### August 25, 2019 ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Announcements** Ross Shackelford Song Leader **Brad McAlister Scripture Reading Bobby Bridges Opening Prayer** J C Newby (A.M.) Terry Chapman (P.M.) **Closing Prayer** Tommy Wade (A.M.) J C Newby (P.M.) Lord's Table Chase Chapman (Presiding), Britt Lindley, David Smith, Ricky Cissom Count and Usher Palmer Jones **Rickey Loveless** 

### **OUR RECORD**

**Prepare Communion** 

Joy Simmons & Juan Stroupe

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Tripp Yancey (08/28/19)

August 18, 2019

Sunday Bible Study: 104 Sunday Morning Worship: 130 Sunday Evening Worship: 116 Wednesday Night Bible Study: 98 Budget: \$3,500 Contribution this week; 4,388

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### WHAT MUST LDO 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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## A STUDY GUIDE TO THE NEW TESTAMENT Mark Lindley

The New Testament contains 27 books. The 27 books of the New Testament contain 260 chapters and, depending on the translation one may choose, about 7,959 verses. That is a lot of information to absorb, and it may seem overwhelming.

However, there is an easy way to study the New Testament. There are four basic sections of the New Testament. When one sees the connection between the four sections, this greatly enhances one's understanding. Here are the four sections of the New Testament:

1) The Belief Section. This section contains four books: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. These four books provide details of the life of Christ. These books record the birth of Christ, his ministry, miracles, death, burial, and resurrection from the dead. The primary purpose of this section is to persuade readers to believe in Christ (John 3:2, 16, 18; 5:24; 8:24; 20:30-31).

- 2) The Unique Section. This section contains one book: Acts. This section is the "unique" section because it is the only book of the Bible that provides a historical record of a sinner becoming a Christian. During the historical period of Acts, sinners who were saved became members of the church (Acts 2:38-47), and were called Christians (Acts 11:26). Studying the conversion accounts of Acts, one can learn by historical example, how to become a Christian (Acts 2, 8, 9, 10, 16, 18, 19). These chapters reveal that one becomes a Christian by faith, repentance, confession, and baptism (each conversion ends with baptism).
- 3) The How-to-Live Section. This section contains 21 books: Romans-Jude. This section reveals how one is to live as a Christian. Subjects such as worship, faithfulness, spiritual growth, dealing with temptation, roles of husbands and wives, church organization, death, and the hope of heaven are all addressed in this section (Ephesians 5:19; I Corinthians 11:23-29; II Peter 1:5-11; I Peter 3:1-7; I Timothy 3; II Corinthians 5:1-9). Bear in mind that this section is designed to teach how one is to live as a Christian; it is not designed to teach how one "becomes" a Christian.
- 4) The Victory Section. This section contains one book: Revelation. This book teaches that Christians who remain faithful will enjoy eternal life in heaven (Revelation 2:10; 3:21; 21:1-4). In Christ, there is victory over the world, Satan, sin, and death!

There is a logical connection between these four sections of the New Testament: 1) The Belief Section (Matthew-John) provides evidence to persuade readers to believe in Christ; 2) The Unique Section (Acts) shows how to "demonstrate" one's faith by becoming a Christian; 3) The How-to-Live Section (Romans-Jude) shows how a Christian can remain faithful; 4) The Victory Section (Revelation) shows that faithful Christians can anticipate the joys of heaven. May these simple guidelines bless you in your study of God's Word!

### What Keeps You From Bible Study?

William McPherson was injured when a dynamite charge blew up in his face. As you can imagine the damage was severe. He lost his eyesight, both hands, and most of the sensation in his face. After getting out of the hospital he set out to find a way to study the Bible. Without hands he tried to use his lips to read Braille, but found that the lack of sensation in his face made that impossible. He discovered he could use his tongue to decipher the Moon Type system of dashes. This method left his tongue bleeding and very sore. Gradually it became easier and he learned to read with his tongue. In sixty years William McPherson was able to read the Bible through four times with his tongue.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Timothy 2:15.)

How many times have you read the Bible through? Are you able to see well enough to read? What is it that keeps you from Bible study? Is it ball games, television, friends, family, selfishness or just laziness? Why do so many things get in the way of God's children communicating with their father through reading His word? How often do you study your Bible?

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33.)

When it comes right down to it, there is nothing more important than our relationship with God. If we are not involved in daily Bible study then we are not putting the Kingdom of God first in our life. We should realize that Bible study is as essential as prayer for healthy communication in our relationship with God. Where there is no communication, relationships die.

### --- Josh Webster

### A Tale of Two Women

Steve Higginbotham

On July 24, 2019, Police in Chattanooga, TN charged a Chattanooga woman with murder. This 29-year-old woman was abusing illegal drugs which resulted in the premature delivery and death of her twin daughters. According to the police, this mother is being charged with murder, aggravated child abuse or neglect and viable fetus as a victim.

But can someone explain to me how this woman can be charged with murder while a mother who allows a doctor to insert a saline solution into her womb, thus killing her baby is not charged with murder?

- Two women.
- Both Pregnant.
- Both subjected their babies in their wombs to a deadly substance.
- Both resulted in the death of their babies.
- One is hauled to jail.
- One is hailed a hero of reproductive rights.

Friends, the battle over abortion is not a battle that will be won by educating people and making them aware of something they did not already know. Everyone knows. Everyone can see the inconsistency. Therefore, this battle won't be won by educating people about preborn life in the womb. While some may pretend not to know, we all know. No, this is a battle about the will, and whether one is allowed to fulfill their selfish desires at the expense of a defenseless person.



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