

APRIL 8, 2018  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Randell Koon

**Song Leader**

Brad McAlister

**Scripture Reading**

Danny Shackelford

**Opening Prayer**

Chris Moore (A.M.) Keith Newby (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Michiel Criswell (A.M.) Larry Wood (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Britt Lindley (Presiding),

Rickey Loveless, Ross Shackelford, Eli Carter

**Count and Usher**

Joel Moore & David Smith

**Prepare Communion**

Janette Rickles & Romia Palmer

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Keith Newby (04/11/18)

**OUR RECORD**

April 1, 2018

Sunday Bible Study: 112

Sunday Morning Worship: 131

Sunday Evening Worship: 102

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 118

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$4,614

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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).



# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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Tommy Wade  
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Brad McAlister, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## BAPTISM AND SALVATION

Mark Lindley

Water baptism is a controversial topic that has been hotly debated over the years. Part of the controversy stems from the question, Is baptism necessary for salvation? While there are some who say that baptism is necessary, others maintain that baptism is not something that one must do to be saved.

To determine the truth about this issue, rather than getting angry and arguing, it would be far better to calmly open the Bible and simply read all that the Bible says about baptism. If one were putting a puzzle together, finding where one piece fits would help. However, until all the pieces are examined and placed, one cannot complete the puzzle. The same is true about looking at all verses pertaining to salvation and baptism.

When one looks at all the verses in which salvation and baptism are mentioned, one will find that salvation always comes “after” baptism, and not before it. Consider the following: “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:16). Notice that the “he” who shall be “saved” is the he who believes “and” is baptized. “Saved” comes after “baptized,” not before it.

Peter stated to the Jews on the day of Pentecost, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” (Acts 2:38). Please notice the order of this verse. First, Peter commanded the people to repent; second, he commanded them to be baptized; and, third, he promised the remission (forgiveness) of sins. Forgiveness of sins comes “after” baptism, not before it.

Consider also what Ananias said to Saul of Tarsus: “And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16). Question: when would Saul’s sins be washed away? The clear answer is that his sins would be washed away when he arose and was baptized. Salvation always comes after baptism, not before it.

Notice also First Peter chapter 3, verse 21: “The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.” Please observe that baptism precedes salvation in this text. Peter affirmed that baptism “saves” us. Since baptism saves us, how could one be “saved” without that which saves—baptism?

The Biblical evidence is clear and certain. Baptism is a necessary part of God’s plan of salvation. Those who believe in Christ, repent of sins, confess their faith, and are baptized, will be saved from all past sins!

**THE BED IS TOO SHORT AND THE COVER IS TOO NARROW.**

*Billy Bland*

Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem. Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it. From the time that it goeth forth it shall take you: for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: and it shall be a vexation only to understand the report. For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it (Isaiah 28:14-20).

Israel had departed from God and was comfortable in her sins. God sent a warning by the prophet Isaiah to warn them relative to their sinful condition. They had made a "covenant with death" that the destruction that was coming would not affect them. God, however, had "disannulled" their covenant. Relative to their condition, God said; **"For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it" (Isaiah 28:20)**. The bed was too short and the cover was too narrow! Have you ever tried to sleep on a bed that was so short that you could not stretch yourself upon it? Have you ever tried to cover yourself with cover that was too narrow? Now, have you ever had both of these conditions at the same time? It would be a cramped and uncomfortable situation. Judgement was coming upon Israel. Within in few decades of Isaiah's prophesy, Assyria came against Israel and took them into captivity.

There's another judgement day coming. This is the final judgement in which all the nations will be gathered together before the judgement seat of Christ (Mat. 25:31, II Cor. 5:10). Others will also realize that their bed is too short and their cover is too narrow. Who are some of these?

**THOSE THAT DO NOT BELIEVE IN CHRIST.**

Atheists do not believe in God and consequently do not believe that Christ is God. God had the Psalmist to write; **"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good"** (Psalms 14:1). Many of the Jews, though they believed in God, did not believe in Christ. John wrote; **"He came unto his own, and his own received him not"** (John 1:11). In fact, they had Christ crucified. But Jesus Christ rose from the dead and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God! Their bed is too short and their cover is too narrow.

**FAITH ONLY ADVOCATES**

Many are the preachers that tell people to simply believe in Christ and accept Him into their hearts and they will be saved. While the Bible does tell us that faith is essential to salvation, it is not the only condition for the remission of sins. Jesus tells us that we must also "repent" (Luke 13:3), confess Christ (Rom. 10:9-10) and "be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). None of these acts **alone** saves anyone. Jesus says; **"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned"** (Mark 16:16). Those that have not obeyed what the Lord has said will find that their bed is too short and their cover is too narrow.

**NOMINAL CHRISTIANS**

"Nominal Christians" are those who are Christians in name only. Such would "serve" Christ when it is convenient for them. These have no true convictions or dedication relative to serving God. They attend worship services when they "want to" instead out of deep devotion to God. They live lives that makes them a "good - ole Joe", but not a faithful child of God. Such people need to be converted. Following Jesus requires surrender: **"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me"** (Matthew 16:24). Every branch in Christ that doesn't bear fruit will be cut off (John 15:1-ff). Nominal Christians will find that their bed is too short and their cover is too narrow.

Let's make sure that our bed is made according to God's specifications. Then, and only then, can we lie down in peace and sleep. **"I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety"** (Psalms 4:8).

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Are You A Winner?**

- Every student who sets worthy goals is a winner.
  - Every student who starts excelling for the Lord is a winner.
  - Every student who studies the Bible is a winner.
  - Every student who memorizes Scripture is a winner.
  - Every student who learns the importance of serving others is a winner.
  - Every student who becomes a Self Starter is a winner.
  - Every student who stretches beyond their comfort zone is a winner. Every student who becomes "Firmly Grounded" is a winner.
- Roy Johnson, Executive Director, L2L**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**TO ALL OF OUR LADS TO LEADERS PARTICIPANTS!**  
**We are so very proud of you!**

**CHAPMAN**  
**SPRING BRING**  
**Sunday, April 15th**

We will have a fellowship meal (potluck) followed by services at 1:30 p.m.

**CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS**  
**Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30**

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**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Becky Null.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Mary Brady, Wilma Wood, Gerohn Childs

•**HOSPITAL:** Janie Chapman (Tippah County Hospital – Rehab), Clifford Vandygriff (Tupelo)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Nancy Yates, Roger Bryant (ALS), 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:** Roxieann Foster, Danny Yancey, Lana Waldon, Diane Hodges, Bobby White, Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves, Betty Faye Ledbury, 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).