

# MADRID CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, 09/10/17



## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

**Today:**

9AM: The Armor of God

10AM: The Belt of Truthfulness

11AM: The Breastplate of Righteousness

**Monday, Sept 11 @ 7PM:**

The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace & the Shield of Faith

**Tuesday, Sept 12 @ 7PM:**

The Helmet of Salvation

**Wednesday, Sept 13 @ 7PM:**

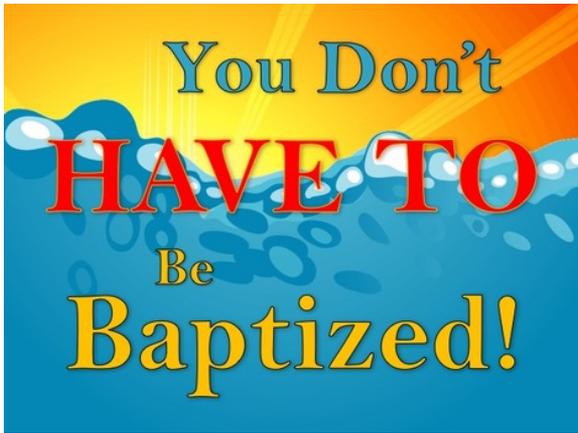
The Sword of the Spirit

**WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR THESE LESSONS!**

# YOU DON'T **HAVE TO** BE BAPTIZED

By JASON SMITH

I have had many discussions about the subject of baptism with people, and it never fails that sometime during the discussion, they just deny what the scriptures say about the topic. They at times just say, "I deny what you are saying about baptism," ignoring the fact that all I am doing is quoting verses about baptism. Another response I have gotten is, "You don't have to be baptized!" Well, to this response I say, you are absolutely right!



Yes, you read that right! You do not **HAVE TO** get baptized! This is a true statement. You do not have to get baptized if you do not want to.

You only **HAVE** to get baptized if:

- you want to follow in the steps of Christ, who was baptized (**Matthew 3:16**);
- you want to become a disciple (**Matthew 28:19**);
- you want to be saved (**Mark 16:16**);
- you want to enter the Kingdom of God (**John 3:5**);
- you want your sins remitted (**Acts 2:38**);
- you want the gift of the Holy Spirit (**Acts 2:38, 5:32**);
- you have gladly received the word of God (**Acts 2:41**);
- you have believed the preaching of the gospel of the Kingdom (**Acts 8:12**);
- you want to obey the commandment of God (**Acts 10:47-48**);
- you want your sins washed away (**Acts 22:16**).

- you want to call upon the Lord (**Acts 22:16**)
- you want to be IN Christ Jesus (**Romans 6:3**)
- you want to be IN the death of Christ (**Romans 6:3**)
- you want to be buried WITH Jesus and raised to walk in newness of life (**Romans 6:4**)
- you want to be united with Jesus in His death and resurrection (**Romans 6:5**)
- you want to be crucified with Christ (**Romans 6:6**)
- you want your body of sin to be done away with (**Romans 6:6**)
- you want to no longer be a slave to sin (**Romans 6:6**)
- you want freed from sin (**Romans 6:7**)
- you want to be washed and sanctified in the name of Jesus by the Spirit of God (**1 Corinthians 6:11**)
- you want to be in the body of Christ (**1 Corinthians 12:13**)
- you no longer want to be under the tutor of the law (**Galatians 3:25-27**)
- you want to become a son of God by faith (**Galatians 3:26-27**)
- you want to be in Christ and clothed with Christ (**Galatians 3:27**)
- you want to be sanctified and cleansed (**Ephesians 5:26**)
- you want a spiritual circumcision of Christ, in which your body of flesh (sin) is cut away (**Colossians 2:11**)
- you want to be buried with Jesus and raised up with Him (**Colossians 2:12**)
- you want to be made alive together with Christ (**Colossians 2:13**)
- you want forgiven of all your transgressions (**Colossians 2:13**)
- you want to be saved by the mercy of God, regenerated, and renewed by the Holy Spirit (**Titus 3:4-7**)
- you want your heart and your evil conscience cleansed (**Hebrews 10:22**)
- you want to make an appeal to God for a clean conscience (**1 Peter 3:21**)
- you want saved through the resurrection of Christ (**1 Peter 3:21**)

Yes it is true - you really don't HAVE TO be baptized, but I pray you will be so you can partake of the above blessings that are given to those who are.

# VISITORS: THANKS FOR COMING TODAY!

If you are visiting with us and have any questions about what you have seen or heard today, please fill out a visitor's card or contact us using the information below. We would be happy to schedule a time to sit down with you and to answer your questions from God's word. If there is anything we can do to help you spiritually, please let us know. We are here to serve!

Call or text Jason @ 412-999-4837 or email him @  
preacher@madridchurch.com

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## Upcoming Events:

- Shed potluck after services today
- 09/10-09/13 – Gospel Meeting w/ Matthew Allen
- 10/29 - Next Invite Sunday – The Best Possible News: Jesus Will Return

*If there is an event you are planning that you want in the bulletin, let Jason know!*

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## Daily Reading:

- 09/11 – Mark 11-12; Psalm 100
- 09/12 – Matt 13-14; Psalm 101
- 09/13 – Matt 15-16; Psalm 102
- 09/14 – John 1-2; Psalm 103
- 09/15 – John 3-4; Psalm 104
- 09/16 – John 5-6; Psalm 105
- 09/17 – John 7-8; Psalm 106



*"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."*

*-Psalm 119:105*