

April 9, 2023

Announcements
Randell Koon

Song Leader
Logan Yancey

Scripture Reading
Dale Vandygriff

Opening Prayer
Bryan Davis (A.M.)
Michiel Criswell (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
J C Newby (A.M.)
James Pilgrim (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Rickey Cissom

Count and Usher
David Smith & Jimmy Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Brad McAlister (04/12/23)

OUR RECORD

April 2, 2023

Sunday Bible Study: 85
Sunday Morning Worship: 99
Sunday Evening Worship 78
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 82

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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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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

ARE YOU IN THE HOUSE OF GOD? By Mark Lindley

The term “house of God” has different meanings in the Bible. In the Old Testament, the term was often used to refer to the tabernacle and later, the temple.

But what is the house of God in the New Testament? The apostle Paul answers that question: “These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly; But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the *house of God*, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:14-15). Notice that according to God’s Word, the “house of God” is the “church.”

Sometimes we may refer to a church building as “the house of God,” but a church building is not God’s house. A church building could burn to ashes, but that would not destroy the house of God because God’s house is spiritual—it is the church. The church is made up of people, not wood, brick, and mortar.

But how does one get into the house of God? To be in the house of God is to be in God’s family; so the question is, how does one get into the family of God? The Bible teaches that one gets into God’s family the same way one gets into one’s family of origin: one is born into it. However, being born into God’s family is to experience spiritual renewal, referred to in the New Testament as being “born again.” Jesus stated, “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God” (John 3:5).

But Jesus’ statement leads to another question: What does it mean to be born of water? An inspired commentary on being born of water is Acts 8:36-39: “And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?” (verse 36). According to verses 38-39, “they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.”

To summarize this account, Philip taught the eunuch about Jesus and how to be born again. The eunuch saw water and wanted to be baptized, immediately. The eunuch acknowledged that he believed in Christ, and then he was baptized. When the eunuch was baptized he was ushered into the house of God, the Lord’s church, and he became a part of God’s family (Matthew 16:18; 1 Timothy 3:15; Galatians 3:26-27). This is what it means to be born again, and this is how one enters the house of God.

Baptized Doug Dingley

“But, if I get baptized for the forgiveness of my sins as God demands in Acts 2:38, I’ll be condemning my parents (or siblings, or children, etc) who didn’t/don’t believe that!”

Probably if we as faithful preachers and teachers of the word of God in the Lord’s church had a dollar for every time we have heard similar, sad, self-deceived responses from the lips of those with man-made denominational backgrounds when they are finally brought face to face with the hard and fast Biblical fact that no one in Scripture, since the inception of the New Covenant of Christ and the establishment of His one New Testament church in Acts 2, was ever saved and added to His saved/ church by simply saying a prayer – we’d be a lot more financially stable to be sure. But it is the soul-deep sadness we experience at such satanic self-delusion that is always so overwhelming, because we recognize how totally Satan has such a one deceived and dancing on his sadistic string! Consider:

If a dearly beloved and departed family member never accepted God’s gift of grace and forgiveness on God’s terms as outlined in His holy word, then they are judged already. And there is absolutely nothing we can do about where they are, and absolutely nothing we can do or don’t do, which can or does affect where they already are (See Luke 16:19-31) – NOTHING!

On the other hand, a person who believes that they will somehow “condemn” their **living** loved ones who do not believe or accept the biblical doctrine of salvation by grace through obedient faith – including baptism for the forgiveness of sins – is even more sadly deceived and here’s why. Their decision to personally deny the biblical essentiality of baptism for the forgiveness of sins, actually **helps seal the fate of condemnation of those very ones they claim to love, as well as for themselves**, because it only serves to strengthen said satanically inspired deception! It is only through their faithfully, personally, obeying the gospel and accepting God’s forgiveness as written, that one can display the power of its necessity and essentiality, and then perhaps preach and teach it to their deceived and currently unforgiven and condemned loved ones, in an effort see them truly saved!

The sad, satanic, and sadistic fact of the matter is this: It is not those who finally see that one **must** be baptized for the forgiveness of their sins and **does it** that condemns their loved ones – but **just the opposite!** It is those who stubbornly **refuse** to obey the gospel by being baptized specifically **for** the forgiveness of their sins as God demands, who in all actuality, **truly** help condemn their loved ones, by perpetuating the lie and giving it **life**... something they will not have with God in the end – and they guarantee it by their continued disobedience to what they know from His word must be done!

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

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

SICK SUNDAY: J C Newby, Wilma Wood, Janie Chapman, Tavin Fitzgerald

HOSPITAL: Dani Kate Childs (Lebonheur – 7 yr. old daughter of Beau & Meredith), Billy McBryde (Rita Smith’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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