

The Baptist Defence

Hear ye my defence ... (Acts 22:1)

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The Impeccability of Jesus Christ

By Pastor Ronnie Wolfe

As John the Baptist wandered out of the wilderness the first time to face the people of Israel, he came before the people with a message of Jesus Christ. He had been sent from God to baptize people, or to plunge them beneath the water of the Jordan River.

This baptism was a symbol that pictured or illustrated the righteousness of his cousin, Jesus. John knew there was something very special about his cousin, Jesus. Jesus was the promised Messiah, which would soon be proven by the things that he did and the things that he taught. John was glad to be able to tell others about Jesus. He told them that he was not the Messiah but that another one would come, whose shoestrings he was not worthy to unloose.

When Jesus came to him to be baptized of him, John was surprised and nearly offended at the proposition of dunking his Messianic cousin in the water of the Jordan. John thought that Jesus should be baptizing him. Jesus insisted that John baptize him. Jesus explained that baptism is the very thing that would illustrate the full righteousness which Jesus Christ would fulfill.

John then plunged Jesus beneath the water of the Jordan, and he was aware, then, that Jesus Christ was indeed the Messiah. He knew that Jesus was a perfect man, as was prophesied in the Old Testament of the Bible. No other man on the earth was perfect;

only Jesus was a perfect man. How do we know that Jesus was perfect? There are several indications that he was.

As Jesus grew up from a child, many people were watching his life. They were noticing that he was different from other children. Some would remember that he was in the temple at 12 years old talking with the teachers and answering their questions without any error.

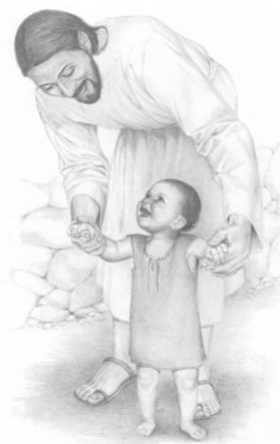
Many noticed that he loved children and were tender with them. Jesus taught that children have a faith to believe that Jesus is the Messiah and Savior.

After Jesus was baptized, he started preaching the Gospel and teaching the people about God's commandments, explaining to the people how they are to live to please God.

As Jesus worked among the people, they noticed that they could not see anything in his life that was wrong. Even his enemies, who wanted to blame him for many things, were not able to bring accusations against him. In fact, many of his enemies admitted that he was perfect.

Judas Iscariot, who was Jesus' personal friend, later became his enemy by betraying him. But even Judas, after he had betrayed the Lord, said, "I have betrayed the innocent blood" (Matt. 27:4).

Pilate, who was not a friend of Jesus, said at his trial, "I am innocent of the blood of this



just man. Pilate called Jesus a "just" man, which means that he had no sin and was not guilty of the charges against him.

Jesus' friend, Peter, said about him, "who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth" (1 Peter 2:22).

Jesus Father noted his perfection in Isaiah 53:9 when he said "... he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

The Holy Spirit noted his perfection when he was speaking to his mother, Mary, and called him "that holy thing" (Luke 1:35).

Now, the Bible tells us that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). But Jesus was the only exception to that. He is the only man who ever lived who "did no sin." He did not commit even one sin, which is

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IMPECCABILITY OF CHRIST*(Continued from page 1)*

beyond our understanding, but his perfection is necessary for our salvation. It was very necessary for Jesus to be perfect in order that he might have the righteousness (perfection) to give to those who have no righteousness. The Bible says "there is none righteous, no not one" (Rom. 3:10). The only way anyone can have righteousness is for Jesus to grant it or give it, and that is exactly what he does to everyone who comes to him by faith.

2 Cor. 5:21 "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

When Jesus died on the cross, he had lived a perfect life (without sin). But on the cross he carried my sins upon the tree and suffered for every one of them. That is the reason that I am saved to the uttermost (Heb. 7:25).

Jesus lived a perfect life for me and died a perfect death for me. The song writer wrote this:

Guilty, vile and helpless we,
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement! Can it be?
Hallelujah, what a Saviour!

With repentance from sins
and faith in Jesus Christ, you can
be saved completely today.
Read Eph. 2:8-10. Ω

Your Name

It came from your father,
It was all he had to give,
So it's yours to use and cherish
As long as you may live.
If you lose the watch he gave you
It can always be replaced,
But a black mark on your name, son,
Can never be erased.
It was clean the day you took it
A worthy name to bear,
When I got it from my father
There was no dishonor there.
So make sure you guard it wisely
After all is said and done,
You'll be glad the name is spotless
When you give it to your son.

