

Hanna Missions

SEEK • DO • TEACH • EZRA 7:10

Sophia Moore

We have had Bible Studies with seeking hearts but I don't know if we have ever had one as interesting as Mrs. Moore. Mrs. Moore is in her early fifties and is a local business owner. She agreed to meet on Zoom at 7:15 am. every day and this continued for two weeks until the entire Bible Study from God's authority to the one-true-church was covered. The most profound thing happened after the studies were completed. This month's issue is dedicated to this study. Before I share her words with you, know that this lady only took notes and studied what was covered after the studies. No material was physically given to her. Mrs. Moore posted a lengthy public status that read as follows:

What must I do to be saved?

“The Scriptures are very clear about what it takes to become a child of God. Here is the simple plan revealed in God's word:

***Step 1:** We must HEAR the word. Without first hearing the word of God, we would never know we are sinners and that the “wages of sin” is death Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23. Without hearing, we wouldn't know of Jesus' sacrifice for our sins and our need for him. It's also where our faith comes from Romans 10:17! Further, we should only listen to our Lord.*

“Baptism is a work of God.”

Colossians 2:12

***Step 2:** We must BELIEVE what we hear. Merely hearing the word of God doesn't save. We must believe what we hear or we are not likely to obey God's commands. In John 8:24, Jesus says, “If ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins.” Yet, belief is not enough. James 2:24 says we must “do” what God demands, that is His will Matt 7:21!*

***Step 3:** We must REPENT of our sins. Sin is what separates us from God Isaiah 59:2. Therefore, if we intend to seek God's forgiveness, we must be willing to repent of our sins. Repentance means “turning away from sin” and making the effort to sin no more 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.*

Bible Study Results (continued)

Step 4: We must CONFESS our faith. Those that wish to be saved must confess their faith in Jesus Romans 10:9-10. It was Jesus Christ Himself who said, “Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven” Matthew 10:32. The Scriptures give us an example of one who confessed their faith in Acts 8:26-39 (note verse 17).

Step 5: We must be BAPTIZED. There is considerable religious confusion about baptism. Some think baptism isn't necessary. Others believe we are saved before we are baptized. Note what the Scriptures say baptism does.

Baptism shows a good conscience toward God/The Apostle Peter clearly confirms “Baptism doth also now save us” 1Pet 3:21

Baptism washes away sins Acts 22:16

Baptism gives entry “into” Christ Romans 6:3; Galatians 3:27. Jesus, our authority, made baptism necessary when He gave the command in Mark 16:16. In other words, our sins are washed away and we are not “in Christ” until we are baptized. Many folks say “we aren't saved by works!”

Yet, is baptism a work? It is a work of God Colossians 2:12. Jesus says belief is a work too John 6:29, (note verse 24)

We are saved by the mercy and grace of God, but He demands we be baptized to wash away our sins. He does the work through His Son's blood if we follow His instructions.

Step 6: We must remain FAITHFUL. While baptism puts us into Christ and His blood washes away our sins, we must still be obedient and faithful to God, otherwise, we will lose our souls. The Bible tells us, “be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life” Revelation 2:10.



Why isn't she baptized?

All things considered, I've pondered repeatedly why Mrs. Moore hasn't done that which she so thoroughly understands. She has even seen videos that proclaim the oneness of the Lord's church in addition to the Bible study and still she remains in error. Ms. Moore believes that she must first convince her husband because she is to follow him. Please pray that she will understand submission to God above that to men.

What's happening in the EMR cOe



A Widow Called Patra

“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, *to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.*” James 1:27

This is Mrs. Patra, a woman who unexpectedly became a widow at the end of 2021. She is a resident of Eight Mile Rock and lost her husband of over thirty years before the holidays. We paid her a visit and did not realize until we showed up to sing and encourage her, that it was her anniversary. She explained that she had woken up in a pool of tears and had a rough morning. She was grateful, touched, encouraged and a door was opened! The congregation was moved by the experience and by the joy Mrs. Patra received. We are on the lookout for more opportunities like this one so that we can display pure religion, grow and open more doors for Bible Studies.

HANNA FAMILY NEWS

Going to the US Embassy is all the buzz of March for our family. Refusal in 2018 has caused us to be immobile in terms of travel to the US and at the end of March, preparation for the trip was the top priority in order to make another attempt since it has been four years since we have been to see you, our brethren in the US. We have much to share about this in the following month's report. Please look out for it! The interview is on another island, requires diligent planning, supporting documentation and is also quite costly.



Prayer Requests

Please pray for:

- Mrs. Moore. and Mrs. Patra
- The new building to be completed soon.
- Ongoing studies and counselling to be successful.
- Visa interview.

God bless you!

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I hope to hear from you!