

October 6, 2019
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Tommy Wade

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

Eli Carter

Opening Prayer

Terry Chapman (A.M.)

Bryan Davis (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Mickey Chandler (A.M.)

Wayne Vandygriff (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Ricky Cissom (Presiding),

John Hopper, Kevin Shackelford, Randell Koon

Count and Usher

Bobby Bridges & Devin McVey

Prepare Communion

Robin Chapman & Molly Moore

Wednesday Night Song Leader

J C Newby (10/09/19)



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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

THE REALITY OF HELL

Mark Lindley

Many who profess to be Christians no longer believe in hell. There was a time when preachers warned about the horrors of hell, but pulpits of our day are silent on the subject. In our permissive and tolerant culture, one dare not speak about the reality of hell. Anyone who does might be considered ignorant and judgmental. Hell is considered to be nothing more than a myth believed by uninformed people of the past. It seems no one of our day needs to repent of sin. No one is lost, and no one is in danger of going to hell.

However, Jesus was not too "sophisticated" to warn about hell. Consider this warning: "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28). The Lord also warned: "And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched" (Mark 9:43). According to Jesus, hell is a real, and it is a place of eternal punishment.

Not only did Jesus warn about the reality of hell, but he also made it clear that many will go to hell. "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:13-14). Please notice that "many" follow the broad way the leads to "destruction," while "few" travel the "narrow way" that leads to life. It is not difficult to understand Jesus' point: many people will be lost in hell.

Such teaching is not pleasant to hear, but ignoring it will not make it go away. In fact, the very concept of hell is intertwined with God's plan to save sinners. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10). But why come to save the lost? What is so terrible about being lost? One thing that is terrible about being lost is the danger of going to hell. If there were no hell to avoid, there would be no purpose for the cross. Jesus died to save sinners! (1 Timothy 1:15). One cannot remove the concept of hell from the Bible without destroying God's plan to save sinners.

Many choose to believe in heaven, but refuse to believe in hell. However, the same Bible that teaches the reality of heaven is the Bible that teaches the reality of hell. Consistency is a rare jewel to those who believe in heaven, while rejecting hell. In warning of the judgment to come, Jesus spoke about heaven and hell: "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal" (Matthew 25:46). Please think about it!

OUR RECORD

September 29, 2019

Sunday Bible Study: 111

Sunday Morning Worship: 129

Sunday Evening Worship: 110

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 92

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: 3,867

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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).

A COMMAND FOR EVERYONE Charles Box

There are many difficult commands in the Bible; none were more difficult than the command God gave to Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac. (Genesis 22) Our most challenging command might well be that of repentance. This is a command for everyone. "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." (Acts 17:30-31) The word "repent" is in our Kings James Bible 43 times. The word "repentance" is found in the Kings James Version 23 times. The word "repenteth" is found five times in the King James Bible. Repentance is a change of mind, of attitude and of heart. It is an act of faith that leads to a change away from any sinful lifestyle. Jesus wanted everyone to hear the message of repentance. He said, "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." (Luke 24:46-47)

Salvation in Jesus without a change of life is impossible. Feeling sorry for an action without a change of life is not repentance. Paul said "godly sorrow produces repentance," but we must understand that godly sorrow is not repentance. "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death." (2 Corinthians 7:10) Just saying "I am sorry" is not repentance; but a person who is truly sorry for sins will come to repentance. The Law of God made man aware of sin and showed the need for repentance and forgiveness. "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin." (Romans 3:20) Repentance is an act of faith.

"Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul." (Hebrews 10:38-39)

God's desire is that we repent and stop sinning. John chapter eight records the story of a woman that was taken in the very act of adultery. Jesus said, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." (John 8:7) Most people who quote this verse do so in order to try to justify some personal wrong. The scribes and Pharisees were told this because they were deliberately breaking God's Law in condemning this woman in the way they did. They had no respect for the Law. Jesus told this woman to "go, and sin no more." (John 8:11) It is vital that Christians stop sinning. Let us observe our weakness and by relying on the atoning sacrifice of Jesus get out of the business of sin.

Who should repent and why should we repent? Those who are not yet Christians should repent and be baptized to be saved. "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:38) Christians who have sinned also need to repent. When Philip preached in Samaria, Simon, who had been a sorcerer, became a Christian. He sinned by wanting to buy the ability to pass on gifts of the Holy Spirit. Peter told this Christian man who had sinned, "Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee." (Acts 8:20-22) Repent now! Judgment Day is coming. (Acts 17:30-31)

Repentance involves stopping the sins that are in our life. "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" (Romans 6:1-2) God loves us and He desires our repentance. "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9) The longsuffering of God will not last forever. Have you repented of your sins? Have you been baptized for the remission of your sins? "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:16) We must repent of our sins and be baptized into Christ to avoid condemnation at the Judgment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPMAN FISH FRY
Thursday, October 3rd at 5 PM
Ladies please bring desserts.

CHAPMAN DOOR KNOCKING
Saturday, October 5th

CHAPMAN
FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY
Sunday, October 6th

*We will have a fellowship meal (potluck)
followed by services at 1:30 p.m.*

Pine Vale Children's Home
Fall Food Drive:

Items requested:

Gallon Ziplock Bags, Parmesan Cheese
Cream of Chicken or Mushroom Soup
*Please place items in the kitchen by classrooms.
Will be picked up 1st part of October.*

Chapman Area Wide Youth Night
Sunday, October 20th - 6:00 PM
Speaker: Adam Miller

Chapman Area Wide
Ladies Bible Class
Thursday, November 7 at 6:30PM
Speaker: Berta Kennedy
"Whatever Is Praiseworthy"

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Charles Pannell (Karen Cissom's Father).

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Chap (Home from hospital) & Lottie Moore

•**HOSPITAL:** Janie Jumper (Tupelo), Ronald Hopkins (Tupelo), Mack Mauney (Tupelo)

•**TEST:** Jo Chapman, Loretta Criswell

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Bradley Childs, Ashley Dees Wilson, Pat Waide, Joanie Kate Reese, Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Tony Morrison, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Keith Hall, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Lanny Yancey (Treatments), Danny Yancey, Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Niani Colom-Omotesa

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