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OUR RECORD

April 12, 2020

Sunday Bible Study: NO SERVICE
Sunday Morning Worship: NO SERVICE
Sunday Evening Worship: NO SERVICE
Wednesday Night Bible Study: NO SERVICE
Budget: \$3,500
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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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"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." (Genesis 1:1). The rest of the chapter gives us finishing touches. Parts of the rest of the scriptures give us more details about God's design and creation. For example, Isaiah 40:22 tells us that the earth is round, saying, "It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth." Psalm 8:8, declares that there are "paths of the sea." John 1:1-3 inform us of Jesus' role in creation. We learn more from other passages.

Spring is truly a beautiful part of every year. What God designed, created and set in motion "in the beginning" spectacularly starts all over.

Many trees, bushes, plants, and such like, which dropped their foliage but a few months ago, at God's design and creation, according to His plan, will now sprout buds, which will turn into leaves, and such like. Some trees will begin with colorful buds and blossoms, change into greenery. Others will shoot forth colorful blossoms with transparent fruits in them. In time, the beautiful flowers will drop to the ground, and a tasty piece of fruit will grow and mature. This writer can hardly wait to taste some of God's delicious fruits and vegetables, from the delicious blueberries from sister Mildred Shackelford's farm, to the tasty figs from Jarvene and Pat Shackelford's plants. How enjoyable to his palate.

As you go here and there, do not forget to "smell the roses." Is anything more pleasant to smell than a rose or sweet shrub when in full bloom? Is anything more beautiful than a red bud tree or a dogwood tree in full bloom? How pleasing to the eyes are fields or even patches of crimson clover in full bloom! What joy one has in watching, honey bees, butterflies, and such like, go from white clover bloom to bloom. The joy of watching birds fly from tree to tree, eating various things is something to treasure. Gazing at a few deer nibbling on the new green grass of spring is something one does not soon forget. The arrival of migrating hummingbirds with their antics is so entertaining. Barn Swallows, also called Mud Daubers, though messy, bring much pleasure. God's design in when all of this happens jumps out at the honest viewer. Time and space does not permit the mentioning of all God does in any of the four seasons.

The greatest thing is the new birth. Just as there are so many material things being born or beginning at this time of the year, God has a new birth for people, and it is year round. "There is none righteous, no, not one." (Romans 3:10). "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23). Man becomes the servant of sin. (Romans 6:11-14, 17, 18). He must be born again (John 3:3), not of his mother, but "of water and of the Spirit." (John 3:3-5, 23).

Without such, Jesus said, one “cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” (Verses 3, 5; Romans 6:1-5). Being born again brings rejoicing. (Acts 8:35-39).

Are you a citizen in the church/kingdom Jesus promised to build (Matthew 16:13-19), and did build? (Acts 2; Colossians 1:13; Revelation 1:9). If not, believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. (John 8:24; Acts 8:37). Repent of sins. (Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 17:30, 31). Confess your faith in the Deity of Christ. (Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37). Unite with the blood of Jesus (Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 9:22) by burial in the waters of baptism (Romans 6:1-5; Colossians 2:12) for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38), entering Christ (Galatians 3:26, 27) and being added (Acts 2:41, 47) to His body/church (Colossians 1:18; 1 Corinthians 12:13).

Beloved, God designed the beautiful material things we see and enjoy daily. He also provided a way for you to have happiness in His only begotten Son (John 3:16). Let Jesus save you (Hebrews 5:8, 9) today. (2 Corinthians 6:2; Hebrews 3:7, 13, 15; 4:7).

Keeping the Faith By Rob Albright

Jesus is Lord and He calls us to an obedient faith (Romans 1:5; 16:26). This submissive attitude is demonstrated when one obeys the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus by being baptized into Christ (Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Romans 6:3-5). At this point, the Lord adds us to His spiritual family, the church (Acts 2:47).

As Christians, we are to continue to be obedient as we follow God’s way for life, worship, and working in His kingdom. We must realize, there will always be the temptation to become complacent and that opens the door for Satan to cause us problems. There is that danger of falling away (Galatians 5:4)

Becoming unfaithful doesn’t happen all of a sudden. We can take those “small” steps away from God’s will and before we know it, we are farther and farther away from God. Complacency may not appear to be a big deal at first, but then it can lead to a big problem.

Let’s not be satisfied with anything less than doing the will of God. Ecclesiastes 12:13-“The conclusion, when all has been heard is: fear God and keep His commandments.”

