

April 3, 2022

Announcements
Randell Koon

Song Leader
Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading
Bo Chapman

Opening Prayer
Bryan Davis (A.M.)
Keith Newby (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Mason McAlister (A.M.)
Terry Chapman (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Jarvene Shackelford

Count and Usher
Danny Shackelford & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Brock Lindley (04/06/22)

OUR RECORD

March 27, 2022

Sunday Bible Study: 84
Sunday Morning Worship: 102
Sunday Evening Worship: 92
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 89

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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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What Are You Talking About?

Dan Jenkins

So, what are the last words you say when you are leaving others? I find myself often ending a phone conversation with family members by saying, "Goodbye, I love you." Those words are not just meaningless words, but are intended to remind those who are so precious to me that I cherish them.

Thinking about this led me to wonder what parting words were used by the writers of the epistles. I actually was amazed when I took time to look into this matter. Some of them ended their letters by sending greetings or expressing expectations to see others soon, but there is one phrase used consistently by Paul in his writings. Before reading more about the answer to this question, what phrase or phrases did Paul use as he ended his letters?

Paul's parting words in his epistles. To the Corinthians, he said, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus" and "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ . . . be with you all" (1 Cor. 16:23-24; 2 Cor. 13:14). As he finished his letter to the churches of Galatia, he said, "Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit" (Gal. 6:18). He had preached in Ephesus for three years and ended the epistle to them by saying, "Grace be with all of those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity" (Eph. 6:24). To the Colossians, he said, "Grace be with you" (Col. 4:18). The apostle to the Gentiles ended both letters to the Thessalonians with "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you" (1 Thess. 5:28; 2 Thess. 3:18). He used the same words in the three epistles to younger preachers, "Grace be with you" (1 Tim. 6:21; 2 Tim. 4:22; Tit. 3:15). He finished that very personal letter to Philemon by saying, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit." The same idea is found in the last verse of Hebrews, "Grace be with you all."

Paul's emphasis on grace. Should there be any wonder as to why Paul magnified grace in his letters? He constantly had to deal with Judaizing teachers who tried to bind the law on Gentiles. Even more overwhelming was Paul's realization that he, the chief of sinners, had received grace from God. The remembrance of His grace is the prime motivation for spiritual maturity (2 Pet. 1:8-9). He never wanted those around him to lose sight of the grace of God.

The emphasis of your words. What words, not just the parting ones, do people hear you mentioning most often? Do they ever hear a spiritual emphasis, or is it always on secular matters? One could not be around Paul without hearing about grace. What do those around you hear from you?

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

“Will Your Children Go to Heaven?”

by Ron Readhimer

Church leaders all over the nation are concerned about the drop-out rate of young people. And well they should be. It is a tragic thing to see these precious boys and girls, who are so thrilled with Bible study as little people, grow cold and uninterested in the Lord's work as they grow older. Lately, several congregations have made in-depth studies of the factors leading to youth leaving the church, with an eye to learning what might be done to help solve this problem.

What do we need? More youth programs? More rallies? Special teachers? A great central truth has begun to emerge from these studies. Their faithfulness to Jesus doesn't have anything to do with special programs or teachers. It is not dependent on whether they are members of a large congregation or a small one. The single most important factor is their own immediate family.

One congregation found that when both parents were faithful to the Lord, and that includes active interest in the local congregation's programs, 93 percent of the children remained faithful. On the other hand, if only one parent was faithful, the figure dropped to 73 percent. Where both parents were only marginally active, it fell to 53 percent. Now comes the shocker—when both parents attended infrequently, six percent of their children remained faithful to the Lord.

Do you want your children to go to heaven? Then make certain you are leading them. The likelihood is they'll go no other way!

Adam grew up in the church. His parents were both Christians from the day he was born. He attended Sunday Bible class, his family went to worship God on Sunday mornings, Sunday nights, and then on Wednesday nights. They were a very happy Christian family. Then something happened. Adam started school and his mother started working. Homework, housework, cooking, sleeping, vacation, out-of-town visitors, television, and school activities all took over. It started with Adam and his parents missing Wednesday nights because “after all, the Bible doesn't say we have to attend on Wednesday nights.” Then when Adam entered Junior High, sports and homework took over and they missed an occasional Sunday night. Soon, they were missing every Sunday night. They were just too busy.

Adam's mother had too much to do. She couldn't get ready with all the kids to get ready also. Adam's dad came up with hundreds of excuses of why he didn't feel like going to worship God. “After all, Sunday morning is enough for anyone.” At least that's what Adam's parents thought.

Today Adam is in his 20's and never even goes to church. He stays home and watches TV or sleeps. He works late on Wednesday night and has too many things going on Sunday. **TODAY ADAM IS LOST!** His parents will have to live with that throughout eternity!

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:33).

-Mark Hammitt

UPCOMING EVENTS

**CHAPMAN
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Monday, April 11th at 6PM
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April 24, 2022 at 5 PM
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Remember count your blessings,
pray for our lost ones, the sick, the
world and the broken-hearted.

SICK: Jodie Criswell, Wilma Wood

HOSPITAL:

Cortney Cissom (Kidney
Transplant)

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

•**CANCER:** Kevin Clifton, Austin
Wentz, Steve Barnes (Mickey &
Gail Chandler's Son-in-law), Betty
Faye Ledbury, Tracy Simmons
(Shawna Jones' Sister-in-law)

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