

June 27, 2021
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Keith Newby

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Logan Yancey

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Bryan Davis (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
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Gene Yancey (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Tommy Wade

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Bobby Bridges & Devin McVey

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OUR RECORD

June 20, 2021

Sunday Bible Study: 77
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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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RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH James Pilgrim

In his second letter to Timothy, Paul told Timothy, "Study to shew thyself approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15).

"All children of God are to "sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." (1 Peter 3:15). All are to "speak as the oracles of God." (1 Peter 4:11). Christians are to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18).

Some who did not do this were rebuked. (Hebrews 5:11-14). What has (does) God see in you?

Reading the word of God is one way of learning. (Ephesians 3:4). Studying is another way of increasing one's knowledge. (2 Timothy 2:15). Imitating the noble Bereans, who "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:10, 11), is the Biblical way of becoming true believers. (Verse 12). Most important, one in studying the word, must be found "rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15).

Brother Lindley was a great example of one "rightly dividing the word of truth" when he commented on 1 John 3:9, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." Some claim that this verse teaches that it is impossible for the Christian to sin in such a way as to be lost. Mark showed that a reading of the verse without rightly dividing the word might lead to that conclusion. However, he pointed out that the verse taken in context, and in light of other scripture, shows the verse to teach the opposite. All who "walk in the light" (1 John 1:7) do not sin while so walking. Can "little children" (Christians) sin? (1 John 2:1, 2). Were those converted as recorded in the book of Acts saved (born again), and did some sin? (Acts 2:38, 41, 47; 8:13, 19-24; etc.).

Many read only one verse, and reach false conclusions. For example, some read Romans 5:1 or John 3:16, ignoring 1 Peter 3:21, and conclude that salvation is by "faith only." Read the following, and rightly divide the word of truth: Romans 10:17; Acts 17:30, 31; Matthew 10:32, 33; and Acts 2:38 and 1 Peter 3:20, 21.

A plea: Read the word of God, search the scriptures daily, rightly divide them, and receive the word with all readiness of mind. Obey God. Our thanks to Mark for a powerful example of how to study the word.

God's Dress Code David R. Pharr

A sign in front of a church building invited, "Come As You Are, God Has No Dress Code." No doubt the intended meaning was that casual attire would be welcomed at their services, but is it really true that "God has no dress code?"

James made it clear that there must be no discrimination in our assemblies on the basis of whether one wears the fashionable clothing of the rich or the shabby raiment of the poor (*James 2:1-4*). "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (*I Sam. 16:7*). In the world it may sometimes be true that "Clothes make the man," but this should never be the viewpoint of spiritually minded people.

On the other hand, in some respects God does have a dress code. When I saw the sign, I wondered how that church would react when someone shows up in the near naked outfits seen in many public places. We are hearing of churches where shorts are thought to be acceptable attire. The Lord's dress code is "*modest apparel*" (*I Tim. 2:9*).

There is also a dress code for the heart. "*Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man [person] of the heart...For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves...*" (*I Pet. 3:3-4*). The text speaks especially to women, but the principle of "adorning" the inner person applies to all. In Heaven's sight men and women are measured by character, not by clothing.

We are sometimes asked to define exactly what is modest clothing. It might be expected that specific measurements and styles should be listed. Frankly such efforts are never satisfactory. The key to deciding what is modest is within. In the text above Peter shows that one must get the heart right before selecting apparel for the body. One who has a heart adorned with purity, humility, honor, goodness and virtue will not choose clothing that is provocative, suggestive, ostentatious or lewd.

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

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Mikayla Chapman

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Jane Morrison, Romia Palmer, Patti Hall, Johnny Cissom, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Marie Brumley, Keith Hall, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Betty Faye Ledbury, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Niani Colom-Omotesa

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter (Mailing: Resthaven Nursing Home, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663)

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