

October 10, 2021

Announcements
Kevin Shackelford

Song Leader
Logan Yancey

Scripture Reading
Ricky Cissom

Opening Prayer
Keith Newby (A.M.)
Terry Chapman (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Danny Shackelford (A.M.)
Gene Yancey (P.M.)

Lord's Table
James Pilgrim

Count and Usher
Bobby Bridges & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
J C Newby (10/13/21)

OUR RECORD

October 3, 2021

Sunday Bible Study: 88
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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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HEAVEN WILL SURELY BE WORTH IT ALL James Pilgrim

Precious ladies of the Chapman Church, body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27) continue to let their lights shine so that God will be glorified. (Matthew 5:14-16). Recently, Bryana came forward asking for the prayers of the church. (9/19/21). Paul told the saints at Ephesus (Ephesians 1:1) to put on the whole armor of God that they might stand against the wiles of the devil. (Ephesians 6:10-17). They were then encouraged to watch and pray. (Verse 18).

He immediately asked them to pray "for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak." (Verses 19, 20). Beloved, if an "apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God" (Ephesians 1:1) needed prayers to be strong enough to do what he should do, surely each of us need the prayers of our brethren.

Living the Christian life is not easy. Jesus never promised us that it would be. The great Sermon on the Mount informs the Lord's disciples that they will be reviled and hated, persecuted, and spoken against in an evil and false way. (Matthew 5:10-12; Luke 6:22). Bryana posted, Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All. That post showed an understanding of and faith in God's word. It also showed a commitment to continue to obey God and go to heaven. Jesus said, "Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh." (Luke 6:20-23). Christian, look past false accusations, wrong portrayals of you, unkind words, evil deeds, and such like. Jesus has already faced this. (John 15:20; Matthew 26; 27), and, "The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord." (Matthew 10:16-24). God's people have also faced persecutions, including death. (Matthew 5:12; Acts 7:52; Acts 7:57-8:4; 12:1-5; 2 Corinthians 11:23-28; 2 Chronicles 36:16; and more). It would be easy to hate sinful people. However, Paul wrote, "Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not." (Romans 12:14). Jesus said "Pray for them which despitefully use you." (Luke 6:28). As the song says, we may be hindered, burdened, faced with trials and tears. Heartaches may overcome, dismay, and horrify. In all of this we will face pain. However, praise be unto our powerful and loving God, Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All. Just keep on trusting and obeying. One day the faithful of all ages will hear words that will offset any troubles. Read, memorize, and live to hear Matthew 25:23 and 34. Thanks, Bryana, for A GREAT POST! Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All! That one post may very well be responsible for many joining you in heaven.

REASONS FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

By Mark Lindley

We live in a time when the importance of church membership is minimized. Many believe that “just being spiritual” is a more appealing alternative than “organized religion” (church membership).

However, there is no reason to abandon the church in order to be spiritual. In fact, true spirituality is an integral part of membership in the Lord’s church.

For those who believe the Bible, there are many reasons for being a member of the New Testament church.

1. The church is the body of Christ. “And he is the head of the body, the church”(Colossians 1:18). The figure of speech, “the body,” brings to our minds the relationship church members sustain to one another and to Christ. Christ is the head of the body; His followers are members of the spiritual body. Surely, we all want to be members of the body of Christ.

2. The church is the house (family) of God. “But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15).

The term “house of God” indicates that members of the church are part of God’s family, having been born again to be part of God’s spiritual house (cf. John 3:3-5). Surely, we want God to be our Father, and church members to be our brothers and sisters in the family of God.

3. The church is composed of the saved. “Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved” (Acts 2:47). Notice from this verse that the “saved” were “added to the church.” This shows that when one obeys the Gospel and is saved from past sins, that person is added, by God, to the New Testament church. Denominationalism attempts to separate salvation from church membership. Biblically, one cannot separate salvation from sin and membership in the Lord’s church. Every person who receives salvation is added to the church. Surely, we want to be saved and to be among the saved.

To become a member of Jesus’ church, believe on Christ, repent of sins, confess your faith in Christ, and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins. God will add you to the church. Then, you can know that you are in the body of Christ, the family of God, and that you are among the saved!

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10:45 a.m. Worship
2:00 p.m. Afternoon Service
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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

•**REHAB:** Michelle Bellew

•**TEST:** Sammie Pilgrim

•**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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