

**May 15, 2016
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Danny Shackelford

Song Leader

Johnny Cissom

Scripture Reading

Brock Lindley

Opening Prayer

Brad McAlister (A.M.) Bryan Davis (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

J C Newby (A.M.) Gene Yancey (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Britt Lindley(Presiding),

Bobby Bridges, Jeff Staggs, Michiel Criswell

Count and Usher

David Smith

Andy Reese

Prepare Communion

Jill & Hannah Loveless

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Larry Wood (05/18/16)

OUR RECORD

May 8, 2016

Sunday Bible Study: 111

Sunday Morning Worship:131

Sunday Evening Worship: 93

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 110

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$4,024

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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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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

**Forgiveness Requires Judgment
By Gerald Cowan**

The Sunday School teacher asked, "What do you have to do before you can be forgiven?" Good question! You would probably expect the answer to be, repent, right? Before you can be forgiven you must repent. There's good scripture evidence for such an answer. But a little boy answered, "Before you can be forgiven you have to sin." Now that is profound! If there is no sin, no mistake, no wrong-doing, there is nothing to forgive.

Two of the most misunderstood aspects of our relationship with each other are closely related: judgment and forgiveness. We often emphasize the need for proper discipline in the church – the instruction, correction, edification, and exhortation by which we become, and help others to become, valid and faithful disciples of Christ. Judgment is implicit in the words used to describe the disciple and the process of discipleship. Judgment requires measurement, evaluation and validation, all of which serve both a negative and positive purpose and can render a verdict of either good or bad, acceptable or unacceptable.

Some insist that we are to avoid all judgment, but we cannot actually do so. We must determine whether a thing, person, or activity is good or bad so that we will know how to respond or relate to it (1 Thess. 5:21-22, Rom. 12:9, and Mt. 7:1-20). All things must be judged as good or bad, right or wrong. It is wrong – it is a sin – to refuse to make judgments, evaluations, and determinations about any thing, person, or action. We are commanded to judge, but it must be righteous judgment (John 7:24), based on the standard of God's word and not just upon human law, opinion, or personal preference.

When we ask for forgiveness, whether from God or man, it is a judgment against ourselves – we are admitting that something is wrong, that we have somehow violated a rule of propriety, committed some offense against the one from who we seek forgiveness. When we agree to forgive another person it is a judgment against the person – we are stating that something is wrong, there has been a violation, something improper has been done to us by the person (Luke 17:1-3). Yes, repentance is necessary for true forgiveness – you can't really forgive something one refuses to confess or repent. You may be willing to forgive, and you must actually forgive, when confession and repentance are forthcoming. You may actually say, and mean it sincerely, that you do forgive the person even without repentance. But it necessarily implies a judgment against the person, implicit belief that the person is guilty.

Scripture is clear enough about the way to give and receive forgiveness. Knowledge of sin in your own life (self-judgment leads to knowledge of guilt) requires confession to the one sinned against, an implied correction, and a request for forgiveness from the person (Mt. 5:23). Forgiveness granted by that person is an acknowledgment of your sin and a resolution of your guilt. When you judge another person to have sinned against you, go and accuse him in person. If necessary take witnesses who can verify and reinforce the accusation (Mt. 18:15-20).

Hopefully, the one you accuse will confess and repent, and you can forgive him. Whenever one is accused of sin by another, if it is true the sinner's obligation is to repent and receive forgiveness, be thus reconciled and restored to fellowship.

When another person falls into error or sin sin – is overtaken in a fault – any spiritual person who knows of it should seek to restore the sinner, looking carefully to himself and his own spiritual condition (Gal. 6:1-2). Salvation means converting the sinner from the error of his ways (James 5:19-20). Please note that judgment is involved, that judgment leads to accusation, and hopefully accusation leads to repentance, correction, forgiveness, and restoration. Those whose sins are public may be rebuked and corrected publicly. False teachers and gossips must be marked and silenced (Rom. 16:17, Titus 1:9-11).

The church and all faithful Christians must share the attitude of God toward sin. There is no doubt that what God wants to do is forgive and save the sinner. That is why Christ was given to die, as a sacrifice for sin (Rom. 5:6-8). God's forgiveness is not automatic, nor can ours be. Forgiveness is a highly conditional matter. The attitude and response of the guilty person can determine whether or not he will be or even can be forgiven. But there is another very important matter: the attitude and response of the one sinned against can determine whether or not his own sins will be forgiven.

What have we learned? That forgiveness implies the reality of sin. Recognizing sin is judgment. Judgment validates and necessitates accusation. If there is no sin (that too is a judgment) there is nothing to forgive. If there is sin, certain steps must be taken to get forgiveness.

**At Your House
By Wendell Winkler**

Will priorities be established in your children when...

- You are early for their ballgame, but late for worship?
- You check on their homework regularly, but never check on their Bible class lessons?
- You won't let them miss school even though they don't want to go, but let them miss church worship services?
- You won't let them stay up late on school nights, but let them stay up late on Saturday night.
- You will serve as room mother at their school or volunteer at school, but will not help with classes, activities, programs which involve spiritual matters?
- You attend open house at their school, but do not visit their class room of Bible school, or even know where their class meets?
- You support, attend, or even participate in their sports activities (baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, etc.) but regularly miss activities involving the church?
- You never (almost never) miss meeting with the civic or social club of which you are a member, but frequently miss worship services?
- You go to work even though you do not feel like it, but stay home on Sunday in the same condition?

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 15, 2016

Wedding Shower

Kelsey Hefner and Jordan Staggs

2 to 3:30PM

Fellowship Hall

Registered at Walmart

May 19, 2016

Chapman Ladies Bible Class - 6:30 PM

May 22, 2016

SENIOR NIGHT

After evening services in fellowship hall. Congratulations to our 2016 graduating high school senior: **Kristen Bridges McVey**. Please make plans to join us in wishing her well in her future endeavors.

Ladies please bring finger foods, desserts or 2 liter drinks.

May 29, 2016

Fifth Sunday

Fellowship meal (potluck) after morning service. Evening service at 1:30 PM conducted by Chapman young men.

PROGRAMS OF WORK

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Rhett Sanderson (Newborn, Memphis), Pat Morgan (Robin Criswell's Mother)

•**HOME RECOVERING:** Robin Chapman, Audrey Box, Joan Berryman, Deborah Gullick, Amy Chapman

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Guy Stroupe, Willie Jeanes, Hollis Fowler (Frankie Fowler's Father), Ed James Pannell, Connie Mauney, Randall Hancock (Liver & Kidney Transplant - Dawn Stroupe's Father), Taylor Crawford, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford's Sister), Tony Morrison, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Wayne Crabb, Lester Wommack, Grady Chandler, Lorie Christian, Deborah Gullick (Mother of Stephanie McAlister, Bo & Brian Chapman), Doug Pannell, Don Allen Riggs (19, student at FU from El Paso, TX), has stage 3 cancer. Cards may be sent to Target House 1, 1811 Poplar Ave, Apt. 211, Memphis, TN 38104), Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Rodney Hilliard, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman's Sister), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer, Margie James.

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: Oleta Phillips (*Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663*), Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home: Bonnie Chapman, Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman (*Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663*).