

August 14, 2022

Announcements
Tommy Wade

Song Leader
John Hopper

Scripture Reading
Danny Shackelford

Opening Prayer
Randell Koon (A.M.)
Keith Newby (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Brad McAlister (A.M.)
Brock Lindley (P.M.)

Lord's Table
J C Newby

Count and Usher
Rickey Cissom & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Logan Yancey (08/17/22)

OUR RECORD

August 7, 2022

Sunday Bible Study: 79
Sunday Morning Worship: 92
Sunday Evening Worship: 81
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 84

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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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“I HAVE MADE PEACE WITH GOD” By Mark Lindley

There is nothing more important in life than having peace with God. There can be no assurance of salvation or hope of heaven without having peace with God. Therefore, we should all desire to have peace with our Maker.

But how can we have such peace? The basic answer to the question is that peace comes by receiving the forgiveness of sins. Sin brings disturbance and causes discord between man and God (Isaiah 59:1-2). As long as one remains in sin, there can be no fellowship or peace with God.

Occasionally, a person who has shown little or no interest in spiritual things might make the statement: “I have made my peace with God.” The Bible teaches that the Lord will be the final judge on the Day of Judgment. Only the Lord qualifies to judge and to determine the ultimate destiny of souls. However, it is not being judgmental or self-righteous to affirm that one has no peace with God until one has obeyed the Gospel and been forgiven. Simply claiming to have “made peace with God” does not make it so, unless the one who makes that statement has submitted to the Gospel of Christ.

Consider what Paul wrote about peace with God: “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:1). Peace comes when one is “justified by faith.” But when does that occur? When does faith justify? In the next chapter of Romans (chapter 6), the answer is given: “But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness” (Romans 6:17-18). Notice that the Christians in Rome to whom Paul wrote were “made free from sin” when they “obeyed” the Gospel. Earlier in Romans chapter 6, Paul states that the Romans had been baptized into Christ, and had been raised to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3-4). This is when and how one can know that he or she truly has made peace with God. When one’s faith leads one to repent, confess Christ, and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins, then one has a scriptural reason for claiming to have peace with God. Nevertheless, apart from obedience to the Gospel, claiming to have peace with God is to make an unscriptural statement. May we all search the scriptures and our lives to be sure we have made peace with God.

My Friend and His Text Messages Dan Jenkins

I don't know what we would do without friends. God created us with a need for them. Each day of God's creation has the phrase, "God saw that it was good," in connection with it. However, after God created man, He said, "It is not good that man should be alone." He created us as social beings and has given us friends.

We need friends. This is one of the reasons for the popularity of mobile phones, as it allows one to be in constant contact with others. Statistics show that in 2008, the average monthly usage of cell phones was for 204 calls and 357 text messages. The monthly average for those ages 13-17 was 231 phone calls and 1,742 text messages. These numbers do not begin to reflect the astronomical increase since that study. Another study shows that each day Americans send 2,500,000,000 text messages!

I have to admit that I am very much involved in that texting world. I need friends in my life like everyone else, but let me tell you about a special friend who has sent me so many text messages which have enabled me to grow to be more like Jesus. I hope you have a friend like I do.

I remember the emotional struggle I had this time last year when my big brother, my hero, died. I remember the empty feeling I had as Judie and I left the hospital having seen Jerry for the last time. That night my friend's text was there. He always seems to have the perfect words to enable me to keep going. His text lifted my soul and gave me strength to deal with this matter. I needed my friend. I needed his text message. I hope you have a friend like I do.

I remember dealing with other problems. Problems in the family and problems in the church arise and sometimes I feel the burden is so great. I am amazed at my friend. When I am at the lowest points in my life, his text message just changes the way I am looking at life. I hope you have a friend like I do.

My friend is so much part of my life. I talk to him often. Whether on the mountaintops of joy or in the deep valleys of life, my friend is there. I cherish every text message from him. I hope you have a friend like I do.

I have every text message he has ever sent written in a book. It has more than a thousand pages filled with those text messages from Him. When I want to know what to preach, I check that book and right in the text is the answer. When I am asked to give counsel and advice, I check that book and right in the text message is the answer. My friend has sent thousands of texts to supply every need I have.

You have that book—the Bible. Check your text messages from my Friend often!

UPCOMING EVENTS

RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST AREA WIDE YOUTH NIGHT

August 21, 2022

5:00 PM

Speaker: Mason Cothren

Food/Games will be provided

Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Luke 12:6-7

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

SICK SUNDAY : Gearlene Cissom, Starrett Chapman, Pat Wade

HOSPITAL : Theo Smith, Ricky Rogers (Jodie Criswell's Son-in-law), Greg Hughes

SURGERY : Payden Criswell

SURGERY RECOVERY : Jodie Criswell, Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Malone Hurt, Gerohn Childs, Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, Patti Hall, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Lennox Kennamore (Leukemia), Jimmie Wayne Roberson, Johnnie Carpenter, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Steve Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler's Son-in-law), Betty Faye Ledbury,

•**SHUT-INS:** *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer #204, Jimmy Berryman, *Resthaven:* Johnnie Carpenter

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