

February 27, 2022

**Announcements**

Larry Wood

**Song Leader**

Brad McAlister

**Scripture Reading**

Bobby Bridges

**Opening Prayer**

John Hopper (A.M.)  
Rickey Cissom (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Terry Chapman (A.M.)  
Rickey Loveless (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Tim McMillin

**Count and Usher**

Tommy Wade & David Smith

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Brice Lindley (03/02/22)

**OUR RECORD**

**February 20, 2022**

Sunday Bible Study: 87  
Sunday Morning Worship: 105  
Sunday Evening Worship: 85  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 73

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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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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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Loveless, Chris Moore, Kevin Shackelford,  
Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

**WISDOM FROM JOHN PRIOLA**

James Pilgrim

The writer has been blessed to sit at the feet of some of the brotherhoods best gospel preachers. He is so proud of the faithfulness of Mark Lindley when at home. His study, content, and manner of delivery are thrilling. Robert R. Taylor, Jr., Guy N. Woods, Franklin Camp, B. J. Clarke, Wendell Winkler, Winfred Clark, Gus Nicholls, and others have taught him so much in gospel meetings and in other venues. In preparing a sermon, the writer was reminded of one of his favorites, John G. Priola. John and he worked with the West Concord Church of Christ together. A number of John's thoughts were written in the margins of a Bible the writer used at the time. Consider and learn from some of John's comments. A question mark indicates a failure to read or post a date.

On the first blank page of his Bible, he wrote, "The trouble with trouble is that it never starts out as trouble." (11-14-93). "Every person is responsible for his own action; however, by my action, I may influence another's action." (?). "Success is dependent upon persistence." (?). "A Christian does not have some of the things the world does because he has different priorities" (?). "It is a shame that Balaam could speak as Balaam spoke and not as Balaam acted." (2-7-94). "The Bible will not let you down." (12-12-90). I believe he gave Psalm 8:8 as an example of this. "Joseph lived in Egypt 93 years, but Egypt did not live in Joseph." (5-10-92). I believe he followed this comment by saying, We are in the world, but the world must not be in us.

In preaching on Cain and Abel, John observed, "It is not enough to worship; we must be right or acceptable. John 4:24 (?). John's concluding thoughts on the book of Exodus, "The book which began in gloom (slavery, persecution), ends in glory." (7-25-93). Commenting on 1 Corinthians 15:33, "You are with the wrong person if that person makes it harder for you to do what God wants you to do." (6-1-97). "The things that really count in life are things that cannot be counted." (?).

What a thrill it was to work with and enjoy the fellowship of John and Donna Priola and family, and to enjoy the same with Mark and Kim Lindley and their family. They were and are such inspirations to the Pilgrim family and to the Church. Any who miss heaven will do so in spite of the work of these families.

## 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.

### Should We Preach Jesus and Ignore Doctrine?

Dan Jenkins

Sometimes we hear individuals say, "Why should we be so concerned about doctrine? We should just preach Jesus and ignore doctrine. Preaching doctrine creates division, but preaching Jesus will bring unity." Those who say these things often are motivated to bring about harmony among those who follow Jesus, but we must begin by asking, "What does the Bible teach about the importance of doctrine?" Think about all you would have to give up if you never preached doctrine.

If I gave up all doctrine, I could never preach about Jesus' resurrection. When Paul was teaching in the marketplace in Athens he proclaimed the resurrection of Jesus. He was taken to the Acropolis where he was questioned by the Greek philosophers. They said, "May we know what this new doctrine is of which you speak" (Acts 17:18-19)?

If I gave up all doctrine, I could never preach about the sermon on the mount. Matthew devoted three chapters to this amazing lesson taught by Jesus. It is filled with moral teachings like the beatitudes, Christian influence as salt and light, loving our neighbors, humility in prayer, the goodness of God in His providence, the Golden Rule, etc. "When Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at His doctrine; for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes" (Matt. 7:28-29). If I cannot preach doctrine, I cannot preach the sermon on the mount!

If I gave up all doctrine, I could never preach about the parables of Jesus. Mark described the preaching of Jesus. "And He taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in His doctrine . . ." (Mark 4:2). Jesus spoke more than 30 parables, but I could not use them. I could not tell about the prodigal son, the good Samaritan, the pearl of great price, the wise builder, etc. How can I preach about Jesus without using His parables, but they are doctrine!

If I gave up all doctrine, I could never free men from sin. Paul described the salvation of the Romans using these words, "But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17-18). If the heartfelt obedience to doctrine brought freedom from sin, how can anyone, who loves the lost, minimize the preaching of doctrine?

Take time to use your concordance to read all the Bible says about doctrine. Do this with a sincere heart and you will never again speak of separating Jesus from doctrine. Take time to study the Bible, it's not that hard to understand!

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:* Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Claris Gene Vandygriff (Wayne's Sister-in-law), and Pete Crum.

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

**SICK:** Jimmy and Doris Williford, Parker & Mason McAlister, Wilma Wood

### HOSPITAL:

Josh Sanderson, Richard Jeter, Trent Eaton (Jackson,MS)

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