

March 13, 2022

Announcements
Kevin Shackelford

Song Leader
John Hopper

Scripture Reading
Danny Shackelford

Opening Prayer
Randell Koon (A.M.)
David Smith (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Ricky Cissom (A.M.)
Brad McAlister (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Tommy Wade

Count and Usher
Bryan Davis & Michiel Criswell

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Tripp Yancey (03/16/22)

OUR RECORD

March 6, 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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KILL VLADIMIR PUTIN TODAY! James Pilgrim

There have been a number of calls by government officials, news reporters, and private citizens to assassinate Russia's leader, Vladimir Putin, for a number of things he has done, including what appears to be a number of war crimes, especially in the Ukraine. Based upon Biblical definitions, Mr. Putin is an evil or sinful man. (Romans 1:18-32; Revelation 21:8; Colossians 3:5). If he continues in the path he is going, unrepentant, he will exist eternally "in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." (Revelation 21:8; 20:14; Matthew 7:23; 25:41).

There is no doubt that Vladimir Putin needs to be replaced. However, murdering him is not the Biblical answer. Brother Lindley had an excellent lesson Sunday afternoon on Colossians 3:1-4. Among a number of things, he enlightened and/or informed each of us who have been saved (Colossians 1:2) that we should "seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." (Colossians 1:1). What a wonderful world we could enjoy if all did what he taught from Colossians 3:1-4. Jesus is coming again. (Colossians 3:4). We should be ready. (Colossians 3:5).

God led the Israelites in war against evil people under the Old Testament. Eg. Read Joshua. However, as evil as the Roman Empire was, God did not lead or admonish His people, the saved, to assassinate either of their leaders. The Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:20, 21) moved Paul to tell God's people to "mortify", Greek, NEKROO, "to deaden, i.e. (fig.) to subdue:--de dead, mortify." (Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, Page 692). Paul sought to teach evil rulers. (Eg. Acts 26). Mr. Putin needs to be converted to Jesus Christ. His thinking needs to be put to death, not his body. Read verse 5. If the inside is not sold on Jesus and His higher way, such things as wars will result. Good people do not kill the innocent, especially the harmless. Would the world be on alert if Mr. Putin had been converted and was following what is often called the golden rule? (Matthew 7:12). NO!!! All are paying the price of the consequences of sin. Let the man live to face a trial for his crimes. Seek to put his evil thoughts to death. Pray that he and all others, as Isaiah pled with Israel, will "seek...the Lord while he may be found..." (Isaiah 55:6).

Yes! Allow Mr. Putin to live. Kill his evil reasoning, convert him, and pray that he will from today forward "delight in the law of the Lord" (Psalm 1:2), leading his people in paths of righteousness. (Psalm 23:3). James Pilgrim

The Abundant Life

By Sam Willcut

Only one person would dare say the following words:

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is a hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. [John 10:9-16]

What is the abundant life about which Jesus teaches in John 10:10? Is it the vibrant, spiritual life that Christians are now living? As Christians, it is true that we can have abundant lives under the grace of God: *“And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ”* (Rom. 15:29).

Nevertheless, did not people live full, satisfying lives before Jesus came? Consider Abel (Heb. 11:4). While his life would not be quantitative, it certainly was qualitative. Consider Enoch (Heb. 11:5).

According to Genesis 5:21, he lived 65 full years, and then after Methuselah, his son, was born, he lived another three hundred years on this earth. Consider Abraham (Heb. 11:8-19). Moses recorded his death in Genesis 25:8: *“Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people”* (Gen. 25:8). In other words, the Bible concludes that he lived a full life! In fact, he is the only one that the Bible lists as *“the friend of God”* (2 Chron. 20:7; Isa. 41:8; James 2:23).

Therefore, what did Jesus mean? Was He simply talking about resurrection? No, I do not believe that He was, because resurrections had already taken place. In First Kings 17, Elijah raised the son of the widow of Zarephath back to life, and in Second Kings 4, Elisha raised the son of the Shunammite woman back to life.

In fact, people back in those days knew something better was coming in the future. Although all these lived full, abundant lives, they knew there was something better (Heb. 11:32-35). Jesus came to bring a better resurrection!

First, the prophets resurrected those two boys with the same body they had before; Jesus is going to do better than that (1 Cor. 15:42-57). This is the better resurrection that Jesus came to bring. In ways unexplainable, I will look like Him (Psa. 17:15; Phil. 3:20-21). All I do know is that I am looking for that better resurrection!

Second, their resurrection was temporary—they had to die again (Lazarus and others included—John 11:43-44; Matt. 27:51-53). This is not what Jesus came to bring (2 Tim. 1:10; Rom. 6:9; Rev. 1:17-18).

Therefore, Jesus came to bring the abundant life in two ways. First, He will get me out of this fleshly life and give me a life that will never end. Second, He will get me out of sin into a full, satisfying life in Him! Thanks be unto God for this abundant life!



UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPMAN
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Monday, March 14th at 6PM
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IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Trent Eaton and Ferrell Mathis.

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

SICK: Jimmy Williford, Hannah Hill,
Scotty Chapman, Pat Wade

HOSPITAL:
Cortney Cissom (Kidney Transplant)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Junior Derrick,
Jane Morrison, Patti Hall, George Doss,
Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell,
Jimmy & Thad Berryman

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Steve Barnes (Mickey & Gail
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