

June 5, 2022

Announcements

Larry Wood

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

Eli Carter

Opening Prayer

Mickey Chandler (A.M.)

Bryan Davis (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Terry Chapman (A.M.)

Bobby Bridges (P.M.)

Lord's Table

James Pilgrim

Count and Usher

Chase Chapman & Brock Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Ross Shackelford (06/08/22)

OUR RECORD

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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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Prayer: When God Says No Tim Dooley

The practice of prayer is so fundamental to the overall spiritual health of the Christian that Paul wrote by inspiration, “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). To Timothy Paul wrote, “I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;” (1 Timothy 2:8). But as fundamental as prayer is there are a lot of misconceptions about how prayer works.

Prayer is the medium through which we communicate our thanks, requests, and cares to God. God communicates to us through His Word and His providence. A big misconception is that God answers prayers in the affirmative or not at all. Often when we get what we want we respond thankfully by saying that God has answered our prayers. But the truth is that God answers every prayer. Sometimes God says, “Yes,” and sometimes He responds, “Not right now.” And there are also times when God says, “No.”

God Told David, “No.” After the birth of David’s son, which had been conceived in sin with Bathsheba, the prophet Nathan told the king that because of his sin the child would die. David responded by pleading with God for the child’s life. He “fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground” (2 Samuel 12:16). But God said, “No.”

God Told Paul, “No.” The great evangelist, missionary, and apostle was afflicted with “a thorn in the flesh...a messenger of Satan to buffet” him, that he may not “be exalted above measure.” Paul said, “Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.” But God replied, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Paul reacted by saying, “Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Corinthians 12:7-10). God said, “No.”

God Told Jesus, “No.” In the Garden of Gethsemane as the Lord prepared for the cross that lay before Him Jesus pleaded, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me...” (Matthew 26:39). The text tells us that three times he prayed this same prayer, but each time he concluded, “nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.” And God said, “No.”

God says no to us when we consider sin over righteousness. God says no to us when our wish is not in accordance to his will. God says no to us when what we want is not in our best interest. The most tragic response will be when God says no to those who desire to enter his eternal home after death that have not been obedient and faithful.

The thing is; we often times think that we know what is best for us, but in reality we are not that smart. Isaiah prophesied the words of God saying, "For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts" ([Isaiah 55:8-9](#)). And Jeremiah is recorded as saying, "O LORD, I know the way of man *is* not in himself; *It is* not in man who walks to direct his own steps" ([Jeremiah 10:23](#)).

Many years ago during a particular low point in my life I was feeling lost, discouraged and hopeless. My life was misdirected and in a state of turmoil. I recall one particular evening begging God to give me some very clear and specific blessings; my heart's desires that I knew would bring me peace and good fortune. Today I am blessed beyond measure even though I did not get even one thing I asked for that dark, bleak night so long ago. All because God said, "No."

Place your trust and faith in God. Do His will and let Him guide your life with His Word. Leave your cares and desires with Him. Be obedient; be faithful!

Words By Joe Slater

Jesus and the inspired New Testament writers had far more to say about our speech (words, tongue) than about baptism or the Lord's Supper. That takes nothing away from the importance of immersion or communion. It simply exposes the need to pay heed to what we say.

Is this a salvation issue? Listen to Jesus: "But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matthew 12:36-37). "Idle" literally means "without work." We speak idle words when we're too lazy to do the work of thinking first. We carelessly "shoot from the lip!" We would do well to "start brain before engaging mouth."

It's hard work to control our speech. James observed that "no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison" (James 3:8). Though we can't tame it, we must control that terrible tongue! "If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless" (1:26).

Paul exhorted, "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers" (Ephesians 4:29). Apply that to your keyboard too! Take a second look before you send that post on social media. Are you glorifying God when you post vulgar words? Surely your vocabulary isn't so limited that you can't make your point without using crude language!

"Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one" (Colossians 4:6).

UPCOMING EVENTS

SENIORS DAY *Sunday, June 5th*

After evening services in fellowship hall. Congratulations to our 2022 graduating high school senior:

Brice Lindley

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

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

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