

June 12, 2022

Announcements

Larry Wood

Song Leader

Logan Yancey

Scripture Reading

Danny Shackelford

Opening Prayer

Jarvene Shackelford (A.M.)

Britt Lindley (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Randell Koon (A.M.)

Keith Newby (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Jimmy Vandygriff

Count and Usher

Chase Chapman & Brock Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brice Lindley (06/15/22)

OUR RECORD

June 5, 2022

Sunday Bible Study: 73

Sunday Morning Worship: 86

Sunday Evening Worship: 83

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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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RELIGIOUS DIVISION CAUSES UNBELIEF By: Mark Lindley

You might be surprised that 92% of Americans say they believe in God. This comes from a 2011 Gallup poll. There is so much unbelief portrayed by the media and entertainment industry that mainstream Americans might get the impression that those who believe in God are now the “uninformed” minority. However, the truth is that the percentage of theists in America has only slightly decreased over the past several decades. While the number of theists is far greater than the number of atheists, we still wonder why anyone (not to mention 8%) of Americans choose not to believe in God.

I do not claim to speak for all unbelievers, but I know one reason for unbelief. The Lord Himself implied that religious division leads to unbelief. Jesus prayed, “Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me” (John 17:20-21). Notice that Jesus desires all of His followers to be united “that the world may believe.” (Religious unity leads to belief.) The implication is that when those who profess to follow Christ are divided, the world *will not* believe.

Skeptics, atheists, and agnostics are fond of pointing to religious division as a reason to reject the claims of Christianity. They affirm that there is so much disagreement and disunity among professed believers, that Christianity cannot be authentic. “How could people following the same Book be so hopelessly divided and confused?” they ask.

Those who believe in God should not be intimidated, but should point out that God and His Word are opposed to religious division. Jesus prayed for religious unity (John 17:20-21); Paul condemned religious division and instructed the Corinthians to “speak the same thing,” to “be of the same mind,” so there would be “no divisions” among them (1 Corinthians 1:10-15). God does not condone religious division and is not responsible for it. Division is the result of a departure from the Bible.

It should also be noted that Scripture predicts there would be a departure from the faith (1 Timothy 4:1-3). Consequently, the religious division of our day reveals the accuracy and truthfulness of the Bible. This is a reason to believe rather than a reason not to believe what the Bible teaches.

Too, unbelievers must admit that they themselves disagree on many of their ever-evolving theories. If disagreement among professed believers proves Christianity is false, then disagreement among unbelievers proves their position of unbelief is false as well.

Daniel uttered the truth that will never fail when he stated, “There is a God in heaven” (Daniel 2:28). Religious unity leads to belief in God; religious division, to unbelief.

I Stand Amazed Johnny Ramsey, Deceased

I stand amazed when parents spoil their children by demanding nothing of them and giving extravagantly to them even when such actions hurt the spiritual future of their offspring.

I stand amazed when preachers choose to present sermons with very little Bible but with much human philosophy and foolish stories that have no saving power.

I stand amazed at brethren who attend weak and worldly congregations rather than meeting the challenge of Godly and scriptural churches that point us to heaven.

I stand amazed when schools that call themselves "Christian" accept immodesty, snobbery, evolution, and other matters common to public schools and then berate parents who will not support their compromising standards.

I stand amazed at folk who believe millions are lost in sin and, yet, they have never tried to save a single soul from hell!

I stand amazed at the bickering and gossip that prevails in many congregations instead of gratitude, compliments and encouragement that should build up the body of Christ.

I stand amazed when envy and jealousy among preachers devastates the good that can be done when soldiers of Christ march together against the army of Satan.

I stand amazed when young people, reared by Godly parents, give nothing but grief and sorrow to those who have generously blessed them since birth.

I stand amazed at the shallow knowledge of the Bible so many folk have after years and years of attending Bible Study and Worship!

I stand amazed when young men and women in Christ choose to marry worldly and ungodly mates that never read the Bible and pray. Why would anyone choose to marry a child of the devil? Don't they know they will always have trouble with their "father-in-law"?

Three Questions to Keep Your Worship Focused David Sproule

Worshiping God is something that takes real effort to do properly and acceptably. (Note the word "do.") While the word "worship" can be used as a noun, God uses the word as a verb. Furthermore, it is not used as a passive verb (of something that happens "to" me or "around" me). Worship is an active verb. It is something that takes real effort to do properly and acceptably.

Worship is a holy activity, in which holy beings "offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 2:5). God is the One who is to be praised (Heb. 13:15), the One to be honored (1 Tim. 1:17), the One whose eyes are watching (1 Pet. 3:12) and seeking true worshipers (John 4:23).

How can you and I make sure we are truly worshiping properly and acceptably? We cannot be mere spectators. We cannot just sit inactively. Are you a teenager? How can you stay focused and engaged in worship? Are you a young adult? How can you stay focused and engaged in worship? Are you a new convert? Are you an "old-time" member? How can you stay focused and engaged in worship? Each of us have our own challenges. As a possible help, write these questions down to keep with you and to review throughout a worship service. These questions are not designed to insult or cause resentment; they are for personal reflection and personal incentive to stay focused.

"What if Jesus was sitting right next to me?" Because He is (Heb. 2:12; Matt. 26:29). It's very difficult to refrain from singing, when I envision Jesus sitting right next to me. It's terribly embarrassing to fall asleep during the sermon after staying up playing games all Saturday night, when I envision Jesus sitting right next to me.

"What if Jesus knew what I was thinking right now?" Because He does (John 2:24-25; Matt. 9:4). It's extremely challenging to maintain negative thoughts (like "this is boring," "this is taking too long," "I can't wait to be done"), when I remember that Jesus is in my head and knows every thought I have. It's amazingly uncomfortable to be planning my week and making my grocery list while "in worship," when I remember that Jesus is in my head and knows.

"What if Jesus glanced at me from His cross right now?" Because He is (Heb. 12:1-3; Luke 22:61). It's tough to think a sermon is dull or the Lord's Supper is tiresome or dead time, when I glance, metaphorically, at Jesus hanging on the cross and see Him glancing back at me.

Try asking these questions while you worship.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We rejoice to announce
the birth of

Trace Carter Staggs

June 6, 2022

9 lbs • 4 oz • 20 in

Parents: *Jordan & Kelsey*

Trace in memory of MeMe Tracie Gross

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

SICK SUNDAY: Wayne Vandygriff, Robin & Terry Chapman

HOSPITAL: Joy Simmons (New Albany), Jodie Criswell (TCH), Cortney Cissom (Rehab)

SURGERY RECOVERY : Jarvene Shackelford

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

•**CANCER:** Jimmie Wayne Roberson, Johnnie Carpenter, 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, Jimmy Berryman, *Resthaven:* Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter

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