

April 14 2019
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Randell Koon

Song Leader

J C Newby

Scripture Reading

Logan Yancey

Opening Prayer

Jodie Criswell (A.M.) Keith Newby (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Bryan Davis (A.M.) Larry Wood(P.M.)

Lord's Table

Britt Lindley (Presiding),

Eli Carter, Brock Lindley, Ross Shackelford

Count and Usher

Ricky Loveless and Terry Chapman

Prepare Communion

Janette Rickles & Romia Palmer

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brock Lindley (04/17/19)

OUR RECORD

April 7, 2019

Sunday Bible Study: 112

Sunday Morning Worship: 128

Sunday Evening Worship: 106

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 100

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: 4,593

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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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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

Love Demands Everything That God Commands
By Gerald Cowan

**A new commandment I give to you: Love each other
as I have loved you. – John 13:34**

Love is not blind. It cannot afford to be. It cannot ignore the truth, whitewash sin, weaken the gospel, or minimize the difference between Christians and non-Christians. Love cannot support peaceful co-existence of the followers of Christ with followers of Satan. The reason is obvious: the goals of love and peace and salvation, the ultimate good for everyone. There is no fellowship, no common ground, no agreement, and no peace between God and the ungodly (2 Cor. 6:14-16). There is no salvation for those who are at odds with God (2 cor. 6:17). It may be difficult for some to understand, but God and His people demand righteousness, exhort to temperance, warn of judgment, and deny fellowship to some without any loss of love and with no contradiction of love.

Keep in mind as we continue here that the love we have for each other is patterned after the love God has for us (1 John 4:8-10, John 13:34). We are not permitted to define love to suit ourselves and then expect God to approve us just because we are true to our own code or creed (see 2 Cor.10:12, 18). Here are a few aspects of the love of God which we are commanded to follow in our relationships with each other.

■ This love is not emotional. It is not the syrupy sentiment often called love. For a definition of the kind of love God requires and commands, read 1 Cor. 13:4-13. It is greater than faith, greater than hope because it is of the essence of God (1 John 4:8). We cannot say "God is faith, or God is hope" but we can say "God is love."

■ Love does not hide or overlook the flaws and imperfections of others. Instead it is painfully aware of those things. True love seeks perfect awareness of both strengths and weaknesses in the beloved. Not in order to condemn but in order to be of help in correcting and compensating for flaws and to capitalize and utilize the strengths in the best interests of everyone – to help, not to hinder; to make acceptable, not to find excuses for rejecting. Heb. 4:12-16, 1 Peter 4:8, James 5:20

■ Love is critical, both positively and negatively. It seeks truth, not error (1 Cor. 13:6), but it recognizes error and calls attention to it when it is found (Gal. 6:1-2). It sees things as they are and then tries to change them into what they should be.

■ Love does not require indiscriminate acceptance and approval of all person. God himself does not accept those who refuse to obey Him (2 Thess. 1:7-9). God continues to love all people and desire their salvation (2 Peter 3:9 and 1 Tim. 2:4). But He accepts and saves only those who seek Him and do His will. Heb. 5:9 and 11:6, Mt. 7:21-23.

■ Love is selective and discriminating. This is not the same thing as prejudice or partiality. Love is devoted first to God and then to others by the will of God (2 Cor. 8:5). It does not require us to accept in fellowship those who are opposed to God or will not abide by the will of God (2 Thess. 3:6, 3:14-15). Love does not require or even allow us to accept what God rejects.

This kind of love allows one to acknowledge the true spiritual condition of every person without any loss of concern or appreciation for the person. This kind of love is truly Christian.

More Important Than Myself By Greg Litmer

If I can learn to truly regard others "as more important" than myself (Philippians 2:3), then I will have taken a giant step toward living day by day as a faithful child of God. I struggle with this concept in some aspects and don't struggle with it in others. How can I view the person who has nothing and lives off of the government as more important than myself? How can I consider a person who does not match my intellectual abilities and talents as more important than myself? I can do it by looking at Jesus, that's how.

How do I compare to Jesus? Like a drop of water in the bottom of an otherwise empty 50-gallon drum. I am nothing, and the Lord died for me. One person wrote that the person who is able to think this way is "the one who is so conscious of his dependence on God, and of his own imperfections and nothingness, that his own gifts only remind him that others must have gifts also, while his sense of his own utter nothingness suggests to him that these gifts may well be superior to his own, and higher in nature and degree."

Thinking this way, it becomes possible for me to "not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others." Paul's point is that the feelings, interests, and needs of our brethren are to be put before and above our own. That does not mean to ignore our own needs, but to subordinate them to the needs of others.

In Romans 12:10 Paul put it this way: "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor."

Just think of how this understanding would affect our conduct in very practical ways. All of the sick would be visited and cared for just because we would be thinking about them. No one's burdens would have to be borne alone -- because brothers and sisters would always be there with arms extended to help pick them up. We would all be present at every service that our health allowed because we would be concerned about considering one another, to "provoke unto love and good works" (Hebrews 10:24). Arguments concerning non-doctrinal issues would be laid aside; they would cease, because the brethren involved in them would be more respectful of the preferences of others. Even when I have been sinned against, if I understand Paul's teaching in Philippians 2, then I am going to be most concerned about the spiritual welfare of the other person. That changes my entire attitude.

When I live my life recognizing that I am to follow the example of Jesus and to see others as more important than myself, I will engage in personal evangelism even when it is inconvenient or makes me feel uncomfortable. I will be moral and conduct myself as a child of God should every minute of every day because I want to give the best possible example that I can to every one with whom I come into contact. Christianity is not about me -- that proved to be a hard lesson for me to learn. It is about the other person.

A Beautiful Life William M. Golden

Each day I'll do a golden deed,
By helping those who are in need;
My life on earth is but a span,
And so I'll do the best I can.
Life's evening sun is sinking low,
A few more days, and I must go
To meet the deeds that I have done,
Where there will be no setting sun.
To be a child of God each day,
My light must shine along the way;
I'll sing His praise while ages roll,
And strive to help some troubled soul.
The only life that will endure,
Is one that's kind and good and pure;
And so for God I'll take my stand,
Each day I'll lend a helping hand.
I'll help someone in time of need,
And journey on with rapid speed;
I'll help the sick and poor and weak,
And words of kindness to them speak.
While going down life's weary road,
I'll try to lift some traveler's load;
I'll try to turn the night to day,
Make flowers bloom along the way.

Joel David Moore

October 6, 1961 – April 6, 2019

Chapman endured a great loss this week. We will greatly miss his smiling face and kind heart.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith: (2 Timothy 4:7)

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPMAN Sunday, April 14th

We will NOT have a fellowship meal.
Evening Services at 2:00PM

LADS TO LEADERS
CONVENTION
April 18-21, 2019
MEMPHIS, TN

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of our Elder, Brother Joel Moore.

•**HOSPITAL:** Joanie Kate Reese (LeBonheur-ICU)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Pat Waide, Joanie Kate Reese, Carlin Johnson, Faye Jenkins, Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Roger Bryant (ALS), Venie Holbrook, Tony Morrison, Bobbie Prather, Sandra Hopper, Connie Mauney, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGaughy, Niles Jones, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Gary Michaels, Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith,, Rhonda Horton, Lanny Yancey (Treatments), Danny Yancey, Diane Hodges, Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, Doug Pannell, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), 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: **Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman, Willard Shackelford** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).