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John Hopper

Scripture Reading
Tripp Yancey

Opening Prayer
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Jeff Brewer (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Andy Reese (A.M.)
Mickey Chandler (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Brad McAlister

Count and Usher
Ricky Cissom & Michiel Criswell

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Brice Lindley (08/04/21)

OUR RECORD

June 25, 2021

Sunday Bible Study: 90
Sunday Morning Worship: 118
Sunday Evening Worship: 98
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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SINCERITY By Mark Lindley

“But thanks be to God, that, whereas ye were servants of sin, ye became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching whereunto ye were delivered; and being made free from sin, ye became servants of righteousness” (ASV-Romans 6:17-18). The apostle Paul wrote these words to “saints” (Christians) in Rome (Romans 1:7). Paul makes it clear that these Christians, before their conversion to Christ, had been lost. They had been “the servants of sin,” but now they were “free from sin.” When were they set free from sin? The passage mentioned above indicates that they were saved when they “became obedient “from the heart” to the doctrine they had been taught.

To be obedient “from the heart” would certainly include sincerity of heart. The one who comes to the Lord for salvation must truly believe on Christ, genuinely repent of sins, sincerely confess Jesus as the Son of God, and, in heart-felt obedience, be baptized for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 22:16). When one meets these conditions for salvation-sincerely-that person is made free from sin.

Without a sincere heart, nothing else matters. In sincerely confessing that Jesus is God's Son is merely uttering empty words. Pretending to believe in Christ in order to fit in with those who do is hypocritical. Being baptized to please a boyfriend or girlfriend, husband or wife, instead of being baptized to please the Lord is nothing more than getting wet. Sincerity is vital.

On the other hand, we need to consider that sincerity alone is not sufficient to save. In our culture of political correctness, postmodernism, and tolerance we may be led to believe that the only thing that matters is sincerity. It is not unusual in our day to encounter the idea that having sincere convictions is more important than having sincere convictions that are right and true. Nevertheless, Jesus said, “and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32). Notice that Jesus places a high priority on “truth.” He did not affirm that sincerity alone makes one free from sin. Sincerity alone will not save because sincerity alone will not change error into truth, and it is the truth that makes one free.

With these thoughts in mind, let's examine our hearts to be sure we are sincere in our convictions. Let's also bear in mind that sincerity without truth will not save.

THANKS TO OUR OLDER CHRISTIANS

James Pilgrim

The years one lived in the beginning were many. For example, Adam lived to be 930. Seth died at the age of 912. Enos was 905. Cainan was 910, Mahalaleel died when he was 895, and so on. (Genesis 5:1-32; 9:29). The second ten lived much shorter lives. Shem was 600. Arphaxad was 438. Salah died at age 433. Eber lived to be 464, and down to Abraham, who was 175, when he died. (Genesis 11:10-26; 25:7). The Psalmist described what the averages are for those of his day, saying, "The days of our years are threescore and ten... fourscore...." (Psalms 90:10). That translates to 70-80 years, which is what we see today. There are few exceptions.

We have a number of members of the Chapman Church of Christ who are in their 70's, and a few who are in their 80's. We are so blessed to have these, and others, and we pray that all may continue to live, serve the Lord according to His will, and enjoy healthy and fruitful lives. The good examples of each of these can serve to aid all, especially the younger.

We also have enjoyed three sisters. Our beloved sister, Mildred Shackelford, died at the age of 96 years, 6 months, and 12 days. What a joy it was to know her. As a preacher, what a thrill it was to see her mouth moving in unison to a verse that was being used! She knew it. Though in her 90's, she rarely missed any service. What an example! Space does not permit more.

We are blessed to have two lovely sisters in their 90's still with us. Our beloved sister, Janie Chapman, to turn 93 on December 4, 2021, and our cherished sister, Ola Wade, to turn 99 on October 9, 2021. These sisters, though in their 90's are present when health permits. Both of these sisters have been Christians for many years. Only time and eternity will tell how much good they have done. Like Dorcas, they have done many good works and almsdeeds. (Acts 9:36; 1 John 3:18). We should imitate them in following Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:1). These three ladies show that one does not have to stand in the pulpit to be inspiring teachers. Brother Lindley does an outstanding job in laying out our duties, but he cannot do the good he does unless each member of the church is busy doing good works and almsdeeds like Dorcas and these ladies.

Remember, brethren, each of us will one day stand before the Creator of heaven and earth to give an account of the things which we have done, whether it be good or bad. (John 5:28, 29; Romans 14:12; 2 Corinthians 5:1-11).

THANKS, each one who is faithfully doing the Lord's work, especially to those who are older in the faith, and who aid us in having great faith. **WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH!**

*Wherefore seeing
we also are
compassed about
with so great a
cloud of witnesses,
let us lay aside
every weight, and
the sin which doth
so easily beset us,
and let us run with
patience the race
that is set before us,
Hebrews 12:1*

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

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George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise
Pannell, Thad Berryman

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McBryde, Marie Brumley, Keith Hall, Hermie
Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Cohen Hurt,
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Ledbury, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita
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