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Announcements

Dale Vandygriff

Song Leader

Keith Newby

Scripture Reading

Mason McAlister

Opening Prayer

Michiel Criswell (A.M.)

Gene Yancey (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Terry Chapman (A.M.)

David Smith (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Brad McAlister

Count and Usher

Rickey Loveless & Brock Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Tripp Yancey (03/01/23)

OUR RECORD

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Sunday Bible Study: 89

Sunday Morning Worship: 115

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Wednesday Night Bible Study: 89

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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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RENEWING YOUR MIND

By Mark Lindley

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:1-2).

In this text, the apostle Paul calls on Christians to be "transformed." The Greek term translated "transformed" means "to change from one form into another." It is the same word from which we get metamorphosis, a term that refers to the changing of a caterpillar into a butterfly. So, in effect, this verse says, "Be changed from one form into another."

After instructing us to "be changed," Paul then reveals how this transformation occurs. Notice again: "And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." In order for us to change our lives, we first have to renew the mind.

The renewing of the mind begins when one first obeys the Gospel and thereby becomes a Christian. However, renewing the mind is something that is an on-going work; it is a work that will not end until one leaves this world. We must constantly give attention to this because there are so many things of the world which may confuse and distract our minds from things which are spiritual. Sinful pleasures, money and materialism, relationship problems, or just the daily cares of life can become the main emphasis of our lives. We can spend so much time thinking about these matters that "being transformed" and changing our actions is impossible. If there are things we want to change about our personal conduct and character, we must renew the mind.

Changing bad habits, breaking addictions, changing our personal conduct and character are not easy because renewing the mind is so challenging. It may take time for a renewed mind to be obtained so that behavior can be changed. Paul wrote, "That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (Ephesians 4:22-24). Keep putting on the new man is the point.

Begin today "seeking those things above" (Colossians 3:1-2). Set your mind on things which are spiritual. Meditate upon God's Word. Seek God and develop a desire to please Him. Think on things which are high and holy (Philippians 4:8). Whatever your struggles are, you can "be changed by the renewing of your mind." Don't give up.

THOU SHALT NOT KILL

James Pilgrim

Shortly after creation, “Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.” (Genesis 4:8, 25). Cain murdered his brother. Why? Because Abel did well, and Cain did not. (Genesis 4:3-7). God rebuked and punished Cain for his evil action. (Genesis 4:7, 10-14). In Genesis 9:6, God said, “Whoso sheddeth man’s blood, by man shall his blood be shed:....” When God gave the law to Israel through Moses, He said, “Thou shalt not kill.” (Deuteronomy 5:1-6, 17; Exodus 20:1-6, 13). They were not to murder others. Some killing was not wrong. For example, accidental killing was not wrong. (Numbers 35:11-15). The premeditated murderer was to be killed at God’s command. (Numbers 35:16-19). Read the entire 35th chapter of Deuteronomy and Joshua 20. Killing of one who killed another was not wrong; it was God’s will. (Genesis 9:6). Cf. Exodus 21:12ff.

The first covenant, the old law was abolished. (2 Corinthians 3; Colossians 2:14-16; Hebrews 8:6-13). However, in the New Testament, the second covenant (Hebrews 8:6-13; 9:15) the Lord forbade killing. (Romans 13:9; James 2:11).

Based upon Joshua 20, Deuteronomy 35, and Romans 15:4, one would rightly conclude that accidental killing would not be a sin, while premeditated killing would be murder, and, therefore, wrong.

With these things in mind, there are a number of things to consider. First, is the aborting of little living babies in the womb premeditated murder??? If not, what else could it be called??? Why is it not as punishable as one who kills a person who has been born. With what is a parent charged who kills his/her 1-day old child? How can a society consistently sentence one to death who murders a post-birth child, yet hold one guiltless who murders a pre-born child???

Second, Russia’s evil ruler, Putin, is having people murdered daily in his own country (dissenters) and in Ukraine (in the name of war). People are sentenced to death for murdering one (1) person in many places. At Putin’s orders many have been murdered during his war against the Ukrainian people. Yet, the world just looks on, or talks about it. Cf. 1 John 3:22.

Third, let us “save a soul from death.” (James 5:20). The elders and Mark have asked **EACH** of us to be more evangelistic. What is the difference in **not trying** to save souls and either of the above??? **PRAYER: May each of us try to save others as we pray for one another’s success in so doing.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEN’S BREAKFAST ***FEBRUARY 25th at 8 AM***

Chapman Fellowship Hall

DOORS OPEN: 6:30 AM

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numerical growth for the
Chapman Congregation in 2023.

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SICK SUNDAY: Wilma Wood

HOSPITAL: Gerohn Childs

HAVING SURGERY: Angela Bridges, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

SURGERY RECOVERY: Loxlee Eaton, Karen Yancey

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Theo Smith, Joanie Kate Reese, Olivia Pounders, Joe Clark, Louise Pannell (Sharon’s Mother), Malone Hurt, Gerohn Childs, Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, George Doss, Thad Berryman, Hannah Perry & Baby, Juanita Michael

CANCER: Billy McBryde, George Doss (Kelly Brewer’s Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley’s Aunt), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman’s Son-in-law), Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Johnnie Carpenter, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Steve Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler’s Son-in-law), Betty Faye Ledbury

SHUT-INS: *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer #204, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis *Resthaven:* Johnnie Carpenter

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