

**August 28, 2016
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Kevin Shackelford

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

Bobby Bridges

Opening Prayer

Tom Wade (A.M.) Tommy Wade (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Johnny Cissom (A.M.) Jarvene Shackelford (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Randell Koon (Presiding),

Jack Harris, Andy Reese, Chase Chapman

Count and Usher

David Smith

Michiel Criswell

Prepare Communion

Myra and Anna Palmer

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Ross Shackelford (08/31/16)

OUR RECORD

August 21, 2016

Sunday Bible Study: 106

Sunday Morning Worship: 144

Sunday Evening Worship: 128

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 101

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,800

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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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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

WHY SOME DO NOT OBEY THE GOSPEL Mark Lindley

The Scriptures teach that one must obey the Gospel to be saved. Paul warned that those who do "not obey the gospel will be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory His power" (II Thessalonians 1:6-9). Those who do obey the Gospel are set free from the guilt of sin and will be saved.

Why, then, would any sober-minded person refuse to obey the Gospel and receive all these spiritual benefits? There are actually several reasons people do not obey the Gospel. The following is not an exhaustive list, but it gives at least four reasons.

1. Some do not obey the Gospel because they have no faith. Gospel obedience involves believing in Christ, repenting of sins, confessing one's faith in Christ, and being baptized for the forgiveness of sins (John 8:24; Acts 3:19; Romans 10:10; Acts 22:16).
2. Not everyone believes the Gospel. In fact, one will not believe unless he or she is taught. Children or adults do not begin believing in Christ without being taught about Christ (cf. John 6:44-45). Let us be sure that we teach our children and grandchildren to believe in Jesus.
3. Some do not obey the Gospel because they love unrighteousness and the pleasures of sins (cf. II Thessalonians 2:10-12). The allurements of fleshly lusts, and the pleasures associated therewith are too strong for some to resist. They love drunkenness, fornication, and lusting after others. Their hearts and minds are so filled by such things that they think little about following the Lord.
4. Some do not obey the Gospel because of pride. They might be wealthy, powerful, and "successful," and ponder, "Why do I need God?" Such people might proudly state, "I have never asked God for forgiveness."
5. Some do not obey the Gospel because they feel there is plenty of time. Most people who claim to believe in God and who are not Christians, "plan" to make their lives right some time. However, it seems the day to obey the Gospel never seems to come. Like Felix, many are waiting for a more "convenient season" (Acts 24:25). The devil will see to it that it is never convenient to give up sin.

Do you need to obey the Gospel? When are you going to do it? Why would you want to put off something that will impact where you spend eternity? Friend, please do not wait another day. "Now is the day of salvation" (II Corinthians 6:2). If we at Chapman can assist you, contact us at (662) 837-7012.

There Is Only One Doctrine of Christ! David Sproule

When the Holy Spirit readied Paul to pen his first letter to a fellow preacher regarding the responsibilities of an evangelist, what do you suppose would be a main point of emphasis in that letter? Immediately after the customary greetings, Paul wrote that he had urged Timothy to remain in Ephesus to “charge certain men not to teach a different doctrine” (1 Tim. 1:3). God has defined His “doctrine” (i.e., His body of acceptable and expected teaching) and there is “no other doctrine” for man to seek, teach or believe.

Paul emphasizes this point (i.e., “the” singularity and defined nature of the doctrine of Christ) by employing the definitive article “the” over 100 times in the book of First Timothy. How important is the definite article? How can we know that its use identifies and specifies only ONE object? Consider these verses. “Now to THE King eternal, immortal, invisible, THE only God” (1:17). “We trust in THE living God, who is THE Savior of all men” (4:10). He is the THE blessed and only Potentate, THE King of kings” (6:15). How many Gods are there? How many Saviors? How many eternal Kings? ONLY ONE! The definite article identifies and specifies only one.

Now, consider the use of the definite article as applied to the doctrine of Christ and the Holy Spirit’s charge that no other doctrine be taught. Some English translations will vary, but these numbers are based upon the New King James Version.

Five times in First Timothy, Paul emphasized “THE doctrine” (1:10; 4:6, 16; 5:17; 6:3). Ten times he emphasized “THE faith” (1:2, 19; 3:9, 13; 4:1, 6; 5:8; 6:10, 12, 21). Five times he emphasized “THE truth” (2:4, 7; 3:15; 4:3; 6:5). Two times he emphasized “THE word” (4:5; 5:17). Once he emphasized “THE gospel” (1:11). Now, let me ask you a question: If the use of the definite article with “God,” “Savior” and “King” identified and specified that there is ONLY ONE, how many acceptable doctrines (i.e., teachings) does God have when it is preceded by the definite article more than 20 times in one book? ONLY ONE!

The last chapter of the book begins in similar fashion to the first chapter of the book. Chapter 1 begins with a charge that “no other doctrine” is to be taught. Chapter 6 begins with a condemnation of “anyone” who teaches “a different doctrine” (ASV) and “does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness” (6:3).

Friend, I plead with you. Let us all “come to THE knowledge of THE truth” (2:4) and “fight THE good fight of THE faith” (6:12). There is only one “doctrine which accords with godliness” (6:3). May we learn it, know it, love it, study it, teach it, defend it, live it and never be ashamed of it!

I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
Psalm 116:1-2 KJV

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapman Singing

September 4th
Tippah County Hospital
Nursing Home
at 2 PM

September 11
Golden Living
at 2 PM

Chapman Ladies Bible Class Thursday, September 15 - 6:30

PROGRAMS OF WORK

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Brother Lyndon Beard. He will be greatly missed at Chapman.

•**HOME SICK:** Angela Bridges, Gerohn Childs, Tony & Jane Morrison

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Guy Stroupe (TCNH)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** George Coats, George Doss (Kelly Brewer’s Father), Guy Stroupe, Willie Jeanes, Hollis Fowler (Frankie Fowler’s Father), Ed James Pannell, Connie Mauney, Randall Hancock (Liver & Kidney Transplant - Dawn Stroupe’s Father), Taylor Crawford, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford’s Sister), Tony Morrison, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Wayne Crabb, Lester Wommack, Grady Chandler, Lorie Christian, Deborah Gullick (Mother of Stephanie McAlister, Bo & Brian Chapman), Doug Pannell, Don Allen Riggs (19, student at FU from El Paso, TX), has stage 3 cancer. Cards may be sent to Target House 1, 1811 Poplar Ave, Apt. 211, Memphis, TN 38104), Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Rodney Hilliard, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman’s Sister), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer, Margie James.

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: Oleta Phillips (Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663), Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home: Bonnie Chapman, Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).