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Chris Moore

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J C Newby

Opening Prayer
Britt Lindley (A.M.)
Mickey Chandler (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Jeff Brewer (A.M.)
Wayne Vandygriff (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Tommy Wade

Count and Usher
Bobby Bridges & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Mason McAlister (10/06/21)

OUR RECORD

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Sunday Bible Study: 88
Sunday Morning Worship: 105
Sunday Evening Worship: 51
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 75

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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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JESUS, THE BREAD OF LIFE Mark Lindley

Jesus often used figures of speech to teach spiritual lessons. On the occasion of John chapter 6 Jesus stated, "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst" (verse 35). Obviously, when Jesus referred to himself as "bread," he was using figurative language to encourage people to come to him and receive everlasting life. Here are a couple of ideas to inspire us to partake of the Bread of Life:

First, we need to consider that each person is composed of body and spirit. James wrote, "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (James 2:26). We can readily see the need to give our bodies the nourishment ("bread") needed to sustain and strengthen our bodies. Without food for our bodies, we could not live for very long. The same is true concerning the spiritual dimension within each of us. Food for the soul is necessary in order to be spiritually strong and healthy. Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). Jesus' statement shows that the spiritual food needed to sustain our souls is the Word of God (cf. 1 Peter 2:2).

But how often is your soul fed? Does your soul receive the nourishment of God's Word daily? If your body were fed only as often as your soul is fed, how long would you live? Many of us would not live for very long because we often neglect to feed our souls. Some hear a few verses mentioned in a sermon on Sunday, and that is the only spiritual food they receive. Others receive no spiritual nourishment. We often partake of too much food for the body, but starve our souls. We make time for ballgames, hunting, shopping, going out to eat, and other activities we want to do, but then say we are "too busy" to read and meditate on God's Word, the Bible. We must prioritize and arrange our schedules so that we spend time feeding our souls.

Second, Jesus taught that the bread he offers will satisfy. He said that those who receive it "shall never hunger." A spiritual hunger deep within each of us often sends us on a search for satisfaction. We may try to fulfill this inner longing of the soul by getting a better job, buying a bigger house or new car, having the "best" children, engaging in multiple sexual relationships, or by attempting to calm our restless hearts by using drugs or alcohol. These pursuits may provide a temporary escape, but then we find that the spiritual hole within us remains. The only true remedy is Jesus, the Bread of Life. If you are looking for answers, he is your answer.

From Where I Sit

by C. M. Callan

Do we say things we do not intend to say, perhaps not even thinking about what we have said? I suspect there are a number of areas that we could find this to be true, but I would like to call attention to our singing and some of the things we sing about. If we are to “sing and make melody in our hearts to the Lord,” then should it be important that we think about what we are singing? I have been thumbing through our songbook and I can find so many examples.

- “I’d rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today....” (But we do not show up for worship services.)
- “Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee....” (Too busy to do the Lord’s work when called upon.)
- “All to Jesus I surrender....” (Did not really mean “all,” just some of it.)
- “There is much to do, there is work on every hand—Here am I, send me.” (Whoa—I mean I’ll help you go, but not me, I’m too busy!)
- “More about Jesus would I know, more of His grace to others show....” (Haven’t been to Bible study in how long?)
- “Give me the Bible, Holy message shining....” (Never seem to have time to read it.)

We could go on and on, but I think you get the picture. Of course the answer is not to stop singing, but rather think about the words and resolve to make them something you really intend to do or believe. “Lip service” will not get the job done. God does not settle for just a part of “us” but demands “all.” The problem, as I see it in my own life, is simply that I have too many “idols” between God and me. Such things as money, prestige, leisure time, hobbies, family, bad habits, work, etc. come between me and my service to the Lord. Being a Christian should be the most important thing in my life, not just something I do on Sunday morning.

Join with me and think about the songs we sing and make every effort to sing in the “spirit and truth.”

BAPTIZED

We are happy to announce that Sam Hill was baptized last Sunday evening.

Pine Vale Children’s Home 2021 Fall Food Drive

Due to COVID-19 – We will be doing monetary donations. Donation Box is in the foyer.

Baptism Refused

One Monday morning recently I received a call from my parents. They called to ask if I would go to Parkview Hospital and visit the family of their next-door neighbor’s sister. The woman’s husband entreated them to contact me so that I could baptize her.

When I arrived at the hospital, I found her husband at his wit’s end because of his grief and the intense fear he felt from knowing that his wife was not baptized. Upon entering the room and striving to communicate with the woman, I realized that although I ached for her distraught husband of 50+ years, there was no way I could baptize her. She was near comatose; she could not swallow or talk; she had not eaten for a week; her left shoulder was fractured from a fall a couple of weeks earlier. There was no way she could confess with her mouth unto salvation (Romans 10:10), nor was it very likely that the hospital staff would permit me to immerse her even if she could talk. Sadly, she had had at least 60 years of adult life and she had not prepared herself for this earth’s one inevitability: death. Her window of opportunity to obey the gospel had apparently been shut.

The temptation to compromise and seek to offer false hope was definitely felt. Intense anguish of the human soul is a horrific sight. According to church historians, the practice of sprinkling and pouring as “baptism” began in the third century under similar circumstances as this one. Somewhere earlier in the stream of time, someone failed to resist this enticing temptation. What a flood of false assurance and hope has come as a result.

The purpose of baptism, though, is not to please others or to reassure their conscience. It is immensely more intimate and personal than that; it is the answer of (an earnest seeking for) a good conscience toward God (1 Peter 3:21). Sadly, this woman was in such a state that she could not do this. To baptize her now would be as meaningless and as ineffective as “baptizing” an infant.

The time to face the reality of death and the Judgment is now, not later. “*TODAY if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts*” (Hebrews 3:7). If you have not earnestly sought a good conscience toward God by being baptized into Christ for the remission of your sins, do not let today’s window of opportunity close on you. “*Behold NOW is the accepted time; behold NOW is the day of salvation*” (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Jeff Chowning

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Larry Simmons (Husband of Joy).

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

•**SICK:** Michiel Criswell

•**REHAB:** Michelle Bellew

•**SURGERY:** Pat Shackelford

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, Patti Hall, Johnny Cissom, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** April Pounders, Lori Duke, Billy McBryde, Marie Brumley, Keith Hall, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt’s Mother), Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Betty Faye Ledbury, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Niani Colom-Omotesa

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