

May 5, 2019
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Larry Wood

Song Leader

J C Newby

Scripture Reading

Tripp Yancey

Opening Prayer

Terry Chapman (A.M.)

Bryan Davis (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Chance Criswell (A.M.)

Jodie Criswell (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Danny Shackelford (Presiding),

Palmer Jones, Mason McAlister,

Chase Chapman

Count and Usher

Michiel Criswell and Bobby Bridges

Prepare Communion

Candice Hopper and Sandy Newby

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Keith Newby (05/08/19)

OUR RECORD

April 28, 2019

Sunday Bible Study: 106

Sunday Morning Worship: 132

Sunday Evening Worship: 100

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 101

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: 3,906

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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 WORLD'S MOST POPULAR THIEF
Mark Lindley

The Bible teaches that when Jesus died on the cross two thieves were also crucified. One of the thieves crucified with Jesus, repented. This repentant thief is likely the world's most popular thief.

The account of the thief who repented is recorded in Luke 23:39-43: "And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

The thief who repented is wildly popular among those who maintain that water baptism is not essential for salvation. The following argument is frequently made to "prove" baptism is unnecessary: 1) the thief was saved; 2) the thief was saved without being baptized; 3) therefore, sinners do not have to be baptized to be saved today.

However, the argument does not stand in light of what the Bible teaches. It is certainly true that Jesus saved the repentant thief. Jesus said to him, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." Does that prove that the thief was never baptized? No, it does not. Perhaps, the thief was baptized by John, but later became a thief (cf. Matthew 3:5-6). No one can know for certain because the Bible does not say.

What can be known about the case of the thief is this: the thief was not baptized in Jesus' name under the terms of the Great Commission. This is absolutely certain because the thief died "before" Jesus commanded: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15-16). Jesus gave these instructions "after" His death, burial, and resurrection. Therefore, the thief could not have been baptized in keeping with the teaching of Mark 16:15-16.

Does that mean that sinners can be saved without baptism today? No. Why not? The reason is that we live "after" Jesus commanded baptism as part of the New Testament (Matthew 28:18-19; Hebrews 9:15-17). The instruction Jesus gave will be binding until the end of the Christian age (Matthew 28:20). The thief was saved directly and personally by Christ (cf. Mark 2:10). The thief was never commanded to be baptized in the name of Jesus. Sinners are saved today by obeying the gospel of Christ, including the command to be baptized (Romans 1:16; 6:17-18; Acts 22:16; I Peter 3:21).

No sinner today can be saved by doing what the world's most popular thief did. He was never required to meet the conditions of forgiveness which are required of sinners today.

What Is The Soul?

By R. W. McAlister

The Hebrew term for “soul” is nephesh, found over 780 times in the Old Testament. Because the context may vary, it’s not always translated as “soul.” Nephesh, therefore, signifies different things, depending upon the passage in which it is found.

Likewise, in the New Testament, the original Greek word for “soul” is psuche, found 103 times. Our modern word “psychology” comes from this word. Let’s look at a few ways “soul” is used in the Scriptures.

“Soul” can refer to an individual person. The prophet Ezekiel declared the “‘soul’ (i.e., the person) that sinneth, it shall die” (Ezek. 18:20), or, as Peter would write hundreds of years later: “in the days of Noah...eight souls were saved by water” (I Pet. 3:20). “Soul” can also refer to that aspect of man which is characterized by the intellectual and emotional parts of him (Gen. 27:25; Job 30:16).

Most importantly, however, the body has been endowed by the God of Heaven with a “soul” (John 12:27). Specifically, man’s soul is the spiritual component of man that is fashioned in the very image of God (Gen. 1:26), and that can exist apart from the physical body. Jesus made reference to the soul in Mt. 10:28, where He warns, “...fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” We see from this verse that a definite distinction is made between the soul and body. Who can kill the body? Mankind can do that.

The daily news usually features at least one victim who has died at the hands of another human being. However, man cannot kill the soul, for the soul is not physical, but spiritual, able to exist without the body.

Rachel’s soul did not die with her body; rather, it departed from her body when she died. Gen. 35:18, “And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin.”

In I Kings 17:21-22, the soul of a widow’s son returned when he was brought back to life; the obvious indication being that when the soul departs, the body dies, while the soul’s existence continues. To bring life back to the child, Elijah “...stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child’s soul come into him again. 22And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.” Again, we must conclude the soul leaves the body at death and continues.

In Luke 12:20, the rich fool was told, “...this night thy soul shall be required of thee then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?” The clear implication being that when his soul was taken, his body would cease to exist. Hence the question, “...then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?”

The important things to understand are these: 1) Your soul will live forever. 2) It will either spend eternity in Heaven or Hell: there is no “purgatory” or “in-between” state (Heb. 9:27; Luke 16:19-31). The Bible only speaks of two destinations: Heaven or Hell, so we ask, “Where will your soul spend eternity?”

UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 Lads To Leaders Awards

Sunday, May 5th

After evening services in fellowship hall. Please make plans to come and help honor our 2019 Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes participants.

Please wear L2Ls T-Shirts.

Chapman Area Wide
Ladies Bible Class
Tuesday, May 7th
CANCELLED

May 26, 2019

SENIOR DAY

After evening services in fellowship hall.

Congratulations to our
2019 graduating high school senior:

Mason Bradley McAlister

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

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

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IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Larry Davis (Mark Lindley’s Friend).

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Joy Simmons, Kristen McVey, Robin Chapman, Chase Chapman

•**SURGERY:** Wayne Vandygriff

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Pat Waide, Joanie Kate Reese, Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Roger Bryant (ALS), Tony Morrison, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Gary Michaels, Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith,, Rhonda Horton, Lanny Yancey (Treatments), Danny Yancey, Diane Hodges, Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, Doug Pannell, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno.

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