

March 11, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Ross Shackelford

Song Leader

J C Newby

Scripture Reading

Palmer Jones

Opening Prayer

Bryan Davis (A.M.) Danny Shackelford (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Ricky Cissom (A.M.) Brock Lindley (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Joel Moore (Presiding),

Randel Koon, Jordan Staggs, Logan Yancey

Count and Usher

Tom Wade & Devin McVey

Prepare Communion

Rita Smith & Lauren Smith

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Mason McAlister (03/14/18)

OUR RECORD

March 4, 2018

Sunday Bible Study: 124

Sunday Morning Worship: 135

Sunday Evening Worship: 115

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 97

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,341

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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

REASONS TO BELIEVE IN JESUS Mark Lindley

All who desire salvation from sin must believe in Jesus. Jesus, himself, taught this: "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24). The ultimatum is clear: a sinner must believe in Jesus or be lost.

But "what" are we to believe about Jesus? In the verse cited, notice that Jesus said "if ye believe not that I am he," ye shall die in your sins. The meaning of Jesus' statement is that we must believe he is the promised Messiah of the Old Testament (Genesis 3:15; 12:1-3; John 5:46-47). This is equivalent to believing that Jesus is the Son of God (Hebrews 1:4-6).

But why should anyone believe that Jesus is the Son of God? First, we should believe Jesus is the Son of God, the promised Savior of the Old Testament, because of what the Bible teaches about him. In the Old Testament are hundreds of promises and prophecies about the Christ who was to come. For example, it was predicted that Jesus would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14). This prophecy was made hundreds of years before the birth of Christ. Matthew tells us that the prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus (Matthew 1:21-23). If this were the only prophecy contained in Scripture, this would be sufficient to prove that Jesus was no ordinary person. To be virgin-born is to enter the world in a miraculous way. But, the fact is there are hundreds of such prophecies, all of which have been fulfilled in the life, ministry, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Christ. That is a good reason to believe in Jesus!

Second, I believe in Jesus because of the truth of his resurrection. Jesus predicted that after his death on the cross, he would rise again the third day (Matthew 16:21). After Jesus was arrested, the disciples were scattered abroad and forsook Jesus (Matthew 26:56). But after three days, something changed. The disciples who had forsaken Christ now began to boldly proclaim that he had been raised from the dead. On the day of Pentecost, they declared that they were "witnesses" to the resurrected Christ (Acts 2:32). This conviction was so strong that the disciples were willing to die for their beliefs. If the disciples had been lying, the Jews could have produced the body of Christ, disproving the claim that Jesus arose. However, the Jews did not produce the body because they did not have the body. They were embarrassed that the tomb of Christ was empty. They guarded the tomb carefully; yet, the third day Jesus arose! Many people have attempted to disprove the resurrection account, but no one has ever been successful. Consequently, over 2 billion people still believe that Jesus was raised the third day! That is a good reason to believe in Jesus!

Owe No One Anything J.S. Smith

In this modern age credit has exploded. Most everyone has a wallet full of charge cards, from banks, department stores, and oil companies. There is nothing inherently immoral about this, and yet to many those little plastic devils are a grave temptation that enables their discontentment and addiction to things.

Paul wrote the Romans to "Owe no one anything except to love one another" (13:8). This passage is not outlawing all debt, for other passages seem to regulate the practice. As Clinton Hamilton writes in his commentary on Romans, "One may have incurred a debt which if due in the present must be paid because that is the appointed time for it to be paid. Until that point, it is not due. One must not be in arrears in the payment of a debt" (Romans, page 725).

Paul is telling us not to get in situations in which we cannot pay a debt when it is due. Credit cards, mortgages, and car loans have the potential to get people in exactly that situation.

The answer to credit trouble, unfortunately, is usually more credit. Carry the balance; take out a second mortgage, whatever it takes. Revolving credit can be a bottomless pit. The over-extension of credit often leads to bankruptcy, in which a man's creditors are usually paid only a small percentage of what they are owed.

This is immoral and a violation of Romans 13:8. Yet the vile seeds were sown long before, when we thought we could be happy if we only had more things.

The problem is more fundamental than a lack of possessions; it is a lack of contentment. Learn how to enjoy life with what you can afford and when more comes, you will appreciate it better (Phil. 4:11). Credit is not always bad, but if it is a substitute for godly contentment, you will regret it all the way to hell.



UPCOMING EVENTS

REMINDER:
SUNDAY EVENING TIME – 2:00 PM

CHAPMAN GOSPEL MEETING March 18 – 21, 2018 Billy Smith, Freed Hardeman

10:00 a.m. Sunday Bible Study
10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship:
Fellowship Meal to Follow

2:00 p.m. Sunday Evening:
"AREA-WIDE
YOUTH EVENING"

Bro. Smith will focus on our youth and we will have Ice Cream Sundaes following services in the fellowship building.

7:00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday
Evening

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Glad to have **Susan Yancey** back with us.

•**SICK:** Johnny Cissom, Daxten McVey, Lauren Carter, Tavin Fitzgerald, Sharon Pannell

•**TEST:** Roxieann Foster, Danny Yancey, Martha Mauney

•**HOSPITAL:** Joanie Kate Reese (Tupelo), Nina Morrison (Tupelo)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Venie Holbrook, Cortney Cissom, Tony & Jane Morrison, Juanita Mauney, David Young, Bobbie Prather, Sandra Hopper, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Connie Mauney, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Danny Yancey, Lana Waldon, Diane Hodges, Bobby White, Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves, Johnny Johnson, Betty Faye Ledbury, Chester Smith, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, Doug Pannell, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno.

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: **Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter** (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).