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Hello Richard
probably
bro of James Richard

on his '80's now
Forest Park, GA

CoBC
Scott Harris preached there

Vena, AL is betw,
Russellville & Red Bay, AL

as a child
James Richard knew [John] Dale
who'd been baptized by BW Stone
Dale had baptized 8,000+ people
James Reckard wrote GA article about Dale in 1960's.
Dale is buried in Vina, AL.

Wayne Kilpatrick ought to have some stuff on Dale.
Possibly in Kilpatrick's history of church in N. Alabama.
20+ pops in a historical quarterly out of Florence, AL.
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Believing that the Bible is the inspired word of God and that it will endure forever (Isa. 40:8; I Peter 1:25), I submit the following for your careful consideration. Even though you do not agree with me in everything, will you not carefully read each passage of Scripture given here? It will do you no harm at all and may help you to come to a better understanding of the word of God.

It seems that the all-important question with mankind is, “What must I do to be saved?” The question suggests that there is something I must do. The question is, not what someone else must do, but what must I do? Will you not, therefore, study with me for a little while and see what God has to say.

I Must Hear God’s Word

“See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; in that I command thee this day to love Jehovah thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his ordinances, that thou mayest live and multiply, and that Jehovah thy God may bless thee in the land whither thou goest in to possess it. But if thy heart turn away, and thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish; ye shall not prolong your days in the land, whither thou passest over the Jordan to go in to possess it. I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before thee life and death, the blessing and the curse: therefore choose life, that thou mayest live, thou and thy seed; to love Jehovah thy God, to obey his voice, and to cleave unto him; for he is thy life, and the length of thy days; that thou mayest dwell in the land which Jehovah sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.” (Deut. 30:15-20.) (Read: Proverbs 8:32-34; Matt. 17:5; Luke 16:27-31; Jno. 5:24; Acts 10:33; 15:7; Matt. 7:24-29.) We must not only hear, but we must take heed how we hear what we hear. (Luke 8:18; Mark 4:23, 24.)

I Must Believe the Word

“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” (Heb. 11:6). “He that believeth not shall be damned.” (Mk. 16:16.) (Read: Jno. 3:18; 8:24; 3:15, 16, 36; 20:30, 31; Luke 8:12.) I must believe the truth. It is possible to believe a lie and be damned. (1Thess. 2:12.)

I Must Repent

“The times of ignorance, God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.” (Acts 17:30.) “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.” (Acts 3:19.) “Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.” (Luke 13:3, 5.) (Read: Matt. 3:2; 4:17; Mk. 1:15; 6:12; Luke 15:7; Acts 2:38; Rev. 2:5, 16, 21, 22.)
I Must Confess Christ

“For it is written, as I live sayeth the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” (Rom. 14:11.) “Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.” (Matt. 10:32, 33.) (Read: Lk. 12:8, 9.) “But what sayeth it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (Rom. 10:8, 10.) (Read: I Jno. 1:9; 4:15; Phil. 2:11.)

I Must Be Baptized

When Christ went to John to be baptized of him, John forbade it, but Christ said, “Suffer it now to be so, for thus it become us to fulfill all righteousness.” (Matt. 3:15.) David said: “All thy commandments are righteousness.” (Ps. 119:172.) Christ commanded all men to be baptized. (Matt. 28:19, 20; Mk. 16:15, 16; Acts 2:38; 10:48; 8:38.) Christ told Nicodemus that a man could not enter into the kingdom of God except he be born of water and the Spirit. (Jno. 3:5.) Some rejected the counsel of God against themselves by refusing to be baptized. (Luke 7:30.) Will you do as they did? In baptism, one is buried with Christ and is raised to walk in newness of life. (Rom. 6:4.) One does not begin to walk in that new life until he has been raised from the waters of baptism. The children of Israel did not sing the song of deliverance until after they had crossed the Red Sea. Paul says they were baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea. (I Cor. 10:2.) Peter says baptism saves us. (I Peter 3:21.) Man says baptism has no part in our salvation. Should we listen to man or to the word of God? Baptism puts one into Christ where all spiritual blessings are. (Rom. 6:4; Eph. 1:3.) There is no salvation outside of Christ. Faith is unto righteousness. (Rom. 10:10.) Repentance is unto life. (Acts 11:18.) Confession is unto salvation. (Rom. 10:10.) Baptism is unto Christ where we receive remission of sins. (Acts 4:12; Gal. 3:27.)

After we have heard the gospel, believed it, confessed Christ, repented of our sins, and have been baptized for the remission of sins, we are translated from the kingdom of Satan into the kingdom of God. We have been born of water and the Spirit. We are new creatures, babes in Christ. As such we must add to our faith. (II Peter 1:5, 9.) We must meet with the disciples upon the first day of the week. (Acts 20:7; Heb. 10:25.) We must practice pure and undefiled religion. (Jas. 1:27.) We must study God’s word. (II Tim. 2:15.) We must not fulfill the lusts of the flesh, but walk by the Spirit. (Gal. 5:19, 23.) We should be prepared to give a reason for our hope at all times. (I Pet. 3:15.) We must deny worldly lusts and live soberly and righteously.
and Godly. (Titus 2:12.) We must live a faithful Christian life till this life is over, if we would live with Christ and the holy angels in that other world.

When Paul preached the gospel at Berea, he said the people there were more noble than those of Thessalonica in that they searched the Scriptures to see if the things he taught were so. Will you do as much? Get your Bible and see if it says all that is mentioned in this article. We must lay aside party names and all speak the same thing, be of the same mind and of the same judgment, if we would convince the world that Jesus is the Christ. The religious division in the world today is causing people to live and die in unbelief. All disbelievers are condemned. (Mk. 16:16.)

"Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; a blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day: and a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods which ye have not known." (Deut. 11:26-28.)