

January 7, 2024

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Closing Prayer
Michiel Criswell (A.M.)
Wayne Vandygriff (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Larry Wood

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Wednesday Night Song Leader
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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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WHERE ARE YOU? Mark Lindley

As you read this article and consider the question above, you may be at work, sitting at home, or at a friend's house. You may be in Ripley, Blue Mountain, Walnut, or some other location. But the question, "Where are you?" does not concern your geographical location. This is a question concerning your spiritual location. You see, everyone is somewhere spiritually, and there are only two possible locations--**in Christ or outside Christ.**

The reason for one to consider this question is that every spiritual blessing offered by God is in Christ. The forgiveness of sins, privilege of prayer, fellowship with children of God, and the hope of eternal life are blessings only to be enjoyed in Christ. Paul wrote, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with **all spiritual blessings** in heavenly places **in Christ**" (Ephesians 1:3). There are general blessings to be enjoyed outside of Christ. The Father in heaven "maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matthew 5:45). However, God gives no *spiritual blessings* to anyone outside of Christ.

Since it is so important for one to be in Christ, God has given us His Word which instructs us "how" to get into Christ. There are only two verses in the New Testament which specifically state how one gets into Christ. First, consider Galatians 3:27: "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Also, observe Romans 6:3, 4: "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?"

These verses do not teach that baptism without faith and repentance puts one into Christ. In order for baptism to be effective, one must believe the Gospel and repent of sins (Acts 15:7; 17:30). Meeting these conditions, one who is baptized receives the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38), enters the body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:13), and is a member of the Lord's church (Acts 2:47). In view of these Bible facts, should we not all reflect on this question?

Not Just for New Year's by Gene Taylor

Usually as one year ends and another is about to begin, people reflect on their lives, especially considering the accomplishments and failures of the past year. Then they make resolutions for the coming year which, most of the time, are promptly forgotten and broken.

Such self-examination is necessary for the Christian, not only at that time of the year, but every day. He must take stock of himself in relation to his service and accomplishments for the Lord and the growth and maturity in his character. He must ask, "Am I doing all I can to insure my growth, stabilization and maturation as a child of God? Am I lending my abilities to the congregation to help it grow and prosper both physically and spiritually?"

If he finds himself lacking in these things, he needs to resolve to do better and to do more for the Lord in the future. And such a resolution must not be abandoned but he must persistently and devotedly retain it in his heart. The apostle Paul possessed this attitude. It is what allowed him to be successful as a disciple of the Lord. He said, "...but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14).

As Christians, we must also be looking forward. We should not dwell upon or worry about past failures. Neither should we sit back and rest upon or gloat over past accomplishments. The child of God never reaches a point where he does not need to continue to grow. He never reaches a point in his service to Christ where he has done enough. Diligence in both these areas must always be given to make "our calling and election sure" (2 Pet. 1:10-11).

The following are some questions that all of us need to ask ourselves to see if we are what we should be in the sight of God or if we need to change our attitudes.

Do I study the Bible diligently? Bible classes and sermons do not supply all the needs of the Christian do grow as he should. Personal, diligent study on his part is essential if he is to gain the knowledge of God's word necessary to function and mature as he should.

Am I present at every service that I am able to attend? Attendance is usually a barometer of faithfulness. Each must ask, "Are worship assemblies important to me or do I let just anything or anyone keep me from them?" The assemblies are important enough for Christ to be there (Matt. 18:20), what could be more important to you?

Can I be counted on to support the efforts of this church? Am I concerned about my brethren and my relationship with them? Each Christian needs to be actively involved in the work of the church in any way he can. No one is to be passive and depend upon others to do the work. If one possesses a proper love for the Lord and his brethren, he will want to working and doing his part. He will also seek to be aware of his brethren who need his help materially, emotionally and spiritually and do what he can to meet those needs.

Am I really concerned about saving the lost? God's desire is that all should be saved (1 Tim. 2:4). His desire is so strong that He sent His Son to earth to save all who believe and obey Him (John 3:16; Heb. 5:8-9). The Christian is to have that same desire. If he does, he will do what he can personally to take the gospel to the lost.

Do you see some things in which you may be lacking? If so, resolve to change and set things in order, then, "press on."

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Remember count your blessings, pray for our lost ones, the sick, the world and the broken-hearted.

SICK SUNDAY: Chris Moore Family, Logan Yancey, Sammie Pilgrim, Rita Smith, Rickey & Jill Loveless, Pat Shackelford, Ella Shackelford, Everett Hurt, Lamar Criswell

REHAB: Juan Stroupe, Wilma Wood (TCH/Rehab)

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Joanie Kate Reese, Everett Hurt, Olivia Pounders, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

CANCER:) Dorothy Hopper (John's Mother) 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), Loxlee Eaton, 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

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