Copied from "The Marquette Story"
by Kenneth Marquette

This man was father-in-law to Charles Ashcraft

PRAISE WEEKEND

November 18-19, 2005

At First Baptist Church

Harrison, Ohio

7:00 Each Evening



Jonathan & Blake Gordon

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Pastor, Cornerstone Baptist Church

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From I-74 take Exit #1 - Harrison/New Haven

Go west on New Haven Road to Shell Station

Turn right on Harrison Avenue

Then turn left on Broadway Street

Go two stop signs to Hill Street

Church is on the right.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Roy Moore Announces Candidacy For Governor

By Robert Marus

GADSDEN, Ala. (ABP) -- The "Ten Commandments Judge" is back and is aiming for a higher Alabama office than the one from which he was fired two years ago.

Roy Moore announced Oct. 3 that he was run-

ning for governor in his home state of Alabama. His colleagues on the Alabama Supreme Court removed Moore from his job as chief justice in 2003, after he openly defied a succession of federal court decisions. The courts had said Moore's action to place a Ten Com-

mandments monument in the Alabama judicial headquarters building in Montgomery was unconstitutional.

Moore's decision to run in the 2006 election means he will likely go head-to-head with current Gov. Bob Riley, who is a conservative and a Southern Baptist, in the Republican primary.

Supreme Court Agrees Jury Erred By Basing Penalty on Bible

By Robert Marus

WASHINGTON (ABP) - - The nation's highest court has upheld a Colorado court's ruling that said jurors erred when they consulted biblical law to sentence a murderer to death.

On the first day of its 2005-2006 term Oct. 3, the federal Supreme Court declined, without comment, to hear an appeal of the Colorado Supreme Court's ruling in the case of convicted murderer and rapist Robert Harlan.

The justices also rejected a Florida case involving church-state issues.

A panel of Colorado's

highest court in March invalidated Harlan's death sentence, saying jurors should not have taken biblical recommendations for punishment into account when sentencing. By declining to hear the case, the U.S. Supreme Court allowed the Colorado court's decision to stand.

"The judicial system works very hard to emphasize the rarified, solemn and sequestered nature of jury deliberations," read the Colorado court's majority opinion. "Jurors must deliberate in that atmosphere without the aid or distraction of extraneous texts."

But the minority justices in the 3-2 Colorado deci-

sion disagreed. "The biblical passages the jurors discussed constituted either a part of the jurors' moral and religious precepts or their general knowledge, and thus were relevant to their court-sanctioned moral assessment," they wrote.

Colorado criminal law is unusual in that it requires judges in capital cases to instruct jurors to take into account their own moral convictions in dealing with such sentencing decisions.



Printing the Bible changed everything.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. Thank shalt have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain
4. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.
5. Honour thy father and thy mother
6. Thou shalt not kill
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery
8. Thou shalt not steal
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor
10. Thou shalt not covet

The Ten Commandments can be found in Exodus Chapter 20, verses 1-17 and in Deuteronomy Chapter 5, verses 11-21.

Read them often. Memorize them, and keep them in your heart.

Read Deuteronomy Chapter 6, verses 6-14. Good instruction is found there. Verse 14 says, "Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are around about you."

Keep your mind upon the Book, the Blood and the Blessed Hope.

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somebody,
and Jesus Christ is LORD!**

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First Baptist Church is here to serve all those who are interested in worshiping Jesus Christ, who want to learn more of his word, and who want to fellowship with others who love and trust Jesus Christ.

How long has it been since you have visited First Baptist? Perhaps you have never visited us here. We would love to see you in our service this Sunday or Wednesday.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Morning Preaching 11:00 AM

Sunday Evening Preaching 6:00 PM

Wednesday Evening Bible Study . 7:00 PM

Want To Take A College Class?

As men and women are interested in classes, First Baptist Church of Harrison, Ohio, will accommodate the classes in the evenings through **Antioch Baptist College**. If you have an interest in classes, please contact us at the church at (513) 367-6713 or (513) 236-1172 and speak to Pastor Ronnie Wolfe.

The spring semester will begin the latter part of January, 2006. Now would be a good time to inquire what courses may be offered in the spring semester. Don't put it off! Call today! Visit the school's web site at www.antiochbaptistcollege.org

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