

April 2, 2023

Announcements
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John Hopper

Scripture Reading
Gene Yancey

Opening Prayer
Bobby Bridges (A.M.)
Mickey Chandler (P.M.)

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

Lord's Table
Brad McAlister

Count and Usher
David Smith & Jimmy Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Mason McAlister (04/05/23)

OUR RECORD

March 26, 2023

Sunday Bible Study: 95
Sunday Morning Worship: 114
Sunday Evening Worship 89
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 85

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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 BIBLE DOES NOT FORBID IT” By Mark Lindley

Most people professing to be Christians would agree that we should do what the Bible says. When a religious discussion takes place at work among those who declare they are Christians, inevitably, the Bible is mentioned. The fact that the Bible is mentioned in the context of such conversations indicates that most people who affirm they are Christians understand that the Bible is the religious standard to be followed in all our beliefs and practices. In fact, every person I know who says, “I am a Christian,” would agree that we should do what the Bible says.

However, not all agree that we should refrain from doing what the Bible does “not” say. To the contrary, those who insist they are Christians often allege that if the Bible does not specifically condemn a belief or practice then that belief or practice is acceptable to God. In other words, if “the Bible does not forbid it,” then we can engage in that practice with assurance that God is pleased.

But is this doctrine true? All evidence from Scripture indicates that this doctrine is false. Do you remember the account of Nadab and Abihu, recorded in Leviticus 10:1-2? “And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.” Please observe from this passage that Nabad and Abihu offered a type of fire that God had “not” commanded. They could have argued, “God’s law does not forbid it,” but that reasoning would not have been acceptable to God. The Lord expected these men to offer the type of fire that “was” commanded.

When God commands us to do something, He does not have to rule out all the things we are not to do. This is a common-sense principle we live by every day. If a teacher says, “Do the homework assignment on page 34,” does she then have to say, “Not the assignment on page 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, etc.? Would it be necessary for the teacher to rule out all other possible homework assignments? No, of course not. By this same logic, when God commands us to do something, He means what He says and does not have to specifically exclude all things we are not to do. “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him” (Colossians 3:17). Let us respect what God says and does “not” say.

BE THE ONE James Pilgrim

In a previous lesson we wrote of not being the one to leave the Lord for whatever reason. This lesson is designed to encourage each reader to Be The One to do the Lord's will faithfully to the end.

Be The One to die like the faithful apostle Paul. He said, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them that love his appearing." (2 Timothy 4:6-8). You can die with and in the same confidence if you are as faithful as Paul was.

Be The One to "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." (1 Corinthians 11:1). Verse 2 tells one how this may be accomplished: "keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you." Be The One like Gaius, whose "soul prospereth" and who "doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers; which have borne witness of thy charity before the church:..." (3 John 1-8). It is believed that the church here has a good number of such people. If you are lacking in this area, begin this path today. Be The One who follows this course.

John said, "Demetrius hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true." (3 John 12). To have a good record of all men is something to have, but to have good report of the truth is indisputable, infallible truth. Add to all of this the record of the inspired writer, John. It just could not get any better than that.

Be the One in the church whose life is formed by this pattern. Would you Be The One to die for the cause of Christ, as did the faithful martyr, Antipas, rather than deny the faith? Cf. also. Acts 7, Stephen. Likely, both of these brethren could have saved their lives by compromising. However, they chose not to do so, but to serve the Lord, even if it meant death. Brethren, the signs are pointing more toward this happening in America than ever before. It has already happened in other parts of the world. Fortify your faith! Be ready to face whatever comes. Watch and pray and be ready for whatever comes (Matthew 24:42; 26:41), whether it be the Lord's return, your natural death, or martyrdom. Be The One, young or older who is "an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." (1 Timothy 4:12). J

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPMAN SPRING BRING APRIL 16TH

Meal following AM service
PM Service at 1:30PM

CHAPMAN 5TH SUNDAY APRIL 30TH

Meal following AM service
PM Service at 1:30PM

*A Plea For Prayers
Please pray for spiritual and
numerical growth for the
Chapman Congregation in 2023.*

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Theo Smith.

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

SICK SUNDAY: Pat Shackelford, Doris Williford, Janie Chapman

HOSPITAL: Cullen Loveless (Rickey's Father)

SURGERY RECOVERY: Jeff Brewer (Back)

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Joanie Kate Reese, Loxlee Eaton (6-yr old, Chris Lewellen's Granddaughter), Olivia Pounders, Joe Clark, Louise Pannell (Sharon's Mother), Malone Hurt, Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, George Doss, Thad Berryman, Hannah Perry & Baby, Juanita Michael

CANCER: Billy McBryde, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley's Aunt), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman's Son-in-law), Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Johnnie Carpenter, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Steve Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler's Son-in-law), Betty Faye Ledbury

SHUT-INS: *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer #204, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Gerohn Childs *Resthaven:* Johnnie Carpenter

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