### July 11, 2021 WORSHIP

Announcements
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Scripture Reading Mason McAlister

Opening Prayer Bryan Davis (A.M.) Kevin Shackelford (P.M.)

Closing Prayer Rickey Cissom (A.M.) Brock Lindley (P.M.)

> Lord's Table Britt Lindley

Count and Usher Terry Chapman & Logan Yancey

Wednesday Night Song Leader Jodie Criswell (07/14/21)

### **OUR RECORD**

June 4, 2021

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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).



## THE

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### CHALLENGER

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### HOW MANY WILL BE SAVED? Mark Lindley

The question of this article is one that needs to be asked and answered with the Bible. In our tolerant and permissive society, it seems as if sin has disappeared from the earth and no one is lost. Today, sin is rarely mentioned, and when it is no one admits to being guilty of it. If no one is guilty of sin, then there are no lost people. Consequently, there would be no need to ask, "How many will be saved?" if no one is lost in sin.

But is it true that no one is lost? Have we outgrown sin and our need for the Gospel? Are there any lost people in our day who need to be saved from sin? How many will be saved? All of these questions have Bible answers.

It might come as a surprise to some that the Scriptures teach many will be lost and only a few will be saved. Consider Jesus' statement: "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:13-14). Did you notice that Jesus said "many" are on the broad way that leads to destruction? Did you observe that the Lord said only a "few" are on the narrow way that leads to life? On the occasion of Luke 13, someone asked Jesus if there would be "few" saved, and Jesus responded to the question. "Then said one unto him, Lord, are there **few** that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able" (verses 23-24). Again, the Lord taught that many will be lost in contrast to the few.

These passages should cause us to realize that sin is still real, and that many people of our day are lost. Jesus makes it clear that "many are called, but **few** are chosen" (Matthew 22:14). We do not know how many will constitute the "few" who will be saved, but we do know that there will be few in contrast to the many who will be lost.

The good news is that no one has to be lost. God loves all. Jesus died for all. And the Gospel is for all. God will save every sinner who comes to Him for salvation. "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16).

## THE SPIRIT OF INVOLVEMENT Dennis Gulledge

In the book of Nehemiah we are introduced to people who had "a mind to work" (Neh. 4:6). This is the same as saying that they had the spirit of involvement. It takes involvement to get a job done (Nehemiah 2:17-18). It takes involvement for the church to grow. Long before men devised a scheme for "Ministers of Involvement" God had a plan for individual involvement.

The spirit of involvement demonstrated here is opposed to the spirit of laziness, fear, contentedness, hopelessness, apathy and indifference. Enemies try to provoke a spirit of hopelessness in us just as they did in Nehemiah's day (4:1-3), but, we can respond to discouragement by praying (4:4). It is easy to provoke a spirit of non-involvement in ourselves with negative thoughts and self-doubt.

Interest and enthusiasm are contagious commodities as are their opposites, stagnation and non-involvement. Leaders can lead, urge, encourage, and provide the example for greater involvement in the Lord's work, but, until people "catch fire" with interest and zeal there is little else they can do.

One of the problems we face in the church today is that of a spectator mentality. Someone has suggested that most congregations are composed of people who are "100% willing" - 10% are willing to work and 90% are willing to let them. No doubt all of us want to see the Lord's work prosper and grow, but, what are we doing to help?

We all want to see the lost taught the gospel, the sick visited, the needy relieved, the weak encouraged and the body of Christ edified, but who is personally involved in any of these areas? Are you? We have no aversion to being involved in clubs, sports, scouts, organizations, social interests and hobbies, however how much will we commit ourselves to do in the greatest cause on earth? The spirit of involvement, or, the "mind to work" comes from the following areas:

1. Everyone feeling the need to be involved. That doesn't come from one sermon being preached on involvement. It comes from the spirit of Christ being in us (Matthew 20:28). There is no reason for anyone to feel that they are not a part of the work of the church (Romans 12:4-5). 2. Everyone willing to do his part in the work . After the dispensers of discouragement had done their work in Nehemiah's day, the Jews returned "every one unto his work" (4:15). Often members of the church are not willing to do the work of which they are capable. What do we need to make us willing workers?

3. Everyone realizing the seriousness of his task. How often do we think that any contribution that we might make is of minimal significance? We are all in this work together and we need the mind to work rather than the mind to fight, argue and tear down.

When people work together they grow together. The church that is busy at work is busy at growing. How busy are we?

### TEACHER WORKSHOP

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

•SICK: Doug Lewellen

•IN HOSPITAL: Junior Derrick,

Romia Palmer

•SURGERY RECOVER: Dawn Jackson, Jamison Staggs, Kim Lindley

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

•CANCER: Billy McBryde, 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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