

# “I FOUND IT”

Driving down the highway or street, one is apt to see the above sign. Such announces a supposed discovery. Just what “it” is, is not described, but left to one’s imagination. The bumper sticker does not tell where or when “it” was found. Well, there are some things children of God have found. They can tell you where such was found. In fact, they can tell you where you can find it.

**IF “IT” REFERS TO BAPTISM, “I FOUND IT.”** Let me tell you where. Take a Bible and turn over to the page that records Mark 16:16. There you will find IT. The Lord will find IT. The Lord put IT right there. He put IT between faith and salvation. He didn’t put IT after salvation, but before. Now that is where you can find IT. But while we are at IT, turn over to Acts 2:38. You will find baptism right after repentance and before the remission of sins. Now, you won’t find IT after the remission of sins. IT just doesn’t fit there. That is, not in God’s divine arrangement. One has no trouble finding IT, if he is looking for baptism.

**IF “IT” REFERS TO THE CHURCH, “I FOUND IT.”** Notice that I did not say, “them.” I can’t find churches all of a different sort that are IT. Jesus talked of building IT in Matthew 16:18. When I read that verse I can see IT in the intention of Christ. Acts 2:47 sets forth the fact that the saved are added to IT. Paul discusses such in Ephesians 5:23-27. Herein we learn that Christ is the head of IT. Christ is the savior of IT. Christ gave himself for IT. He has a plan by which those in IT are washed. He will have IT to be a glorious church, without spot, wrinkle, or any such thing. Paul must have wanted men to find IT for he gave information to describe IT. Now a question is in order. Can you find the church you are a member of in the Bible? How hard would it be for you to find it? Is it described? If it is of human origin and arrangement you could not find it.

**IF YOU SPEAK OF THE PLAN OF SALVATION, “I FOUND IT.”** Notice that we refer to the plan, and not an experience. Acts 16:17 speaks of Paul and Silas as servants of God who show the way of salvation. There is then a way to be saved. Not all ways save. But Paul and Silas were preaching the gospel. Is there a way to be saved outside the gospel? Notice that Jesus commissioned the apostles to go preach the gospel (Mark 16:15). The one who believed the thing preached and was baptized was to be saved. That was and is still the plan of the Lord to be saved. It hasn’t changed since Acts 2. Everywhere you find saved people after that you find them saved in that way. Is that what men have found: Is that IT? I can find. this one that is revealed in the Bible. Is there another one? Yes, there are some things of which I can say “I found it” in the Bible. If you can’t find IT there, IT isn’t worth having.

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### INSUFFICIENT STANDARDS

As the bank returns a hot check stamped “insufficient funds,” so one day God will turn away our self-serving standards of morality as insufficient. Have you heard or used one of these phrases to justify something lately?

- I like (Jer. 10:23)
- I feel (Gal. 5:16-21)
- I want (Acts 8:18-24)
- I think (2 Kings 5:1-15)
- They do it (1 Sam. 6:4-8)
- It seems right (Prov. 14:12)
- I am sincere (2 Sam. 6:6-7)
- I am always right (2 Cor. 13:5)
- No one will see me (Prov. 15:3)
- It is for a good cause (Rom. 3:8)
- I don’t see why not (Acts 5: 1-11)
- The preacher said so (Gal. 1:6-9)
- Others do worse things (Matt. 7:5)
- God didn’t say not to (Lev. 10: 1-2)
- God doesn’t mind (1 Cor. 2:10-13)
- It isn’t against the law (Acts 5:26-29)
- It hurts no one but me (1 Cor. 8:12-13)
- Most people think it is okay (Matt. 7:13-14)
- My parents and grandparents did it (Gal. 6:5)
- It doesn’t bother my conscience (Prov. 30:20)
- We have done it this way for years (Jos. 5:2-9)
- It’s all right if we do it in God’s name (Matt. 7:21-23)
- God doesn’t expect us to be so technical (1 Thess. 5:21)

*Author Unknown*

#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

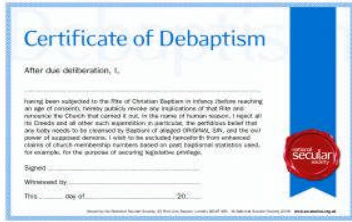
<b>SUNDAY:</b>		<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	
Bible Classes for all ages	10.00 am.	Bible Classes for all ages	7.00 p.m.
Morning Worship	11.00 am.		
Evening Worship	6.00 p.m.		

