

April 28, 2024

Announcements

Randell Koon

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

Reed Shackelford

Opening Prayer

Gene Yancey (A.M.)
Michiel Criswell (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Tripp Yancey A.M.)
Mason McAlister (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Bobby Bridges

Count and Usher

Rickey Cissom & David Smith

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brock Lindley (05/01/24)

OUR RECORD

April 21, 2024

Sunday Bible Study: 83
Sunday Morning Worship: 98
Sunday Evening Worship: 71
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 87

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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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PREACH THE BIBLE!

Mark Lindley

I truly enjoy preaching and listening to preaching. Often, I listen to sermons on tape, cd's and television. Recently, as I was clicking TV channels, I saw a man preaching and decided to listen for a while. The silver-haired preacher had a smooth voice, pleasant demeanor, and polished preaching style. I do not doubt for a moment that the preacher is a good man who has good intentions. However, as I listened to the man preach, I was concerned because, except for one very brief reference, the Bible was not mentioned. The reason it bothers me when a preacher does not preach the Bible is that Paul wrote, "Preach the word" (II Timothy 4:2). One who stands in the pulpit is to proclaim God's Word, not his own opinions (I Thessalonians 2:13).

As the man preached, he affirmed, "You don't have to be baptized to go to heaven." That statement did not surprise me because I understand there are those in the religious world who believe that baptism is not necessary in order to be saved. What did surprise me was that the man then proceeded to try to persuade his audience to be baptized! He forcefully asked, "What are you going to say on the Day of Judgment when the Lord asks you why you were never baptized?" More than once he insisted that "the Lord *told you to be baptized.*"

As I was listening to the gentleman preach, I wish there had been some way I could have called a "time-out" and allowed the audience to digest what the man was actually saying. Think with me for a moment. He maintained that "one doesn't have to be baptized to go to heaven." Then he argued that "the Lord told you to be baptized." Next he said that one who is never baptized will have to answer the Lord's question on the Day of Judgment: "Why were you never baptized?"

The thrust of the doctrine is this: (1) The Lord commanded us to be baptized; but, (2) one can steadfastly refuse to obey the Lord's command and still go to heaven (remember, the preacher said, "One doesn't have to be baptized to go to heaven.") (3) One who refuses to obey the Lord's command to be baptized will have to answer for that on the Day of Judgment.

The preacher's doctrine is false because one cannot refuse to obey the Lord's commands—including the command to be baptized—and go to heaven. Scripture plainly declares that those who "**obey not the gospel** of our Lord Jesus Christ" will be lost (II Thessalonians 1:6-9; Hebrews 5:8-9). Jesus Himself said, "He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life; but **he that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life**, but the wrath of God abideth on him" (ASV, John 3:36), and, "He that believeth **and is baptized shall be saved**; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16). Further, if baptism is not necessary in order to be saved, why would the Lord ask, on Judgment Day, why one was never baptized?

It was rather interesting that, for whatever reason that night, the older TV evangelist never tried to prove his doctrine with the Scriptures. Let us all resolve to believe only what the Bible teaches.

Doing What We Can Do

By Wayne Lankford

One's commitment to Jesus (made in the good confession, Matt. 10:32), should become a 'spring board' for dedication of faithfulness to Him, as this new life style is being lived to the glory of God (1 Cor. 10:31; 2 Cor. 5:17). Being a true disciple of Jesus involves one's energy being utilized in His service. Paul wrote, I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service (Romans 12:1). Christians must recognize their labor (for the Lord) is not in vain (1 Cor. 15:58). Yet, that life style should not be hidden. A worthy effort for the Lord should be encouraged. Remember, it is not about being successful, but being faithful that counts (1 Cor. 4:2).

During our Lord's ministry, and during the close of His thirty three years of life on earth, two days before Passover, as death was imminent, a noble deed was done for Jesus (See Mark 14:1-9). In the village of Bethany, home town of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, (who had been raised from the dead); a woman pours expensive ointment (perfume) over the Lord's head (V. 3). Jesus explains this deed was in preparation for the burial of His body (V. 8). This indeed was a kind gesture on her part that manifests her love for Jesus.

Yet, often when a noted deed is done for the right cause; there are 'self-appointed' faultfinders.

And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her (Mark 14: 4-5). Yet, Jesus came to her defense and said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? She hath wrought a good work on me. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying.

(Verses 6-8). Jesus noticed her kindness to Him before His death. Joseph of Arimathaea, and Nicodemus displayed respect to Him after His death (See John 19:38-40). This woman did not do what others wanted her to do, but Jesus reminds us, **she hath done what she could** (V. 8).

Could the Lord say this about us? Have we done what we can do (for the Lord's cause)? We may not do what others want us to do, or as much as we desire to do, but the Lord is pleased when we do what we can do. Paul was not successful converting anyone in Jerusalem, and the Lord told him to leave, for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me (Acts 22:18). Yet, he had done what he could, he tried, and the Lord was pleased with his efforts. What efforts do we put forth for His cause today?

Congratulations on your marriage!

Caleb & Ava

04.22.24

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY
CAN BE PICKED UP IN THE FOYER.
ONE PER FAMILY.

RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST
REVIVE

APRIL 27-28

Details posted in classroom foyer.

AFTERNOON WITH THE YOUTH
COME PLAY AT THE PARK

Booneville Park

Sunday, April 28th

4:00 PM

PIZZA AND ICE CREAM WILL BE PROVIDED

SENIOR DAY

MAY 5th

After evening services in fellowship hall.
Congratulations to our 2024 graduating
high school senior:

Payden Criswell

*Please make plans to join us in
wishing him well in his future
endeavors.*

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

SIGN UP SHEET BY TEACHER'S SUPPLY ROOM

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

SICK SUNDAY: Danny Shackelford,
Bobbye Chapman

HOSPITAL: Bobbye Nunnally (Robin
Chapman's Mother)

SURGERY: Jane Morrison

SURGERY RECOVERY: Doss Brewer, Pat
McBryde

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,
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