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Brad McAlister

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### OUR RECORD

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Sunday Bible Study: 87  
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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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### THE FAITH THAT SAVES Mark Lindley

The Bible teaches very clearly that salvation is by faith. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). Peter affirmed that God had saved certain Gentiles in that He purified "their hearts by faith" (Acts 15:9). Other verses could be cited, but these are sufficient to prove that salvation is obtained through the avenue of faith.

However, there is much confusion regarding the "type" of faith that saves. Many today believe and teach that salvation is by "faith only." By "faith only," they mean that a lost sinner can obtain salvation by faith without doing any "works" and without performing any act of obedience. In other words, according to the doctrine, salvation is by faith only "plus nothing."

This idea reveals a fundamental misunderstanding about the type of faith that saves. In a broad, basic sense there are two types of faith--living faith and dead faith. James describes dead faith in James chapter 2: "Even so faith, **if it hath not works, is dead**, being alone" (verse 17). "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that **faith without works is dead?**" (verse 20). Therefore, if one is saved by faith only "plus nothing," then one is saved by a dead faith. Is it really possible for one to be saved by a dead faith? James answers the question. "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and **not by faith only**" (James 2:24). Language could not be clearer--salvation is "not by faith only"!

The fact is that true, biblical faith involves obedience. This can be established in a number of ways. First, the Greek word *pisteuo* which is translated "believeth" in John 3:16, means conviction that is "conjoined with obedience" (Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon, p. 511). Therefore, all the verses of the New Testament which teach that salvation is by faith also teach the need to obey the Lord since obedience is included in true, Biblical faith. Second, great examples of faith in Hebrews chapter 11 show the connection between faith and obedience: Abel "offered" (verse 4), Noah "prepared" an ark (verse 7), and Abraham "obeyed" (verse 8). Yet, these three verses teach that the men acted "by faith." Their faith led them to "obey"!

Yes, salvation is obtained through faith, but we need to understand that the faith that saves is the faith that obeys. Jesus said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that **doeth the will of my Father** which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

## ACCEPTANCE DOES NOT CHANGE TRUTH

James Pilgrim

The world is constantly being bombarded with evil, accepting and approving of the same. One such sin is the LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay Bi-sexual, Transgender, Queer) movement. For most of this writer's life, the vast majority, especially churches, knew this was contrary to the will of God. Most who practiced such sins remained in the closet. However, a new day is here. Many varied groups have hailed this perverted action, which is contrary to the will of God, as acceptable. One state has just elected a transgender (man) as its state representative to the Miss America Pageant. A popular sports magazine has just put a transgender (man) on the cover of its Swimsuit edition. Marriages (?) between these persons are now being touted as acceptable and even good.

Many in Hollywood have been a part of this way for years. However, since the last national election, the public is being bombarded with acceptance and approval of such actions. There are many commercials showing those of the same sex getting married, kissing, etc. More is implied. Politicians from the highest offices down are smiling and commenting with approval. Some churches are accepting these transgressions, even electing some of these sinful people to serve in various capacities. It has been reported that schools are by law being told to teach these actions and others as acceptable. On and on it goes.

How should Christians think, and what should be done by followers of the will of God? First, it should be noted that God's word is **the truth**. (John 17:17). Second, **truth does not change**. (Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:6; Revelation 22:18, 19; Galatians 1:6-9). Third, No one has the right to change the truth, whether male or female, religious or not, official of whatever persuasion, company, offender or participant, etc. **NO ONE!!!! Truth does not change!!!!**

Read what God said, what is right, and what all should think and teach: Genesis 2:18-25; Leviticus 18 (Romans 15:4); Romans 1:16-32; Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Ephesians 5:21-33; Revelation 21:8.

Friend, God will judge all by His beloved Son one day. (2 Timothy 4:1; Matthew 25). All who have changed His will, who have not obeyed His will as He gave it, will "go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into eternal life." (Matthew 25:46).

### A Wise Man

A wise man does not shout when he speaks but talks gently with all people. He gives everyone a friendly greeting, judges all men favorably, loves peace and pursues it. If he finds that his words are helpful and heeded he speaks-

otherwise he keeps quiet.

-Author Unknown

"A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness."

Proverbs 15:1-2

## Life Has No Reverse Gear

**Life is like a clock--the hands of time only go forward--Never backward.**

**Life is unlike a film, It can never be rerun for a second showing.**

**Life is unlike an automobile, It has no reverse gear.**

**Life is unlike a pencil, You cannot erase the mistakes.**

**So you can plainly see you should be all that you could be.**

**Today is your opportunity to do all that you can do. For all of yesterday's blunders you cannot undo. It's impossible to live your life over, so do the best you can today. When you make a mistake, profit from it and have a better tomorrow!!**

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

•**SICK:** Ricky Cissom, Ava Moore, Scottie Cissom, Bobbye Chapman

•**HOSPITAL:** Ripley King (Connie & Randell Koon's Grandson), Tim Holcomb

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

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