### November 27, 2022

**Announcements** Rickey Cissom

Song Leader Chris Moore

Scripture Reading Britt Lindley

Opening Prayer John Hopper (A.M.) Bryan Davis (P.M.)

Closing Prayer Mickey Chandler (A.M.) Mason McAlister (P.M.)

> Lord's Table Danny Shackelford

Count and Usher Terry & Chase Chapman

Wednesday Night Song Leader Ross Shackelford (11/30/22)

#### **OUR RECORD**

November 20, 2022

Sunday Bible Study: 97 Sunday Morning Worship: 117 Sunday Evening Worship: 92 Wednesday Night Bible Study: 87

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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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# "I Don't Have Anything to Give to God" Dan Jenkins

It is hard to imagine anyone who has faith in God who has not had those moments when they begin to reflect about all that God has done for them and wonder how they could be so blessed. In those sobering moments of reflection, we look at ourselves and think of how many times we have not measured up to the high spiritual aspirations we set for ourselves. Who has not thought, "What does God see in me, and how can I ever repay Him for what He has done?"

If you have ever had such thoughts, just remember that you are not the first. The Psalmist asked, "What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me" (Psa. 116:12)?

Hundreds of years later Micah asked, "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow before the High God" (Micah 6:6)?

What shall I give to Him? He already owns the world! Did He not say, "For every beast of the forest is Mine and the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the mountains and the wild beasts of the field are Mine"? All of the gold, silver and jewels are already His. What can I give to Him?

Perhaps, the answer is found in Paul's letter to Rome. The members there had escaped from the bondage of paganism and false religion. Paul reminded them of the mercy of God. Based upon this mercy, he appealed to them to offer the only sacrifice we have to give to Him which is acceptable. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1).

We do have something to give to God! It is worth more than all the treasures of this earth. Jesus described its worth when He said, "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?" (Matt. 16:26). Our amazing God has given us the right to decide how to use our souls, and the only choice to be made is to give it to Him! We do not bring to Him the resplendent jewels He already owns, nor the decaying carcasses of dead animals—we bring Him ourselves as a living sacrifice.

Look at Romans 12 again. That sacrifice is holy. That sacrifice is acceptable. That sacrifice is reasonable. That sacrifice is service to Him.

Now, here is the question each should consider. Have you ever reflected about what you could possibly have to give to God? Here's an even more important one. Have you brought to Him the only gift worth more than all the world? Have you given your life to Him as a holy sacrifice of service?

# What Would've Happened If ... By Gary Knuckles

...Noah had decided not to build the ark to the saving of his family? Would his family have been saved or would they have perished in the flood?

...Abraham just didn't "feel like" leaving Ur with his family? Would he have become the "father of many nations"?

...Moses had decided that leading the children of Israel out of Egypt was going to be too big a job for him to handle? Would he have gone back to the "pleasures of sin"?

...Elijah had not challenged the prophets of Baal at Mt. Carmel? Would he have been considered a faithful prophet of God?

...Naaman had not followed Elisha's instructions to dip seven times in Jordan? Would he have been healed of his leprosy?

...Paul had resisted the call of God to be an apostle? How long would it have taken to get the gospel "into all of the world"? 21st Century Christians refused to get involved in the work of the church? Would anything ever get done? Would our children grow up to be strong Christians taking their place in the leadership and work of the church? Would the gospel be taken into local communities so the lost could believe and obey?

One of the leading factors in the success or failure of any congregation is the level of membership involvement. We cannot put the burden of work on the elders, deacons, preacher or Bible School teachers. We cannot sit back and believe that "someone else will do it". If the church is to grow, mature, gain strength, and be strong in the future, all of us MUST be involved in its work.

What would happen if...the work of the church depended solely on you?

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord (Colossians 3:16).

# **UPCOMING**

# CHRISTMAS CAROLING December 18th

will be meeting soon to organize details. Need names of people you would like to be caroled to. Please put names of caroling recipients on list in foyer.

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## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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

**SICK SUNDAY:** Brayden & Taylor Hatfield, Patti Hall

**HOSPITAL:** Dan Jones (Memphis)

**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Pat Shackelford, David Smith, Cheryl Chapman

•EXTENDED ILLNESS: Theo Smith, Joe Clark, Louise Pannell (Sharon's Mother), Malone Hurt, Gerohn Childs, Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, George Doss, Joanie Kate, Thad Berryman

•CANCER: Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Lennox Kennamore (Leukemia), Jimmie Wayne Roberson, Johnnie Carpenter, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Steve Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler's Son-in-law), Betty Faye Ledbury,

•SHUT-INS: Tippah County Health & Rehab: Romia Palmer #204, Jimmy Berryman, Resthaven: Johnnie Carpenter

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