

September 24, 2023

Announcements

Britt Lindley

Song Leader

Keith Newby

Scripture Reading

Luke Hobson

Opening Prayer

Brad McAlister (A.M.)

Tripp Yancey (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

John Hopper (A.M.)

Randell Koon (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Mickey Chandler

Count and Usher

Chase Chapman & David Smith

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Ross Shackelford (09/27/23)

OUR RECORD

September 17, 2023

Sunday Bible Study: 84

Sunday Morning Worship: 112

Sunday Evening Worship 81

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 91

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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

THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD Mark Lindley

The grace of God is truly amazing. When we reflect on the wonders of God's grace, we should be motivated to serve the Lord with gladness.

"Grace" is often defined as "unmerited favor." This definition is certainly true to the Bible. The Bible teaches that there is nothing we can do to earn or merit God's grace. God does not "owe" us salvation. Reading the Bible, attending worship services, visiting the sick, giving to the poor, believing on Christ, being baptized—none of these things "earn" one a place in heaven or puts God in debt to us. When we have done all the things the Lord has commanded, we still have not merited the grace of God.

Without God's grace, there would be no salvation from sin. Paul wrote, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). Focus on the words: "by grace are ye saved." We are saved by grace in that God's grace has made the necessary provisions for sinners to be saved. God's grace is the reason Jesus came to earth and died on the cross. God's grace is the reason Jesus established His church and gave us a plan of salvation. God's grace is the reason forgiveness is extended to all who obey the Gospel. God's grace is the reason heaven is offered to God's faithful children. All who have sinned would be hell-bound if it were not for God's grace. No wonder we sing, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me." God's grace cannot be earned or merited.

Nevertheless, we need to understand that, as amazing as God's grace is, there is one thing God's grace cannot and will not do. God's grace will not save the sinner who does not meet the conditions of God's plan of salvation. God's grace does not cancel a sinner's obligation to obey. This is not to say that a sinner must "earn" salvation; rather, the one who obeys God's plan of salvation is simply gaining access to the blessings provided by God's grace.

What are the conditions of God's plan of salvation? The New Testament teaches that those who have sinned must believe on Christ, repent of sins, confess faith in Christ, and be baptized for the remission of sins (John 8:24; Luke 13:3; Romans 10:10; Acts 22:16). By meeting these conditions, one becomes a Christian, and all past sins are washed away by the blood of Christ. These conditions enable one to connect to God's grace so that one receives God's forgiveness.

Once one has become a Christian, one must then live a faithful, Christian life (I John 1:7-9). By faithfulness, one stays connected to God's grace and all the spiritual blessings He provides (Romans 6:1-2; Galatians 5:4). Yes, God's grace is truly amazing. Have you received the blessings of God's grace? If not, respond in obedience and allow God's grace to save you today!

" SPIRITUAL NARCISSISM "

Dalton Key

An Ancient passage updated to suit the whims of our age: "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, If you continue in following your heart, then are you my disciples indeed; and you shall know, from deep within yourself, the path you should follow, and that path will make you free" (John 8:31-32). I think I'll stick with the original version.

Motion pictures and television shows have promoted the idea for years now. When facing a major decision, when standing at one of life's crossroads, major characters are encouraged to "look within" and "follow your heart." No ill will come – only good will ensue – if only they choose to disregard conventional wisdom, flaunt moral and legal restrictions, and listen to their heart. But that is Hollywood, and more or less expected from a culture completely disengaged from any semblance of reality.

What more deeply concerns me is that this "follow your heart" philosophy has begun seeping into the church. While sermons of yesteryear emphasized the absoluteness of truth, the authority of the Bible, and the necessity of having a "thus saith the Lord" for all matters of belief and practice, such preaching is now viewed by many more-modern members as too narrow, too rigid, too dogmatic. We're hearing that sincerity, tolerance, and acceptance are the new coins of the realm; that the "what" of Scripture is less important than the "why" which motivates us; that "feeling spiritual" and "having a sense of self" are the important things.

Such spiritual narcissism might seem at least slightly plausible were it not for inspired words like those of Jeremiah, written centuries ago but still relevant for our misguided generation: "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walks to direct his steps" (Jeremiah 10:23).

In the end, when all is said and done, when the dust of confusion settles and the sky of comprehension is once again clear, it will have been the truth from above, and not the heart from within, providing our freedom from sin.

Music In Worship By Dan C. Bailey

People often ask the question, "Why don't you have a piano or organ in your worship service?" My response is, the Lord's church stands upon the solid rock of the authority of God's Word. Mechanical instruments of music, like the piano, organ, drums, saxophones, etc., are simply not authorized by God in New Testament worship. God did not teach us in the New Testament to simply make music. He specifically teaches us to sing. Since God specifies singing, that is what God authorized.

The communion or the Lord's Supper is authorized by God in the New Testament. The two elements in the communion are clearly specified, the fruit of the vine and the unleavened bread. In general terms, the fruit of the vine is a drink. And in general terms the unleavened bread is food. Now who could say that it is alright to take Pepsi Cola and potato chips at the Lord's table?

Had God used the general term to make music, then we could play instruments or we could sing, or we could do both. But God specifically said sing. That rules out all other types of music, in exactly the same fashion that the fruit of the vine rules out all other drink, and the unleavened bread rules out all other food.

Please consider the following scriptures in order to determine the type of music that God authorized in the New Testament:

Ephesians 5:19 - "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; "

Colossians 3:16 - "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

Hebrews 2:12 - "Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee."

1 Corinthians 14:15 - "What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also."

*A Plea For Prayers
Please pray for spiritual and
numerical growth for the Chapman
Congregation in 2023.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPMAN LECTURESHIP

"THINGS WHICH HELP THE CHURCH TO THRIVE"

OCTOBER 8TH - 11TH

SUNDAY:

BIBLE STUDY - 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP - 10:45 A.M.

SPEAKER: Keith Mosher

Fellowship Meal will follow.

SUNDAY EVENING - 1:30 P.M.

SPEAKER: Jeff Scott

MONDAY - 7:00 P.M.

SPEAKER: Aaron Gallagher

TUESDAY - 7:00 P.M.

SPEAKER: Allen Webster

WEDNESDAY - 7:00 P.M.

SPEAKER: Donnie Debord

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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: Wilma Wood, Martha Presley, Everette Hurt

SURGERY RECOVERY: Robin Chapman

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Joanie Kate Reese, John Perry (4 month old/heart problems), Loxlee Eaton (6-yr old, Chris Lewellen's Granddaughter), Olivia Pounders, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, Louise Pannell (Sharon's Mother), Malone Hurt, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

CANCER: Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley's Aunt), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman's Son-in-law), Tom Muir (Cindy Pruitt's Brother-in-law), Shelia Fleming (Mark Lindley's Aunt), Rhonda Gillespie, David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

SHUT-INS: *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Joe Clark

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