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Keith Newby

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Rickey Cissom

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Randel Koon (A.M.)
Larry Wood (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Gene Yancey (A.M.)
Jeff Brewer (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Terry Chapman

Count and Usher
Rickey Loveless & Jimmy Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Brice Lindley (01/31/24)

OUR RECORD

January 21, 2023

Sunday Bible Study: NA
Sunday Morning Worship: NA
Sunday Evening Worship: NA
Wednesday Night Bible Study: NA

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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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RESPECT FOR GOD'S WORD
Mark Lindley

We live in a time when many have little or no respect for the Bible. It is not uncommon in our day for skeptics to scoff at and to criticize the Bible as being a book that is out-of-date and full of ancient myths and legends. Such critics deny that the Bible is the Word of God. Others may acknowledge the Bible as God's Word, but then fail to allow the Bible to influence their daily conduct. All of us need to have the attitude the Psalmist had toward the sacred scriptures: "Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have *respect unto all thy commandments*" (Psalm 119:4-6).

If we have this level of respect for the Bible, we will spend time learning its contents. The Lord's desire is that we "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18). We acquire knowledge of God's Word by turning off the television and computer and spending time studying the scriptures. Do we know more about sports, the latest movies, or FOX news than we do about the Bible? Such questions honestly answered will help us determine how much we, personally, respect God's Word.

In addition, respect for God's Word is shown by obedience to its precepts. James wrote, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (James 1:22). If one wanted to prove that he had respect for the laws of the land, one would have to strive to obey such laws. Even so, one who wants to show respect for God's Word must strive to obey the commandments of the Lord. When one learns from the Bible the need to make personal changes in attitude, conduct, or lifestyle, respect for the Bible demands that one make the needed changes.

Also, respect for God's Word is shown by striving to keep *all* the teachings of the New Testament. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). One should never choose to keep the commands which may be easy or convenient, while rejecting those which are not. Which New Testament commandment can be laid aside by one who is serious about showing respect for God's Word? The command to love one's enemies? The command to forgive those who sin against us? The command to be baptized for the remission of sins? The command to repent of sins? If one has the proper attitude toward the Bible, one will make it his aim to obey all the teachings of the New Testament.

In view of these thoughts, let us all demonstrate high respect and honor for the Bible.

Forgiveness by Phillip North

Much has been preached and written on how mankind, especially Christians, should and must practice forgiveness. No doubt it is a command, not a mere option. Jesus said, "But if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:13,14). Upon completion of the Parable Of The Unmerciful Servant, Christ said, "So likewise shall My heavenly Father do also unto you, if you from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses" (Matthew 18:35). Paul often mentioned the necessity of forgiving (Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13).

Like most things, there is a misuse and an abuse of forgiveness. When one repeatedly wrongs another, either by maliciously committing the same sins from one person to another, or by simply wrongdoing the same individual continually, the appeal is made to what the Bible says about forgiving someone "seventy times seven." That is to say, it must always be done no matter how many times someone is wronged by the same person. While Jesus does tell Peter that one must be forgiven "seventy times seven" (Matthew 18:22), Luke makes this record of Jesus' instruction -- "Take heed to yourselves; If your brother trespass against you, rebuke him. and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turns again to you saying, I repent, thou shalt forgive him" (Luke 17:3-4).

This shows that the one committing the wrong needs to have a penitent heart! Every effort should be made not to continue in his sinning. It appears that some tend to "hide behind" this verse of Scripture while continuing wrongdoing. To repent means to "turn away from." It means to make a 180 degree turn, "an about face." Hence, the one seeking forgiveness should be sincere in doing so. God demands genuine repentance. He does not wish for us to "play upon someone's sympathies" and toy with mercy. Paul said, "Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that you sorrowed to repentance: for you were made sorry after a godly manner; that you might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death" (II Corinthians 7:9-10). True repentance must carry with it "godly sorrow," and it must, therefore, be "after a godly manner." Only then can it be said this individual "sorrowed to repentance," and thus, truly repented.

Forgiveness is a "two-way street." Yes, the one who is wronged must forgive. Howbeit, the one who committed the wrongdoing must truly repent! The offender who abuses the "seventy times seven" command by Jesus needs to correct his his heart and realize that Jesus said true repentance must be seen. One must cease wrongdoing. Otherwise, how can one expect God to forgive him of his own sins?

This kind of behavior manifests one to be defiant of the Golden Rule, lacking in self-discipline, and void of true spirituality.

We Should be Willing to Change F. B. Srygley

When we are wrong, we should change, but when we are right we should not change. That is one reason for life after we become Christians. It is a privilege and duty to change when we see that we are wrong. Repentance is simply a change in our way of living. It means a turning around.

The one who never does wrong will not have to repent. But who is he, and where did he come from? We talk about a perfect human life, but it can only be found in the Christian who is perfectly forgiven.

Someone said, "It hurts me to see you change." Well, it will not hurt me to change, if I change from the wrong to the right. I cannot even defend myself when I see that I am wrong and will not change.

My friends may condemn me for changing, but the Lord will not, if I change to the right when I am wrong. It injures me to be wrong and refuse to change, but it cannot injure me to change when I am wrong.

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

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Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry,
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