

April 24, 2022

Announcements
Randell Koon

Song Leader
Keith Newby

Scripture Reading
J C Newby

Opening Prayer
John Hopper (A.M.)
Chase Chapman (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Rickey Loveless (A.M.)
Logan Yancey (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Brad McAlister

Count and Usher
Danny Shackelford & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Brice Lindley (04/27/22)

OUR RECORD

April 17, 2022

Sunday Bible Study: 110
Sunday Morning Worship: 143
Sunday Evening Worship: 87
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 77

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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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WHAT THE CHRISTIAN LIFE CAN DO FOR YOU

Mark Lindley

Thinking about the blessings of the Christian life should cause one to want to be a Christian. Consider a few of the blessings the Christian life offers.

The Christian life will give you the *providence of God*. Paul wrote, "And we know that **all things work together** for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose...He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also **freely give us all things?**" (Romans 8:28, 32). The fact that God was willing to give His Son to die for our sins proves that He will provide us with "all things." At times a Christian may *feel* lonely, but he is never alone. God will never leave His people, but will provide for them and uphold them constantly with His right hand (Isaiah 41:10).

The Christian life will give you the *purpose of God*. The Christian's purpose is revealed in the following words: "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate **to be conformed to the image of his Son...**" (Romans 8:29). To conform to the image of God's Son should be the main goal of every Christian. Following the perfect example of Christ is really the purpose for which man has been created. It is sad that every day in America an average of 89 people die by their own hand. They choose to end their lives because they feel life is not worth living. So many people are aimlessly wandering through life, feeling lost and hopeless. The good news for them is that the Christian life offers meaning and purpose. Living for Christ gives us purpose. The Christian life will give you the *people of God*. The Scriptures make it clear that God has a people: "I will call them **my people**, which were not my people; and...there shall they be called **the children of the living God**" (Romans 9:25-26). God's people have fellowship with one another (I John 1:7) and bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2). When tragedy strikes and life knocks us to our knees, brothers and sisters in Christ provide love and support. Yes, the spiritual ties shared in Christ are truly special and will last throughout eternity.

The Christian life will give you the *promise of God*. "Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end **the promise might be sure to all the seed...**" (Romans 4:16). God promised Abraham that through his seed all families of the earth would be blessed (Genesis 12:1-3). The meaning of the promise is that God would send His Son through the seed of Abraham, and would thereby make salvation possible for both Jews and Gentiles. Those who become Christians receive this promise of salvation from sin and the promise of eternal life (Romans 6:23; I John 2:25). When the Christian comes to the end of life's journey, draws his last breath and closes his eyes in death, the promise of salvation and eternal life will give security and comfort to the soul in that dark hour.

Yes, the Christian life offers providence, purpose, people, and a promise. Nevertheless, the Christian life will provide none of these blessings until one becomes a Christian. If you have never obeyed the Gospel, will you become a Christian today?

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

Billy Bland

It is easy for one to look on the dark and negative side of life and forget to think about all the good things of life. The song "Count Your Blessings" exhorts us to think about all the blessings that God has given us "and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done."

"Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's" (Psalm 103:1-5).

We are blessed in many, many ways. How many people are in poor health in countries because they do not have the medicines and technology available to them. What if we had to take one of our loved ones to a doctor only to learn that the needed medication is not available. Truly, we are blessed. Again think of the opportunities with which we are blessed. There are all types of educational and job opportunities open to us and our children. All these basically have been handed to us.

Think of the spiritual opportunities that are ours. We are privileged to go to worship service several times a week and meet in a nice dry building. We are privileged to study under someone who has diligently studied the Bible probably for years. Yet in some countries many congregations have to rent a place for an hour or so a week and do not have the teachers and/or resources that is available to many.

However, there can be a danger in our blessings. In the long ago, God warned Israel; "And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, And houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full; Then beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage" (Deuteronomy 6:10-12). We too need to beware lest we forget God.

Indeed, we have been blessed. The greatest blessing of all is Jesus Christ. He is greater than any material blessing. If you haven't availed yourself of the blessing of forgiveness in Christ, why not do so today. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16).

UPCOMING EVENTS

RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST AREA WIDE YOUTH NIGHT

April 24, 2022 at 5 PM

Speaker: Jonathan Bates

Food will be provided.

BOONEVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST LIVING WITH LOSS WORKSHOP

APRIL 30TH & MAY 1ST

More information in foyer.

CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS

May 9, 2022 at 6 PM

Topic: Prayer Life

GREAT 2022 SPRING BRING!

Thanks to everyone who had a part in our "Spring Bring." We were blessed to have so many visitors. We appreciate all who invited others and to all who prepared the wonderful meal.

It was truly a great day!

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Tracy Simmons (Shawna Jones' Sister-in-law).

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

SICK: Gearlene & Rickey Cissom, Doris Williford, Mickey Chandler

HOSPITAL: Jodie Criswell (TCH), Cortney Cissom (Rehab)

•EXTENDED ILLNESS: Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, Patti Hall, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell, Jimmy & Thad Berryman

•CANCER: 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 Resthaven: Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter*

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