

**November 10, 2019
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Palmer Jones

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

Reed Shackelford

Opening Prayer

Bryan Davis (A.M.)

Jeff Roberson (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Andy Reese (A.M.)

Mason McAlister (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Terry Chapman (Presiding),

David Palmer, David Smith, Tripp Yancey

Count and Usher

Brock Lindley & Kevin Shackelford

Prepare Communion

Connie Davis & Candace Hopper

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Ross Shackelford (11/13/19)

OUR RECORD

November 3, 2019

Sunday Bible Study: 98

Sunday Morning Worship: 112

Sunday Evening Worship: 90

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 98

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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

I Need Thee Every Hour By Ron Thomas

"What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me--practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you....And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:9, 19 ESV)

Peace and tranquility in life is very important to each of us. Sometimes, however, it seems to be missing. In Scripture there is a peace from God that is never missing. Paul reminds us of that in the two verses from Philippians 4. We are also reminded of this in the song we sing, "I need thee every hour." Let us reflect on a few thoughts from the song.

1) *No tender voice like thine can peace afford.* There is nothing like the soothing voice of a mother to help when the pain of life is so great it makes one immobile. Jesus's voice is tender (Matthew 11:28-30), but let us not think it is so tender than He does not demand that we turn from our sins and live righteously (Ephesians 5:17, 17). It is unfortunate that many in this world look upon Jesus as only a tender voice that calls us from despair, and while He is that, I am glad He is certainly that and more.

2) *Temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.* When you are tempted, and the temptation is overwhelmingly powerful, to whom do you turn in this time of crisis? Or, perhaps, a better question might be, do you turn away from the temptation?

Temptation hits us all differently, but also with a good deal of sameness (if you will). In times of weakness, it is the time when the Lord's name is not only on our lips, but in our heart. Though we are vulnerable, He is our strength. Sometimes the temptation is so great the ability to withstand seems impossible.

Consequently, we just say to ourselves, "I will pay the price later." The problem is, when later comes, the price is every bit as oppressive as the original temptation. The weight of guilt is oppressive, and those who give in are called to run from the continuing danger in soupy mud two feet thick.

3) *In joy or pain, come quickly and abide or life is vain.* There is no person like a Christian who has life laid out in such a way the path is clear. Some who try to live without the Lord can turn to a loved one to help in time of need, but sometimes that loved-one has no answer, no solution to the deep and dark counsels of one's heart. To who, then, does a non-Christian turn? The Christian turns, and continues to turn to the Lord, for only He can give an answer and solution to most emptiness of life, taking the "vainness" away and giving hope. Sometimes, however, the taking and giving experience can be painful. What will you gain for your pain?

4) *O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.* God's love is so great that His Son came to this earth to not only give us relief from sin, but hope to tread our way through this life. More than that, however, He came to give us life, life in Him, in the Father's Son. "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:26-27, KJV).

Does peace flow like a river through your soul? It won't if the love of God is not center-seat in your heart. It may be a challenge for each of us to find that desired peace, but the peace we should desire is the peace that comes from God, surpassing all understanding.

TOUCHING JESUS

James Pilgrim

Jesus told Mary, "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father;..." (John 20:17). It was not sinful to touch Jesus following His resurrection. Matthew 28:9 tells us of some women who came to Jesus "and held him by the feet, and worshipped him." (Matthew 28 1-10, especially verses 1, 5, 9, 10). Jesus did not rebuke them. Neither did He accuse them of sinning. Jesus told these women, "Be not afraid: go and tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there they shall see me." (Matthew 28:10). Following His resurrection, Jesus told Thomas, "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing." (John 20:27).

It was not sinful to touch Jesus. Neither was it sinful not to touch Jesus. In Mary's case, she was told not to "touch" (KJV) Jesus. The Greek word for "touch" here is the word HAPTOMAI, meaning "to attach oneself to", from HAPTO, meaning, "to fasten to." (Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, page 1071). Thayer's Greek English Lexicon, p. 70, has "to fasten to, make, adhere to...." It appears that Mary was afraid of losing Jesus again, so she fastened herself to Jesus, not wanting to turn Him loose. Jesus in so instructing Mary to not do this was telling her that their earthly ties would no longer exist, that He was going back to heaven. The mother/son relationship would cease. She would no longer be His mother as they had known this relationship.

Perhaps Jesus reminded her of the statements He made on the cross, "Woman, behold, thy son!" and to the same disciple, "Behold, thy mother." (John 19:26, 27). Jesus then told Mary to "go" (John 20:17b). Though Mary had conceived Jesus by the Holy Ghost (Matthew 1:20), gave birth to Him (Matthew 1:21; Luke 2:1-20), and raised Him (Matthew thru John), she would now do as all others, proclaim Him to the world as God's only begotten Son and Savior of the world. (John 3:16; Luke 2:11; Acts 4:12). As she had advised others to do (John 2:5), she did His bidding.

The women who held to the feet of Jesus did not cling to Jesus as did Mary. They "held" (Greek, KRATEO), indicating a service or retention, implying that they looked for strength from Jesus. (Strong's, p. 477). They obeyed the command of Jesus to go and tell His brethren of His resurrection. (Matthew 28:10, 11).

In the case of Thomas, he had been appointed to be an apostle (Matthew 10:1ff). He had served Jesus, even willing to die with Jesus. (John 11:16). He was a faithful follower of Jesus. Paul said, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17). Thomas, adhering to this inspired statement, demanded evidence of the resurrection of Jesus, which Jesus gave to him. (John 20:27). The apostle promptly responded, "My Lord and my God." (John 20:28). All today need to demand a "thus saith the Lord", and immediately obey Jesus. (Acts 9:18; 26:19). Upon hearing the profession of Thomas, Jesus then pointed to those who believed without seeing. (John 20:29). He then gave the reason for signs and faith. (John 20:30, 31).

Some have denied these accounts, attempted to make them contradict one another, and such like.

However, all such assertions are futile to the one who has honestly studied, rightly dividing the word of truth. Proper and honest study reveals the scriptures to be of and from God.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Chapman Trunk-R-Treat/Hotdog Roast last Saturday.

*Chapman Area Wide
Ladies Bible Class
Thursday, November 7
at 6:30PM*

*Speaker: Berta Kennedy
"Whatever Is Praiseworthy"*

CHAPMAN HOLIDAY BASKETS December 8th- after Evening Service

If you wish to help on purchasing items for baskets - please give money to Karen Yancey.

List of Names doing baskets for - posted in foyer - please review - want to make sure we don't miss anyone.

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