The Most Difficult Command By Joe Chesser

What do you think is the most difficult command God has given us? I’m sure you could think of many options. I’m guessing the rich young ruler in Matthew 19 thought selling all his property and giving it to the poor was the most difficult thing God expected. And that would be tough, wouldn’t it? Others might think the command in Luke 9.23 to deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Jesus might be the most difficult thing to do. What about the command to make every effort to live at peace with all men (Hebrews 12.14)? All men? Really? That is challenging.

To decide which command God has given is the most difficult of all may not be possible, or even necessary. But this question came to my mind when I read 1 Corinthians 16.14: “Let all that you do be done in love.” Now, that’s a tall order!

This is not a difficult command because it is hard to understand. It’s a pretty simple statement. Do everything in love. You’d need help to misunderstand this. No, what makes this so challenging is that it is so unnatural for us. We do not naturally love like God does, especially in everything we do. God’s love is agape love, meaning that love is constantly looking for a way to do good to others regardless of how that love is received or returned. God is the epitome of “Let all that you do be done in love.” And through His transforming power, that is what we can become, but it goes against our human nature. Our love is inconsistent. Our love is conditional. Our love is biased. Our love is selfish.

It’s not natural for husbands and wives to treat each other with love all day every day. It’s not natural for parents to be 100% loving to their children all the time. It’s not natural for us to always be loving towards our neighbors or co-workers or even our friends. It’s not natural for us to do everything in love when in traffic or at ball games or in politics. It’s not natural for us to love the lost so much we will sacrifice our time, money and energy in taking the gospel to the whole world.

It’s not natural. It’s very difficult. But it is possible. I know it’s possible because that what God says He expects of us. That’s why He taught us that the greatest command is to love Him with all our heart, soul, strength and mind, and the second greatest command is to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12.30-31). That’s why it was necessary for Jesus to become flesh and go to the cross ... so that we could witness love in action. That’s why God gave His powerful, active word (Hebrews 4.12) that can transform our minds to become like Him (Romans 12.2).

Doing everything in love is a most difficult command. But it is possible!

The Contribution: The Rest of the Story By Ron Adams

Whenever the subject of “contributing” is discussed, most often it involves talking about supporting the work of a local congregation financially. It takes money to pay for the upkeep of the building and to carry on the work of the local congregation. Many churches report the weekly contribution along with the budget, keeping its members informed of the financial status.

The New Testament has a number of references that provide guidelines for the local congregation in meeting its financial needs. Yet, it’s interesting to note that most of the verses cited initially concerned a one-time collection for needy saints in Judea.

What is revealed in Paul’s epistles (especially 1 and 2 Corinthians) is a project whereby brethren in churches in other countries would provide aid to the needy saints in Judea. This was a one-time event wherein Paul instructed the brethren (many of whom were Gentiles) to share their material resources with mostly Jewish brethren in Judea. He instructed the churches to “lay by in store” so the collection could be picked up by him and his traveling companions. It would be taken by them, along with any representatives of the participating congregations, to Judea.

The “rest of the story” of contributing can be overlooked when the focus is only on the congregation’s treasury.

‘CONTRIBUTING’ INCLUDES GIVING, SHARING

Giving, and it’s close relative, sharing, are part of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the beginning of the church there were many instances of brethren contributing to the needs of others. Not all of the giving and receiving involved money. It was giving and sharing what others needed.

The same is true today. Sometimes what is given doesn’t have any monetary value. The giving of time to help a brother or sister with a load too heavy to carry. Lending support to one in need of spiritual, physical or emotional assistance. Giving words of encouragement, consolation, or exhortation to a brother or sister. Doing deeds of kindness that contribute to the welfare of others.

Such acts of giving and sharing are worth their weight in gold ... contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality (Romans 12:13).

“Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.”

Romans 12:15

“Bear one another’s burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ ... So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.” Galatians 6:2,10

THE MOTIVE: LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER

The giving and sharing are not done to receive recognition. It is done because members are motivated by love to do whatever they can. Thus, we are not privy to all of the occasions of giving and sharing by members done individually or collectively. Let each one contribute using his or her unique resources, abilities, and opportunities. Doing what you can, with what you have, where you are.

“In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Acts 20:35

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

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•**CANCER:** Marie Brumley, Jimmy Hopper, Keith Hall, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt’s Mother), Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Lanny Yancey (Treatments), Sandra Jones, Betty Faye Ledbury, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Niani Colom-Omotesa

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