

October 11, 2020  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**  
Tommy Wade

**Sunday Song Leader**  
Larry Wood

**Wednesday Song Leader**  
Mason McAlister (10/14/20)

**Scripture Reading**  
Logan Yancey

**Opening Prayer**  
Kevin Shackelford (AM)  
Jeff Roberson (PM)

**Closing Prayer**  
Gene Yancey (AM)  
Jarvene Shackelford (PM)

**Count and Usher**  
Bobby Bridges & Devin McVey

**Communion**  
Rickey Cissom

*Pick Up Communion when entering*

**OUR RECORD**

**October 4, 2020**

Sunday Bible Study: NO SERVICE  
Sunday Morning Worship: 76  
Sunday Evening Worship:  
Wednesday Night Bible Study:  
Budget: \$3,500  
Contribution this week: 3,970

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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## IS BEING COMFORTABLE ENOUGH?

**No. 2**

**James Pilgrim**

In a previous article the question was asked, "Is being comfortable enough?" The material therein showed from the word of God that one could be comfortable, and be wrong. Statements from Solomon (Proverbs 14:12), and examples of Saul of Tarsus (Acts 7:54-Acts 8:4; 9:1, 2; 26:9-11) were given in support of this faith. Remember, "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17). Honesty, sincerity, and comfort are not determining factors in salvation.

One's life must be in harmony with the word of God. 1 Peter 4:11 says, "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God;...." Colossians 3:17 says, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." Thus, following the Lord, one will say and do what God says. Following the "doctrines and commandments of men" will render one's "worship" "in vain." (Matthew 15:9).

This installment is a challenge to all religionists. First, the lost who with wicked hands crucified Jesus asked, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37). They were told to, "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." (Verse 38). They had heard the word of God (Acts 2:14-36; Romans 10:17), and believed. (John 8:24; Mark 16:16). Now they needed to repent (Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 17:30, 31; 2:38), confess the Deity of Jesus (Acts 8:37; Matthew 10:32, 33), and be baptized in water (Acts 8:36-39) by burial (Colossians 2:12; Romans 6:1-5) to enter Christ (Galatians 3:26, 27) and His church (1 Corinthians 12:13) to be saved. (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:20, 21). Notice that no lost person was told to believe only, to say the sinner's prayer, or that all would be saved regardless of what they had done, or would do.

Second, those who entered Christ, the author of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:8, 9), and the only Savior of man (Acts 4:12) and His church (Ephesians 5:23), were given a simple worship by Him. Acts 2:42 says, "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." Hebrews 2:12 shows that "in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee." Thus, the first century church assembled, came together (Hebrews 10:25; 1 Corinthians 11:17, 18, 20, 33) to hear the word of God preached (Acts 20:7), to give according to their prosperity (1 Corinthians 16:1, 2), observe the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34), to pray (Luke 18:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:17, 18), and to sing. (James 5:13).

Third, the church was overseen by elders, also called pastors (Acts 20:28; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Ephesians 4:11), assisted and served by deacons (1 Timothy 3:8-13), taught by preachers or evangelists (Romans 10:14; 2 Timothy 4:5), and enjoyed an active membership. (Romans 16).

They were called by a new God-given name (Isaiah 62:1, 2; Acts 11:26), a name that honored Christ the builder of the church (Matthew 16:13-19; Romans 16: 16), and God who planned it before the foundation of the world. (1 Corinthians 1:2; Ephesians 3:10, 11). "Churches of Christ" (plural) breaks down to "church of Christ" (singular).

After examining these verses, are you comfortable with what you are doing?

**Be Careful Not to Fall**  
By Edd Sterchi

It always amazes me how some can claim that it is impossible for a Christian to fall away from the grace of God. Consider these texts from the book of Hebrews:  
\* Heb. 2:1, "Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away."  
\* Heb. 3:12, "Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God"

\* Heb. 4:1, "Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it."  
\* Heb. 6:4-6, "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift...if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God..."

\* Heb. 10:26, "For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins"  
\* Heb. 10:38, "Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him."  
\* Heb. 12:15, "looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God;

lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled"  
\* Heb. 12:25, "much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven"  
\* Heb. 13:9, "Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines."

And that's just the book of Hebrews, let alone all the others books of the New Testament (of which there are many, many more passages that relate this truth). The Bible clearly reveals that it is possible to fall away from God's grace. Knowing that, we should be inspired to remain faithful and active for the Lord. Let us watch our steps and be careful not to fall.

"But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul" (Heb. 10:39).

**ADD TO CHURCH DIRECTORY:**

**Bryana & Nathan Gaillard**  
**New Mailing Address:**  
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**CHAPMAN SERVICES**  
**BACK TO REGULAR TIMES :**

**10.11.20 - Sunday Services**  
Bible Study .....10:00 am  
Morning Worship .....10:45 am

**Sunday Evening Service**  
Evening Worship .....2:00 pm

**Weekdays**  
Wednesday Bible Study .....7:00 pm

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

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