

**January 29, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Danny Shackelford

Song Leader

Larry Wood

Scripture Reading

Jeff Staggs

Opening Prayer

Jodie Criswell (A.M.) Young Men (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Wayne Vandygriff (A.M.) Young Men (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

Chance Criswell (02/01/17)

OUR RECORD

January 22, 2017

Sunday Bible Study: 117

Sunday Morning Worship:138

Sunday Evening Worship: 105

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 107

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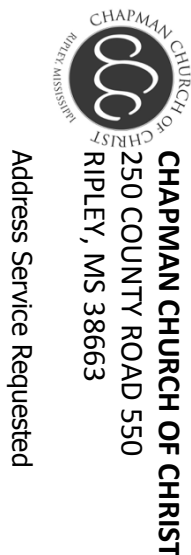
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What Must I Do To Be Saved?

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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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

SHOULD CHRISTIANS DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES?

Part II
Mark Lindley

Two weeks ago I wrote Part 1 to this two-part series. I stressed in the last article that I was asking whether a Christian “should” drink alcoholic beverages. I gave three reasons why a Christian should not drink: 1) Drinking leads to drunkenness; 2) The Bible warns against drinking “strong drinks”; 3) Drinking may cause others to stumble.

Here are additional reasons a Christian should not drink:

4. Christians should not drink because drinking does harm to one’s body. I am sure some reading this article are thinking about the medicinal use of alcoholic beverages. In some cases, a doctor may actually suggest that a small amount of wine could improve one’s health.

I freely concede the point that in some cases, “wine” may be used for medicinal purposes. In fact, the apostle Paul recommended it: “Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach’s sake and thine often infirmities” (I Timothy 5:23).

Please consider two things about Paul’s recommendation to drink wine: 1) “Wine,” in the Scriptures, can refer to intoxicating wine or simply to grape juice, the fruit of the vine. The context must determine which type is under consideration; 2) Paul had to “encourage” Timothy to drink wine. This implies that Timothy was not in the habit of wine-drinking. If he had been, Paul would not have had to encourage him to drink it.

The fact still remains that drinking alcoholic beverages for “non-medicinal” reasons harms the stomach and intestines, the pancreas, liver, bladder, heart, kidneys, and the brain. The Scriptures condemn harming one’s body: “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s (I Corinthians 6:19-20). One cannot glorify God in one’s body while destroying one’s health with alcohol.

5. Alcoholic beverages are addictive, enslaving, and destructive. God’s Word pronounces a “woe” upon those who drink wine. It also describes one who is under the influence of strong drink. He lusts after “strange women” (alcohol lowers one’s inhibitions). He is beaten, but does not feel it. He has redness of eyes, engages in babbling, has wounds “without cause”; yet, when the person awakens from his drunken stupor, he will “seek it yet again” (Proverbs 23:29-35).

If any person reading these lines has been around those addicted to alcohol, you know that the Bible’s description of an alcoholic is very accurate. Alcohol can ruin a person’s marriage, self-respect, reputation, health, career, mind, and soul! No one ever has the goal of becoming a slave to alcohol, but millions are enslaved to it and cannot make it through the day without a drink. If you never start, you will never become addicted. Be wise (Proverbs 20:1).

I have given five good reasons a Christian should not drink. Can you, sincerely, give one reason a Christian “should” drink? If a Christian should not drink, then I affirm that he “cannot” drink with God’s blessing. Please seriously consider the reasons a Christian should not drink!

Spiritual Nutrition Kevin Cauley

If you've watched the news any time lately, you've probably been aware of the new "epidemic" in our country. This epidemic isn't caused by a virus; it isn't caused by a bacteria; it isn't caused by any "disease" at all. The new epidemic in our country, say the experts, is obesity. We are being told that we have a fat problem and that our society needs to do something about it! Much of our problem, say the experts, stems from poor nutrition: an imbalance in our diet, too much sugar and fat and not enough fiber and healthy foods like fruits and vegetables. Another problem, they say, is that we eat too much and as a result of overeating we multiply pound upon pound. What is your source of nutrition? Are you healthy?

In contrast to our burgeoning physical waistlines, we are spiritually wasting away. Spiritually, we need to have a balanced diet as well; we need less spiritual sugar and fat; we need more spiritually healthy choices. It isn't easy to give up a diet of sugar and fat, after all, they taste so good! Similarly, it isn't easy to divorce ourselves from spiritual sugar and fat (i.e. the "feel good" approach to spirituality). So, how can we improve our spiritual diet?

First, we need a daily serving of prayer. We begin to grow weak spiritually when we think that we are self-sufficient and have no need to depend upon God. A daily serving of prayer is packed with the daily essential vitamins of humility, selflessness, and thankfulness. We need these to fight off the potential bulge of pride, selfishness, and arrogance. Paul wrote, "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

Second, we need a heaping portion of God's word. Every day we make decisions in our relationships that affect our family, friends, coworkers and acquaintances. We need nourishment of God's word to guide us in such decisions. We also face temptation of one sort or another and we need the fortification of God's word to help us to overcome. Jesus quoted scripture to Satan when he was tempted and we know that God's word will help us overcome temptation (Psalm 119:11).

Third, we need a regular dose of service to others. There are many around us who need help. It's not enough for us to sit back and relax and wait for them to come to us. We need to be active in going out and seeing how we can help others. Galatians 5:13 says, "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another." Exercising service in our life will keep us spiritually fit.

Finally, we need to pour ourselves several cups of a good attitude. Attitude makes all the difference in our daily walk with God. Regardless what we may believe, we have complete control over our attitude regardless how things are going in life and we must conform our attitude toward God's will. What must we do? Show love toward our fellow man, exercise patience, practice longsuffering and generously give forgiveness to those around us. Jesus said, "In your patience possess ye your souls" (Luke 21:19). We need constantly drink from the water of life to help our attitudes!

So many in today's spiritual world want to satiate themselves with spiritual soda pop and candy. And while there certainly isn't anything wrong with having soda pop or candy on certain occasions, a regular diet of it will cause sickness and mal-health. Such is also true spiritually; spiritual fast food may taste good at first, but cannot ultimately satisfy. Exercising spiritually healthy choices, however, will maintain a healthy spiritual life and fortify us with the basic essential spiritual nutrients. This will go a long way toward our spiritual health and well-being.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADS TO LEADERS PHOTOS NEEDED

If you have any photos from any Chapman Events – please get to Karen Yancey. Need for Lads To Leaders Scrapbook.

5th Sunday - January 29th
Fellowship meal (potluck) after morning service. Evening service at 1:30 PM conducted by Chapman young men.

PROGRAMS OF WORK

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Ina Ruth Harris & Family, Janie Chapman

•**TEST:** Vel Chapman

•**INJURY:** Sydney Yancey (broke fingers)

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

•**CANCER:** Betty Faye Ledbury, Chester Smith, 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).