

June 18, 2023

**Announcements**

Larry Wood

**Song Leader**

Logan Yancey

**Scripture Reading**

Eli Carter

**Opening Prayer**

Tommy Wade (A.M.)

Britt Lindley (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

David Smith (A.M.)

Luke Hobson (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Jimmy Vandygriff

**Count and Usher**

Chase Chapman & Kevin Shackelford

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Brice Lindley (06/21/23)

**OUR RECORD**

June 11, 2023

Sunday Bible Study: 99

Sunday Morning Worship: 110

Sunday Evening Worship 82

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 84

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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 CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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Shackelford, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## THE SECOND DEATH

By: Mark Lindley

“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death” (Revelation 21:8). Notice from this scripture the term “second death.”

What is the second death? In order to answer that question, we should consider the context in which the term is found.

The book of Revelation was written to Christians of the first century who were suffering persecution for their faith. John wrote in the second chapter of Revelation: “Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil will cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life” (verse 10). Observe the terms “suffer,” “prison,” “tribulation,” and “death.” All of these terms indicate that these early Christians were suffering persecution.

Not only were they being persecuted, but some would actually be put to death. Consider this reference: “I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held” (Revelation 6:9). That some would be “slain” means they would die physically. This must be the “first” death. [It stands to reason that if there is a “second” death, there must be a “first.”] The first death, physical death, is the death we all will experience: “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment” (Hebrews 9:27). Notice that all will die “once.”

That brings us back to the original question: What is the “second” death? The answer to that question is found in Revelation 21:8—the first scripture reference in this article. John affirms that there is coming a time when the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars will have their part in a lake of fire. After listing some of those who will experience the lake of fire, John states: “which is the second death.” The second death, therefore, is a reference to hell. Hell is a real place. The same Bible which reveals there is a heaven is the Bible which reveals the reality of hell. To deny one is to deny the other. All will die the “first” death, but because of Jesus’ death we don’t have to die the “second” death. The horrors of hell can be avoided, and we can live forever in the glory and bliss of heaven! Prepare today by obeying the Gospel and serving the Lord faithfully.

## Quality of Life By Tom Moore

“Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold” (Proverbs 3:13-14).

If we are serious about improving our “quality of life,” we need to work harder at improving our thinking. As we reach forward to better things, both in this life and the one to come, we need to spend less time on our circumstances and more time on our wisdom. Better thinking is what our progress usually depends on. It is a valuable key that opens a great many doors.

Often, the thing that holds us back in life is some wrong idea that is lodged in our minds. Wise people work every day to remove as many falsehoods as they can from their thinking. Like a farmer patiently removing the rocks from his fields, we need to be getting rid of the untruths that hinder our productiveness and our progress toward God.

Sometimes it is not an untruth that hinders us but simply a failure to see enough of the truth. Many of the most frustrating things in life are frustrating because we are so bogged down in them we cannot see what else is true. We should get in the habit of “going to the balcony” and looking down on our difficulties from a vantage point that offers a more complete view.

To God, our ill-informed efforts at self-improvement must appear quite silly. We continue to hammer away at problems with thoughts and attitudes that have proven over and over again to be the wrong tools for the job. Wouldn't it be smart to get better tools? “The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them” (Albert Einstein). Without better thinking, we will stay stuck in our ruts.

Ultimately, of course, the path to better thinking always takes us into the Scriptures. Nothing can remove falsehoods and widen our perspective more helpfully than God's own mind, and we are at our problem-solving best when we are honestly searching the Scriptures. In the long run, neither our thinking nor our doing will get better if the Psalmist's prayer is not our own: “Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law” (Psa. 119:18).

Because there is no limit to how much you can improve the quality of your thinking, there is no real limit to how much you can improve your life.

### *A Plea For Prayers*

*Please pray for spiritual and numerical growth for the Chapman Congregation in 2023.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!*

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

For Johnnie Carpenter  
Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30  
Chapman Church of Christ

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup>

*Teacher Sign Up is by Teacher's Supply Room.*

### OPERATION: CREATION

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Prize for the boy & girl  
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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

**SICK SUNDAY:** Stephanie McAlister

**HOSPICE:** Lisa Miller (Hospice House), Stevie Barnes (Hospice)

**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Sharon Pannell (shoulder), Mickey Chandler

**HAVING SURGERY:** Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father)

**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Joanie Kate Reese, Loxlee Eaton (6-yr old, Chris Lewellen's Granddaughter), Olivia Pounders, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, Louise Pannell (Sharon's Mother), Malone Hurt, Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

**CANCER:** Stevie Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler's Son-in-law), 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), Tom Muir (Cindy Pruitt's Brother-in-law), David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

**SHUT-INS:** *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Gerohn Childs

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