

April 14, 2024

**Announcements**

Randell Koon

**Song Leader**

Keith Newby

**Scripture Reading**

Danny Shackelford

**Opening Prayer**

Bryan Davis (A.M.)  
Luke Hobson (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Rickey Loveless A.M.)  
Tim McMillin (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Jarvene Shackelford

**Count and Usher**

Rickey Cissom & David Smith

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Mason McAlister (04/17/24)

**OUR RECORD**

April 7, 2024

Sunday Bible Study: 105  
Sunday Morning Worship: 123  
Sunday Evening Worship: 88  
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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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## CAN WE KNOW GOD EXISTS?

Mark Lindley

The above question is a crucial one that desperately needs to be answered in our day. We live in an age of doubt and skepticism, a time when faith is under attack. Some view the Biblical account of creation as a type of fairy-tale, a mythological story that grew out of the mind of man.

Nevertheless, despite attacks against faith and the Bible, I affirm that we can *know* God exists. There are many arguments which point to the existence of God. One argument often advanced is the Causal Argument. This argument is based upon the scientific law of cause and effect. We are all familiar with this law. It says that for every effect there must be an adequate cause. If you were to see a footprint in the soft earth, you would know someone had walked on that spot.

The footprint is the effect, the person who walked there is the cause.

Now apply that principle to the existence of this universe. The material universe is here, and it cannot explain itself. It must be explained. It is an effect. The question is, what caused it? It is an established fact of science that the universe is not eternal—it had a beginning. Additionally, we know that no material thing can create itself. Therefore, if the universe had a beginning, and it did not create itself, it must have been created by something or someone.

But what or who could possibly be powerful enough and intelligent enough to create the world? That question is answered in the following passages: “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork” (Psalm 19:1). “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse” (Romans 1:20). “Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness” (Acts 14:17). “For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God” (Hebrews 3:4).

The only adequate explanation for the origin of the universe is that God created it. To say that a “big bang” caused it is not an adequate explanation. Believing that a random big bang caused all the intricate design in the world, requires more faith than to believe that God created it. Those who seek God with an open mind will find the evidence of His existence, compelling. Truly, “The fool hath said in his heart, ‘There is no God’” (Psalm 53:1).

## THE WHEN AND HOW OF SALVATION

Robert Kingsley

If you are about to read this article, my sincere desire and prayer is that it will be profitable spiritually for you. The main thrust of these printed thoughts is to encourage all of us to not stop too short in our Bible study. This article will especially deal with Bible verses that teach one how to become a Christian. There is nothing more important than a proper understanding of this basic, fundamental matter.

Now let us consider some Bible verses where we must not stop but go a little further. We will begin with Revelation 1:5. There the writer, John, points back to the time when he, and those Christians to whom he wrote, came into the saved state. The latter part of that verse states: "...unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood." That knowledge thrills our souls. Therefore, we gladly sing: "What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus." But all that we have learned here is what washes away one's sins. So, we must not stop there. That verse does not teach us anything about when and how this cleansing by the blood of the precious lamb of God (John 1:29) takes place.

So, we must search the Scriptures (Acts 17:11) for this vital information. As we dig a little deeper in God's well of knowledge, we come across a verse in Acts 22:16. Here Saul of Tarsus, a fasting and praying sinner, learned that the washing of Revelations 1:5 only takes place when one willingly submits to being baptized. Acts 22:16 reads: "And now why are you waiting? Arise, and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Now we know not only what washes away sins, but also when and how that happens. You cannot miss it. This washing takes place at baptism.

Another Bible verse which teaches that the lost sinner must have the Lord's blood applied is Matthew 26:28. Jesus spoke these words while instituting the Lord's Supper. The passage reads: "For this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." This knowledge is necessary, but we must not stop there. This verse only tells us what brings the *forgiveness*. The blood of Christ must be contacted.

So, to learn when and how one obtains the remission of sins, spoken of in Matthew 26:28, we turn to Acts 2:38. These words were spoken to some lost sinners. They inquired in verse 37 as to what they needed to do to receive the remission of their sins. The apostle Peter answered with very plain words. "Then Peter said unto them: Repent and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Now we not only know what brings remission of sins (Matthew 26:28), but also when and how this blessing is received. This great blessing from God only comes at baptism.

Another passage that the lost sinner needs to know is Ephesians 1:3. There we are told that all spiritual blessings are in Christ. As we read a little further, we learn that redemption and forgiveness of sins are included in these spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:7). It is great for the lost sinner to learn where all the spiritual blessings are. They are in Christ. But one must not stop there. God would not be merciful if He failed to teach us how we get into Christ where all of His spiritual blessings are.

God's *word* clearly teaches this truth in Galatians 3:37. The apostle Paul, writing to Christians, reminded them: "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:37). Now, after learning that all spiritual blessings are in Christ (Ephesians 1:3), we now know that one must come into Christ by baptism. That is the only way to get into Christ. One cannot believe into Christ. Baptism is the only thing that puts one into Christ.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SPRING BRING

April 14, 2024

10 AM Bible Study

10:45 AM Worship

12 Noon Fellowship Meal

1:30 PM Evening Service

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 23-26, 2024

10 AM Bible Study

10:45 AM Worship

2 PM Evening Service

(VBS after Evening Service)

Mon-Wed 6 PM to 7:30 PM

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

**SICK SUNDAY:** Wilma Wood

**HOSPITAL:** Bobbye Nunnally (Robin Chapman's Mother)

**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Wayne Vandygriff

**SURGERY:** Pat McBryde (April 16<sup>th</sup>), Tom Childers

**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Joanie Kate Reese, Everett Hurt, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

**CANCER:)** Tiny Willis, Dorothy Hopper (John's Mother) Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley's Aunt), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman's Son-in-law), Loxlee Eaton, David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

**SHUT-INS: Tippah County Health & Rehab:** Romia Palmer, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Joe Clark

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