

March 31, 2024

Announcements
Kevin Shackelford

Song Leader
Larry Wood

Scripture Reading
Rickey Cissom

Opening Prayer
Tommy Wade (A.M.)
Young Men (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Brock Lindley A.M.)
Young Men (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Rickey Loveless

Count and Usher
Michiel Criswell & Jimmy Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Brice Lindley (04/03/24)

OUR RECORD March 24, 2024

Sunday Bible Study: 93
Sunday Morning Worship: 107
Sunday Evening Worship: 76
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 87

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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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BAPTIZED AFTER MIDNIGHT Mark Lindley

The book of Acts provides examples of how sinners were saved in the first century. By studying and learning what sinners did in the first century to be saved, we also learn how sinners can be saved today. Therefore, we should give careful attention to the examples of conversion in the book of Acts.

One of the examples provided is that of the Philippian jailor (Acts 16). Within the context of Acts chapter 16, Paul and Silas entered the city of Philippi and began teaching the gospel (vv.12ff). Some in the city opposed the teaching of the gospel and brought Paul and Silas before the rulers of the city (v.19). It was then that Paul and Silas were stripped of their clothing, beaten, and thrown into prison (vv.22-24). About midnight, there was an earthquake that shook the foundation of the prison and caused the prison doors to open (vv.25-26). The jailor, very disturbed and thinking that the prisoners had escaped, was about to take his own life (v.27)..

But Paul and Silas intervened, saying, “Do thyself no harm: for we are all here” (v.28). The jailor then came before Paul and Silas and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” (v.30). Paul and Silas responded: “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house” (v.31). However, it appears that the jailor did not know “what” to believe about Christ; so, Paul and Silas taught him “the word of the Lord” (v.32). Having learned about Christ, the jailor apparently believed the message, washed the wounds of Paul and Silas, and “was baptized, he and all his, straightway” (v.33).

When the jailor was instructed to be baptized, he did it immediately, sometime after midnight. Why not wait for a more convenient time to be baptized? Why not do it the next day or next week? Why do it in the darkness of night?

It is important to consider these questions and to reflect on the time of the jailor’s baptism. The reason the jailor was baptized “the same hour of the night,” (after midnight) was that he understood baptism is necessary for salvation (Acts 2:38; 22:16; I Peter 3:21)! He wanted to be saved “then” (II Cor.6:2). He didn’t want to live in sin any longer. Therefore, he was baptized that his sins might be forgiven (Romans 6:1-4).

Now consider this. Many people today teach that baptism is not essential to salvation. If they had taught the jailor, they might have encouraged him to wait to be baptized. But Paul and Silas taught the man the urgency of baptism. Therefore, the jailor obeyed immediately!

This point reveals the difference between Bible baptism and denominational baptism. In scripture, baptism is viewed as essential and urgent (Acts 2:37-38; 8:36-39; 22:16). In many Protestant churches, baptism is considered “important” but not essential to salvation.

Question: If baptism is not essential to salvation, why was the jailor baptized after midnight? That is a question worth considering

Showing Everyday Faith

by: Edd Sterchi

* The respect you show God and His Word on Sundays says a lot about your faith in Him.

* The attitude you show the world on Mondays says a lot about your faith in God.

* How much time you spend reading your Bible and in prayer on Tuesdays says a lot about your faith in God.

* The number of brethren you visit with on Wednesdays says a lot about your faith in God.

* The opportunities and resources you utilize in helping the needy on Thursdays says a lot about your faith in God.

* The amount of energy and frequency you use teaching/telling others about Jesus on Fridays says a lot about your faith in God.

* Where you go and what you do on Saturdays says a lot about your faith in God.

Now, I realize that all of these pertain to every aspect of our Christianity every day. I just thought it would be a way to help us realize that we are to take up our cross daily and follow Jesus (Luke 9:23). Do you sacrifice for Christ daily as Paul did (1 Cor. 15:31)?

True

by: H. L. Graowith

You can't be ev'rything to ev'ryone these days it seems,

So just do ev'rything you can to be what you should be;

Just live and love and hope and pray and do your very best

To stand up through the storms of life and be up to the test.

Look up to Him Who died for you and watches from on high,

And always try to do the things that you know to be right,

He'll help you anyway He can, if help is what you need;

But from some troubles you should know you never will be freed.

And such is as it should be, for we all must live and learn

There's always something off somewhere for which some heart will yearn;

When you quit yearning you quit living, so you see my friend:

Your life is just one long pursuit of nothing but its end.

The most important thing you'll do in this life is die right,

The only way you'll do that is by walking in the Light.

So be there for the ones you love and help them on their way,

And make decisions that are right; those are the dues we pay.

You can't be ev'rything to ev'ryone don't even try,

Just be the person you should be until the day you die.

Just live and love and hope and pray and do your very best

To stand up through the storms of life and be up to the test...

UPCOMING EVENTS

FIFTH SUNDAY

March 31, 2024

10 AM Bible Study

10:45 AM Worship

12 Noon Fellowship Meal

12:30 PM Easter Egg Hunt

– *bring filled plastic eggs*

1:30 PM Evening Service

Conducted by Young Men

SPRING BRING

April 14, 2024

10 AM Bible Study

10:45 AM Worship

12 Noon Fellowship Meal

1:30 PM Evening Service

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

SICK SUNDAY: Terry Chapman, Jane Morrison, Juan Stroupe, Tavin Fitzgerald

SURGERY RECOVERY: Ramonia McAlister (Brad's Mother)

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Joanie Kate Reese, Everett Hurt, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

CANCER:) Tiny Willis, Dorothy Hopper (John's Mother) Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley's Aunt), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman's Son-in-law), Loxlee Eaton, David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

SHUT-INS: *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Joe Clark

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