

August 27, 2023

**Announcements**

Tommy Wade

**Song Leader**

Chris Moore

**Scripture Reading**

Keith Newby

**Opening Prayer**

Randell Koon (A.M.)

Larry Wood (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Brad McAlister (A.M.)

Kevin Shackelford (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

John Hopper

**Count and Usher**

Rickey Cissom & Dale Vandygriff

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Logan Yancey (08/30/23)

**OUR RECORD**

**August 20, 2023**

Sunday Bible Study: 79

Sunday Morning Worship: 100

Sunday Evening Worship 177

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 83

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**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).



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**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

**CAN A CHILD OF GOD  
FALL FROM GRACE?**

**By Mary Lindley**

There are many people of the religious world who believe that once a person is saved, he can never do anything that would cause him to be lost. Sometimes, the doctrine is referred to as "Once Saved, Always Saved." Religious questions should be answered by the Bible. Does the Bible teach that there is the possibility of a child of God being lost?

The Bible teaches that falling from grace is a reality—it is an irrefutable fact. Judas was an apostle selected by the Lord, and was sent out to preach the Gospel. Judas, along with the other apostles, was given miraculous power by which he could heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, and cast out devils (Matthew 10:1-8).

Peter affirmed that Judas was "numbered" with the apostles and took part in their ministry (Acts 1:17). However, "Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place" (Acts 1:25). Question: If God had wanted to tell us in the Bible that Judas, an apostle of Christ, fell from grace and "went to his own place," how could He have communicated that more clearly than He did? Jesus said that it would have been better if Judas had never been born (Mark 14:21). The irresistible implication is that Judas died lost!

Also, Paul affirmed the reality of falling from grace. He wrote, "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace" (Galatians 5:4). Please consider that these words were written to those who were members of "churches of Galatia" (Galatians 1:2); to those who had been called into the grace of Christ (Galatians 1:6); to those whom Christ had made free (Galatians 5:1). Yet, some of them had fallen from grace! Christ had "become of no effect" unto them. That means Christ had once been "effective" in their salvation, but now they had turned away from Christ and gone back into bondage (Galatians 5:1).

The Bible warns about falling from grace. "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God" (Hebrews 3:12). Notice this was addressed to "brethren" who could "depart." Therefore, these were Christians who could depart from God. Can one depart from our only source of salvation—God—and remain in a saved condition? Paul warned: "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12). But if one can never lose his salvation, such warnings about falling have no real significance. An abundance of other passages warn about falling from grace, but these are sufficient to prove the point beyond all doubt.

If you have been taught the "Once Saved, Always Saved" doctrine, I plead with you to reject it. Nothing is taught more clearly in the Scriptures than that a child of God can fall from grace!

**Face to Face**  
by: Rick Woodall



Welcome,  
**BABY**  
*Julie Rose Hobson*

**WE WILL HAVE A DIAPER,  
WIPES, & GIFT CARD TABLE  
SET UP FOR THE HOBSON  
FAMILY IN THE SPACE  
BETWEEN THE CLASSROOMS.**

**LET'S SHOWER THIS SWEET  
FAMILY WITH LOVE!**

**AUGUST 27, 2023**



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**CHAPMAN YOUTH NIGHT**

***177 ATTENDED  
OUR YOUTH NIGHT!***

Thanks to everyone who helped make it such a great success! Special thanks to Robin & Terry Chapman for the "Walking Tacos" and ladies who prepared desserts.

*A Plea For Prayers  
Please pray for spiritual and  
numerical growth for the Chapman  
Congregation in 2023.*

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**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Emily Guy Cissom.

**SICK SUNDAY:** Kirstin Fitzgerald, Connie Koon

**IN HOSPITAL:** Patti Hall

**SURGERY:** Rita Rutherford (Heart)

**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Joanie Kate Reese, Loxlee Eaton (6-yr old, Chris Lewellen's Granddaughter), Olivia Pounders, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, Louise Pannell (Sharon's Mother), Malone Hurt, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

**CANCER:** Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley's Aunt), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman's Son-in-law), Tom Muir (Cindy Pruitt's Brother-in-law), Rhonda Gillespie, David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

**SHUT-INS: *Tippah County Health & Rehab:*** Romia Palmer, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Joe Clark  
**MyKales Residential Living, New Albany:** Junior Derrick

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I suppose we are all accountable of making careless decisions from time to time in our lives. We do some particular thing not thinking of the consequences. The Bible is jam packed with examples of people who were looking for God to direct them. They loved and respected God with all their hearts. Human tendency will at times overcome us. We will follow our personal mind-set instead of looking at the big picture. When that picture is framed and before us we come to the realization that we have made some terrible mistakes. Usually by the time we attain such knowledge, we think it is too late. We stare at the human side of these gridlocks in life and become very depressed. There seems to be no place to turn.

You might be experiencing a difficulty in your personal life. I advise a good visit with King David. David loved God so much. I want to share with you some wonderful words from someone who has been there.

"Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always." - Psalm 105:4

There are many faces in the crowd. When you make unintelligent choices, the faces turn from you. It appears that you are left all alone. Take your eyes off that big ugly picture and look at the face that is making the difference in your life. Do everything possible to correct the situation. Pray for forgiveness and do it now.

Seek His presence and have a face to face heart to heart talk with Him. There is nothing better than knowing God face to face. I recollect these words about Moses. "Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, who did all those miraculous signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt-- to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel." Deut 34:10-12

Was Moses perfect? Did he always make wise decisions? My gift reminds me that being in a face to face relationship with the one who loves you will achieve incredible results.

The light at the end of the tunnel is the face of God.