

**January 15, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Danny Shackelford

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

Britt Lindley

Opening Prayer

Kevin Shackelford (A.M.) Tony Morrison (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Joel Moore (A.M.) Ross Shackelford (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Tommy Wade (Presiding),

David Smith, Mason McAlister, Jack Harris

Count and Usher

Ricky Cissom and Andy Reese

Prepare Communion

Angela Bridges and Dala Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brad McAlister (01/18/2017)

OUR RECORD

January 8, 2017

Sunday Bible Study: 130

Sunday Morning Worship:136

Sunday Evening Worship:106

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 111

Budget: \$3,500

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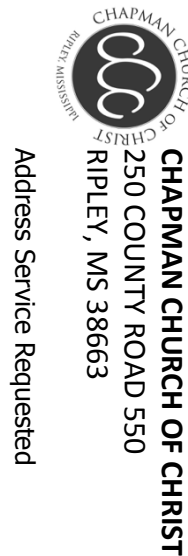
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What Must I Do To Be Saved?

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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SHOULD CHRISTIANS DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES?

Part 1
Mark Lindley

Christians frequently discuss whether it is sinful to drink alcoholic beverages. However, the question I raise in this article is this: "Should" Christians drink? The question is not concerning whether it is sinful; rather, the issue here is whether Christians "should" drink. I affirm for the following reasons that Christians should "not" drink alcoholic beverages:

1. Drinking leads to drunkenness. "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them!" (Isaiah 5:11). Notice that those under consideration would "follow strong drink...till wine inflame them." That is, the process of drinking would lead to a state of drunkenness.

But what is so bad about drunkenness? The apostle Paul answers that question, warning that "drunkenness" and "such like" are works of the flesh, and those guilty will "not inherit the kingdom of God" (Galatians 5:19-21). Drunkenness is sinful and will cause one to be lost. But how does one fall into the sin of drunkenness? It begins by drinking! Now think for a moment. Drunkenness will cause one to miss heaven. "Should" a Christian start down the path to drunkenness by drinking alcoholic beverages? Does the Bible not teach that we should stay clear of temptation as much as possible? Please read Matthew 6:13 and Ephesians 4:27.

We should also consider whether "drinking" is "like" drunkenness. Paul warned against things which are "like" drunkenness (Galatians 5:21). Drinking is certainly associated with drunkenness. One must drink to get drunk. Therefore, it is "like" drunkenness! Should one play with a loaded gun? A rattlesnake? Fire? If the answer is "no" to these questions, then I ask: Should one play around with alcohol, knowing that doing so may lead to drunkenness and cause one to be lost?

2. The Bible warns against strong drink. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1). Also, Isaiah 5:11 (see number 1, above) warns against following "strong drink." Please observe that the warning here is not specifically against "drunkenness" but against "strong drink." Beer, wine, and whiskey are drinks strong enough to get one drunk. Should a Christian just ignore such warnings?

3. Drinking may cause others to stumble. "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak" (Romans 14:21). What if through your example you caused one of your own children to "stumble," and he/she became addicted? What if because of the addiction your son or daughter were killed in a traffic accident? Should a Christian do that which is a stumbling block to others?

I have presented three reasons one "should not" drink. Now, I ask you: If a Christian "should not" drink, then "can" a Christian drink and please God? Does the Lord want us to do things we "should not" do? Please think seriously about this issue. [There will be a part 2.]

Spirit of Fear?

Dan Jenkins

Paul's last letter was to Timothy, Paul's son in the faith and a younger preacher who had been the apostle's companion. Read the following words carefully, and discover a problem many Christians face. "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord" (2 Tim. 1:7-8). Timothy knew the truth, but circumstances in his life had caused him to withdraw because of his fear.

Think of the many examples found throughout the Bible where God's messengers boldly stood for their God and were not at all timid to openly stand for heaven's saving message. We may not know what caused Timothy's timidity, but we know so much about others who boldly spoke for the Lord.

Elijah was not afraid to stand for truth. Who has not stood in amazement at the confrontation he had with the 450 prophets of Baal? How can anyone forget his mockery of them when Baal would not send fire to consume their sacrifice? Paul's words to Timothy describe him so well—he was not ashamed of the testimony of our Lord.

Nathan was not afraid to stand for truth. His friend, King David, had done wrong and had successfully hidden his sins from an entire nation. The king was a lying, adulterous murderer. God's messenger, Nathan, went into the presence of the king who had already shown he would kill others just to cover his sin. What difference would it make if he murdered the only man on earth who knew all the details of his evil actions? Yet, Nathan courageously said, "Thou art the man." These four words could have cost the prophet his life, yet was not ashamed of the testimony of our Lord.

John the Baptist was not afraid to stand for truth. The Jewish world knew how Herod had taken the wife of his brother, Philip, to be his own wife. John confronted the king. John told him that he had violated the law of God in his actions. The Greek indicates that this was not something he said just once, but over and over again he reminded the king of his sin. It cost John his life, but he was not ashamed of the testimony of our Lord.

Are we afraid to stand for truth? Our nation has decided that it will openly redefine marriage and kill the innocent souls in the womb. Led by ungodly men in Washington, values which once were sacred, as we sought to be one nation under God, are now cast aside. It is not that His laws are just being ignored. Laws are being passed which unashamedly permit men to mock God. How do many Christians react? With a spirit of fear, they truly are ashamed of the testimony of the Lord. We ask, "How long, O Lord, how long?" Are you ashamed?

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADS TO LEADERS

Registration for Lads To Leaders is completed. Please review your events and make sure it is correct. List is posted on bulletin board by teacher supply room. If your event is not correct or missing an event - write corrections by your name. If you have any questions, please see Karen Yancey.

Deadline for any changes is January 15th.

CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS
Thursday, January 19, 2017 - 6:30PM

5th Sunday - January 29th

Fellowship meal (potluck) after morning service. Evening service at 1:30 PM conducted by Chapman young men.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

CONGRATULATIONS!

Georgia Claire Stroupe

January 11, 2017

6 pounds, 11 ounces

Proud Parents: Dawn & Clint

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Brother: Madison

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IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Roy Shappley.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Danny Shackelford, Mary Brady, Anna Palmer, Molly Moore, Margie Hurt, Audrey Box

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Trevor Shinall, Dawn Jackson's Nephew- 8 yrs. Old (leukemia) Cards may be sent to 507 Cumberland Place, Oxford, MS 38655.

Sandra Hopper, Courtney Cissom, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Ed James Pannell, Connie Mauney, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford's Sister), Tony Morrison, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** *Lana Waldon*, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Lyle Bullock, Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, Doug Pannell, Don Allen Riggs (19, student at FU from El Paso, TX), has stage 3 cancer. Cards may be sent to Target House 1, 1811 Poplar Ave, Apt. 211, Memphis, TN 38104), Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Rodney Hilliard, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer.

•**SHUT-INS:** *Resthaven:* Oleta Phillips (Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663), Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home: Bonnie Chapman, Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).