

July 2, 2023

Announcements
David Smith

Song Leader
John Hopper

Scripture Reading
Rickey Cissom

Opening Prayer
Luke Hobson (A.M.)
Tim McMillin (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Jarvene Shackelford (A.M.)
Eli Carter (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Bobby Bridges

Count and Usher
Michiel Criswell & Britt Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Brock Lindley (07/05/23)

OUR RECORD

June 25, 2023

Sunday Bible Study: 107
Sunday Morning Worship: 120
Sunday Evening Worship 94
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 79

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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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WHERE ARE YOU? Mark Lindley

As you read this article and consider the question above, you may be at work, sitting at home, or at a friend's house. You may be in Ripley, Blue Mountain, Walnut, or some other location. But the question, "Where are you?" does not concern your geographical location. This is a question concerning your spiritual location. You see, everyone is somewhere spiritually, and there are only two possible locations--**in Christ or outside Christ.**

The reason for one to consider this question is that every spiritual blessing offered by God is in Christ. The forgiveness of sins, privilege of prayer, fellowship with children of God, and the hope of eternal life are blessings only to be enjoyed in Christ. Paul wrote, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with **all spiritual blessings** in heavenly places **in Christ**" (Ephesians 1:3). There are general blessings to be enjoyed outside of Christ. The Father in heaven "maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matthew 5:45). However, God gives no *spiritual blessings* to anyone outside of Christ.

Since it is so important for one to be in Christ, God has given us His Word which instructs us "how" to get into Christ. There are only two verses in the New Testament which specifically state how one gets into Christ. First, consider Galatians 3:27: "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Also, observe Romans 6:3, 4: "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?"

These verses do not teach that baptism without faith and repentance puts one into Christ. In order for baptism to be effective, one must believe the Gospel and repent of sins (Acts 15:7; 17:30). Meeting these conditions, one who is baptized receives the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38), enters the body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:13), and is a member of the Lord's church (Acts 2:47). In view of these Bible facts, should we not all reflect on this question?

Is Social Drinking a Sin?

By Tim Dooley

It's all right if I have a beer or two in the privacy of my own home, isn't it? It is not a sin to drink alcohol so long as I don't get drunk, right? Paul told Timothy to drink a little wine for his stomachs sake, so it must be okay to drink a little, right? How many times have we all heard statements and questions such as these? How many times have we ourselves asked these things? Well, the answer to all these questions is simple...No.

A Stumbling Block

Romans 14:13, "Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way." If for no other reason but this one, social drinking is a sin. If you were to come into my home and see beer and wine in my refrigerator, what would you think? In verse 21 Paul then said, "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak." If we know that we should be setting a good example and we don't, what is it? "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).

"Drunk" and "Excess" of Ephesians 5:18

Ephesians 5:18 states, "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;" To be "drunk with wine" is derived from the Greek verbiage meaning "to intoxicate" or the process of becoming drunk. When a person takes a drink of alcohol he has become intoxicated. Certainly every one has a different tolerance level and the blood alcohol level will vary. Yet the fact remains that after one drink a person begins to become drunk.

Now as for the word "excess" please read 1 Peter 4:4 and apply the same logic many do to our text. 1 Peter 4:4 states, "Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:" In light of the logic used by some in Ephesians 5:18 it would certainly be okay to "riot" a little as long as we don't "riot" a lot! 2 Peter 2:13 states that those who "riot" will receive the reward of unrighteousness. Does it matter if it is just a little controlled, social rioting or an excess of such?

1 Timothy 5:23

Paul wrote to Timothy, "Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities." Many have tried to use this verse in an attempt to justify alcohol as a beverage. It does no such thing; in fact it does quite the opposite. Timothy refrained from drinking wine and strong drink all together, even when sick. This was done no doubt, not only in order to set a good example, but as a matter of Christian purity.

We have made great advancements in recent generations in the medical field. If a doctor tells you today to "use a little wine for thy stomach's sake" I would suggest a second opinion!

Don't Be A Fool

Strong words indeed, but Proverbs 20:1 states, "Wine IS A MOCKER, STRONG DRINK IS raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Proverbs 14:16 tells us, "A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident." Those who are wise will avoid wine and strong drink. To know what happens to the foolish we need only read what Jesus has to say in Matthew 25:1-13.

Conclusion

Psalms 75:8, "For in the hand of the LORD there is A CUP, AND THE WINE IS RED; IT IS FULL OF MIXTURE; AND HE POURETH OUT OF THE SAME: BUT THE DREGS THEREOF, ALL THE WICKED OF THE EARTH SHALL WRING THEM OUT, AND DRINK THEM." What shall be of those who partake of that which the Lord himself has discarded?

A Plea For Prayers

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

BAPTISM

We rejoice with Mikayla Chapman as she made the decision to be baptized. Let's all be encouraging to her.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

So glad to see Mickey Chandler and Debbie Chapman back with us.

SICK SUNDAY: Wilma Wood, Emma Bates (automobile accident), Emily Cissom

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

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

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