

October 8, 2023

Announcements

Randell Koon

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

Rickey Cissom

Opening Prayer

Larry Wood (A.M.)
Mickey Chandler (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Kevin Shackelford (A.M.)
Brad McAlister (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Jarvene Shackelford

Count and Usher

Bobby Bridges & Bryan Davis

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Mark Lindley (10/11/23)

OUR RECORD

October 1, 2023

Sunday Bible Study: 89
Sunday Morning Worship: 103
Sunday Evening Worship 80
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 99

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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

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

Mark Lindley

There are many ideas concerning what it means to be a Christian. Ask the average person today, "What is a Christian?" and one is likely to get a variety of answers. "A Christian is someone who goes to church," one might say. Another might respond, "A Christian is someone who is a good, moral person." Others might affirm that a Christian is one who reads the Bible.

Although these answers reveal things a Christian may do, they do not define what a Christian is. The term "Christian" literally means, "A follower of Christ." The term was first applied to disciples of Christ in Antioch of Syria: "The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26). The name "Christian" was eventually adopted by other followers of Christ. When Paul, standing before King Agrippa, spoke of his conversion to Christ, Agrippa responded: "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian" (Acts 26:28). This shows that Agrippa knew that followers of Christ wore the name "Christian." In addition, Peter wrote, "If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf" (1 Peter 4:16). This further reveals that those who followed Christ were called "Christians."

But what does it mean to follow Christ? How can one follow him today? Jesus is not here in bodily form, so how could one follow him? Here is the answer from Jesus, himself: "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32). This statement reveals that one follows Christ today by following the "word" of Christ. Notice: "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed."

The lesson, therefore, is clear: true Christians are those who follow Christ, by following the words of Christ. Claiming to be a Christian does not make one a Christian!

Dealing with the Guilt of Sin Tim Dooley

The guilt of sin...we all experience it and we all deal with it. Because it weighs on our conscience and determines our course in life, physically and eternally, we seek a remedy that will allow us to be justified and ease our hearts and minds. For most people the solution is ultimately insufficient because we desire to be justified while at the same time wanting to live in accordance with the flesh. We want to "have our cake and eat it too." So men...

- Ignore the sin in hopes that time will ease our guilt. But time is not sufficient for the task; so we flounder in a state of despair.
- Seek justification in human wisdom and morality. But mankind does not have the ability to reason away the shame of sin (Jeremiah 10:23; Isaiah 55:7-9)
- Try to alter or reinterpret God's Word to ease the culpability of transgression. But it is God's Word that will judge us in the end (John 12:48). And so men have always been warned by God not to choose this path (Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:6; Revelation 22:18-19). Certainly those who do will not find the comfort they desire, although for a time they might have a false sense of security, for ultimately to twist the word of God is to contribute to one's own destruction (2 Peter 3:16).

There is only one prescription powerful enough to get rid of guilt. And only God can write it! In Romans 4:6-8 we read that the blessed man is the one to whom God does not reckon sin. Since we have all sinned and continue to fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23; 5:12) we all have earned a guilty sentence. No man can undo what he has done and time, human reasoning, and not even a misunderstanding of God's Word will acquit us.

King David was guilty of terrible sins (adultery, murder, lying) and yet he experienced the joy of forgiveness and an eased conscience. We, too, can have this elation when we...

- Quit denying our guilt and recognize that we have sinned.
- Admit our guilt to God and act in faithfulness to His will.
- Let go of our guilt and believe that God has forgiven us.

This can be difficult when a sin has taken root in our life over many years, when it is very serious, or when it involves others. We must remember that Jesus is willing and able to forgive every sin.

If you are not a Christian the only place you can find the peace that passes all understanding and is able to keep our hearts and minds is in Christ (Philippians 4:7). Repent of the sin in your life (Luke 13:3, 5), Confess your faith in Jesus as the only begotten Son of God (Romans 10:9), and be immersed with him in baptism to have your sins washed away (Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-6; 1 Peter 3:21). And if you are a Christian it is important to repent of any ongoing sin in your life, confess it unto the Lord, and prayer for forgiveness (Revelation 2:5; 1 John 1:9; Acts 8:22).

You do not have to live with a guilty conscience one more day. Obey Him and be faithful! This life and the one to come are too wonderful to waste another moment not knowing the peace of Jesus Christ.

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

Pine Vale Children's Home 2023 Fall Food Drive

We will be doing
monetary donations.
Donation Box is in the foyer.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

SICK SUNDAY: Wilma Wood, Bobbye Chapman, Kyra Cook, Jerry Ralph, Lamar Criswell, Krystal Roberts

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Joanie Kate Reese, Olivia Pounders, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, Louise Pannell (Sharon's Mother), Malone Hurt, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

CANCER: Dorothy Hopper (John's Mother) 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), Loxlee Eaton, 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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Please pray for spiritual and
numerical growth for the Chapman
Congregation in 2023.*