 10:30 am & 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Evangelist: Guillermo Alvarez

And Pray For One Another – James 5:16

Please keep in your prayers those who are having physical troubles and those who are traveling.

Remember in your prayers:

**The Prayer Offered In Faith Will Restore
The One Who Is sick – James 5:15**



The New
Northside Proclaimer

“What We Have... Heard We Proclaim To You...”

1 John 1:3

Welcome to the Northside Church of Christ

What's In The Water?

Larry Ray Hafley

Perhaps you have heard the old, sarcastic ridicule against Christians who are "set for the defense of the gospel" and who "earnestly contend for the faith." One fellow, after encountering several members of the church, wondered out loud, "What's in the water when they baptized you folks?!" He thought it was more than coincidence that members of the Lord's church come up out of the water "arguing and disputing with everyone." So, he wondered if there was something "in the water" that made us want to "argue all the time."

Well, whatever it is that is in the water, it must have been the same thing that was "in the water" when the Lord was baptized, for as soon as he came "up out of the water," he began to argue and debate with the devil (Matt. 3:16-4:11). Again, whatever is "in the water," it must have been the same stuff that was "in the water" when Paul was baptized, because right after he was converted, he "disputed" with his former comrades (Acts 9:20, 29).

Most members of denominational churches have been baptized. Why are they not eager to "reason" and "discuss" the Bible with us? Is it because that something is missing from the water in which they are baptized? No, that is not the problem. The problem is not what is missing "in the water" in which they are baptized, but it is what is "in the Scriptures" that is their problem.

The Bible says, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mk. 16:16). Scripture says that one should repent and be baptized "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38; 22:16). But most Protestants-- and the like--are not baptized according to the Bible pattern. Thus, they often are not so willing to discuss their baptism. Also, they are members of churches (Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal, etc.) that are nowhere to be found in Scripture. So, they are generally not anxious to study with us about the church we read about in the New Testament.

Therefore, it is not a matter of what is "in the water" that makes them unwilling to "argue the Bible" with us. It is a matter of what is "in the Bible" that is the real reason why they will not study with us (Jn. 3:19-21).

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