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**“DE-BAPTISM”!!!!**

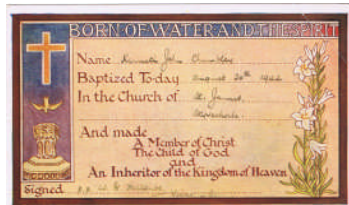
More than 100,000 British people have in recent days sought to be “de-baptized.” John Hunt, a 58 year old Londoner, was one of the first to try to be “de-baptized.” He held that he was too young to make any decision when he was christened at five months old. He asked the Church of England to remove his name. The church responded by starting that he should place an announcement in the London Gazette, one of the official journals of record for the British government. Another, Michael Evans, 66, branded baptizing children as “a form of child abuse.” When he complained he was told to take his case to the European Court of Human Rights. Such is also occurring in other countries including Spain, Italy and Argentina.

An effort is now being spearheaded by the National Secular Society. They state that the initiative follows atheist campaigns including the advertisement on buses that proclaimed: “There's probably no God. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life.” Thus, they now offer for sale “de-baptism certificates” for £ 3.00 (about \$4.50) each. The certificate declares: I \_\_\_\_\_ having been subjected to the Rite of Christian Baptism in infancy (before reaching an age of consent), hereby publicly revoke any implications of that Rite and renounce the Church that carried it out. In the name of superstition in cleansed by supposed claims of church used, for Clearly, those “baptized” as regarding what “infant baptism.” In every instance of baptism recorded in the New Testament the person baptized was of an age whereby he/she could make a conscious decision to be baptized. However, that is not the only issue that is involved. The reason why many so-called “Christian Churches” practice “infant baptism” is because of the unbiblical doctrine of Original Sin. That doctrine teaches that when one is born into the world he/she is a sinner and therefore lost. The only way, according to this false teaching is to “baptize” the infant to wash away his/her sin. Furthermore, what is most often practiced, and is specifically true with the Church of England (Episcopal or Anglican Church), is sprinkling. One can search the whole of the New Testament and one can no more find sprinkling for baptism than “baptizing” infants. Such Scriptures as Acts 8:38; Romans 6:3-5).



human reason, I reject all its Creeds and all other such particular, the perfidious belief that any baby needs to be Baptism of alleged ORIGINAL SIN, and the evil power of demons. I wish to be excluded henceforth from enhanced membership numbers based on past baptismal statistics example, for the purpose of securing legislative privilege.” who seek to be “de-baptized” make a point in that being infants they could not make any rational decision took place. Such is one of the problems with so-called

Mr. Hunt’s parents waited until he was five months old but such is not the norm. It is usually carried out much earlier. I was put through this rite when I was less that don’t remember it, but I have the certificate to prove it! need to be “de-baptized” since I do not accept that I was the action that was performed on me and that I do not was in harmony with the will of God? No, it does not! performed on me did affect me at all. Even though the that I was, by that act made “a member of Christ, the child inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven.” Such did NOT those things. Such only occurred when I was baptized into Christ for the remission of my sins when I was obedient to the gospel (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; I Peter 3:21). Simply stated, I do not need to be “de-baptized” as I was never baptized by the actions that were performed on me. Thus, I will not be purchasing a certificate of “de-baptism” and I would encourage others – even atheists to save their money!



one month old! I Does that mean I in agreement with believe that such The act that was certificate states of God and an make me any of

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**NEWS AND NOTES**

Keep in your prayers the following: Helen Culpepper, Pam Gossett, Lavonne McClish, Linda Chumbley, and Rachel Fitzpatrick’s aunt (Eula Baker) who has cancer, Maomi Aaron’ sister who is having health problems, Myrtle Grimsley, Lanny Niver together with his daughter, and Tim Smith.

Lanny Niver is still having difficulties with walking and has to take a lot of bed rest.

Kathy Treadway was not out Wednesday evening because of her bronchitis.

**FOOD “THAT YE KNOW NOT OF..”**

*“ have meat to eat that ye know not of...Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work” (John 4:32,34).*

Jesus uttered these words after his amazing conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob. Though he was weary from a morning’s journey, hungry since it was about Noon, and thirsty, he still took the time to talk with a sinner about her soul. He may have uttered these words as he looked out toward the city of Sychar and saw the multitudes this woman was bringing back – *“and look on the fields, for they pre white already to harvest”* (Verse 35).

I am reminded of these words and how they apply to our world. Many in our increasingly **hedonistic** culture reject the God of the Bible, morality and the gospel. They want that “easy” way that leads to damnation (Matt.7:13-14). It is tempting for the New Testament Christian to give up or give in. Sometimes it seems like we are fighting against the wind. Rather than **surrendering** we should seek that “meat” or spiritual food for the journey from God’s Word. *“It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God”* (Matt.4:4). Like Jesus, we can have victory over the world and obey God.

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