

March 6, 2022

Announcements
Kevin Shackelford

Song Leader
John Hopper

Scripture Reading
Tim McMillin

Opening Prayer
Jeff Brewer (A.M.)
Wayne Vandygriff (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Bobby Bridges (A.M.)
James Pilgrim (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Mickey Chandler

Count and Usher
Bryan Davis & Michiel Criswell

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Mason McAlister (03/09/22)

OUR RECORD

February 27, 2022

Sunday Bible Study: 82
Sunday Morning Worship: 108
Sunday Evening Worship: 75
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 80

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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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Be Careful About Condemning

By Dan Gulley

Some people assert the mistaken notion none of us ever has a right to judge anyone for anything. But I've noticed they will quickly judge you as judgmental if you do! The non-judgers attempt to bolster that erroneous view by quoting Jesus in Matthew 7:1: "Judge not, that you be not judged." The Lord did say that, and He meant it. But many who quote Jesus here don't mean what He meant. How so? They quote only part of His teaching and divorce it from the clear and forceful verses that follow. Read Matthew 7 verses 1-6 to get the full context of the "do not judge" statement.

As you do it becomes clear that the judging Jesus forbids is a hypercritical spirit — religious speck-inspectors who make it their business to go around gouging in other people's eyes (lives), condemning others for the tiny specks that are, indeed, there. Meanwhile the hyper-critic has a floor joist sticking out of his own eye! What a word picture to help us understand we ought not to put ourselves in charge of micro-managing other people's lives, carelessly condemning their tiny faults with no consideration of major faults in our own lives. And yet you will note Jesus turns right around and calls on us in this same text to do some judging. We have to judge if a fault is a "speck" or a "plank" (vs 3-5). And, according to verse 6, we have to judge whether someone is a "dog" or a "swine" as we discuss spiritual truth with them (read the text)! Meanwhile in John 7:24 Jesus said this: "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment." The idea that we ought not to ever judge anybody for anything is a judgment in itself, but not a right one. What Jesus taught is that we ought not to be hyper-critical, eager to condemn others.

An incident involving a woman caught in adultery in John 8:1-11 reminds us of the need to judge like Jesus and be slow to condemn. Scribes and Pharisees in that text wanted to stone the woman. After all, she was guilty of adultery, and Moses' law said she ought to be stoned. But Jesus challenged the one who was without sin to throw the first stone, and the Bible said that one by one they were convicted by their own conscience and walked away.

Jesus Himself acknowledged the woman was guilty when He told her to "go and sin no more" — but in mercy He also told her He would not condemn her. He later died on a cross so that neither she nor those so eager to condemn her would have to be condemned. (Romans 8:1). An anonymous poem challenges us to be careful about condemning — I was shocked, confused, bewildered As I entered Heaven's door, Not by the beauty of it all, By the lights or its decor. But it was the folks in heaven Who made me sputter and gasp, People I knew wouldn't make it, People I considered trash. There stood the kid from 7th grade Who swiped my lunch money twice. Next to him my mean old neighbor Who never said anything nice. Leroy, who I always thought, Was rotting away in hell, Was sitting pretty on cloud nine, Looking incredibly well. I asked Jesus, "What's the deal? I want to hear Your take - How'd all these sinners get up here? God must have made a mistake. And why's everyone so quiet, So somber. Please give me a clue." He said, "Hush, child, they're all in shock. No one thought they'd see you."

"There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?" (James 4:12)

Can I Borrow Your Rope?

By Bob Prichard

A farmer came and asked his neighbor if he could borrow his rope. The neighbor said, "No, I can't let you borrow it."

"Why not," he replied.

"Because I'm using it to tie up my milk."

"But you can't tie up milk with a rope."

"I know, but when you don't want to do something, one excuse is as good as another."

As a preacher, I often hear excuses from people for why they don't want to do something, and very often they fall in the category of "tying up milk." I had a teacher in high school who really stressed to us that there is a *big* difference between an excuse and a reason. If you came into his class and said, "My excuse for being late is ...," or "My excuse for not having my homework done is ...," he would say, "I don't want an excuse, I want a reason!"

Have you been planning to get back in church, read your Bible more, or be baptized? Have you been planning to start coming on Sunday nights or Wednesday nights? Have you been planning to volunteer to teach a class, work with VBS or do something else you should do? Do you have a reason, or an excuse for not doing what you should do?

Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). He puts it pretty plainly doesn't He? There it is in black and white. You may make all the excuses you want to, but if you are not obeying the Lord, you don't love Him. Is it time to take some action?

"And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great" (Luke 6:46-49).

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- Each member has a deep concern for the lost.
- Each member enters into the worship service with much feeling and enthusiasm.
- Each member is interested in an aggressive Bible School program.
- Each teacher is interested in improving his or her teaching ability.
- Each elder and deacon is dedicated to the work.
- Each member is personally involved in the work.
- Each member is willing to purpose and give as he or she has been prospered.
- Each member lets brotherly love express itself to every other member.
- Each member is willing to truthfully say, "Here am I Lord, send me."

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