

Evangelism & Edification Resource Tools

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The church at Tiftonia is making available to everyone, members and visitors alike, a number of handy resource tools for evangelism and edification. These come in the form of tracts or booklets located in the foyer of the church building. I would like to make you aware of the value of these tools by highlighting or featuring one of them in this article.

“Let The Bible Speak” is a series of tracts written by W.C. “Bill” Johnson that provide a concise treatment of popular subjects. The series includes such topics as “Let The Bible Speak About...”

Sin
Baptism
Salvation
The Church
Speaking In Tongues
Authority In Religion
Daily Christian Living
The Thousand Year Reign
The Worship of the Church

Let’s review the tract now on “Let The Bible Speak About The Thief On The Cross.” Brother Johnson begins the tract by posing a commonly presented objection to baptism in water. The view addressed is that many point to the penitent thief crucified with Christ to indicate that if he wasn’t baptized, then why do you say baptism is necessary to salvation?

The study is pursued through four statements: (1) The Bible teaches we must rightly divide the word of truth, (2) The Bible teaches under what law the thief lived and died, (3) The Bible teaches that today we live under a different law—the law of Jesus Christ, and (4) The Bible teaches Jesus commanded his followers to baptize in water for the remission of sins by His authority after His resurrection.

An impressive array of Scripture is given to show biblical support for each of these foundational statements that prove we cannot be saved today like the thief was saved on the cross. In eight short pages a distinction between the covenants is thoroughly explained. This explanation is the key to understanding why we cannot be saved today like the thief on the cross was saved.

How to make use of this good material. Take a minute upon arriving or leaving the building to peruse the tract racks and tables examining this material. Take a copy of this tract on “Let The Bible Speak About The Thief On The Cross” for your study. Give a copy of this tract to a person with whom you may have had this discussion in the past. Use this material for discussion in a Bible class or personal home Bible study or an online discussion with someone.

The Apostle Peter enjoined, “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear” (1 Peter 3:15). Materials like these help us fulfill this divine expectation.