

December 3, 2023

Announcements
Kevin Shackelford

Song Leader
Logan Yancey

Scripture Reading
Tripp Yancey

Opening Prayer
Michiel Criswell (A.M.)
Rickey Cissom (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Brock Lindley (A.M.)
Terry Chapman (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Jarvene Shackelford

Count and Usher
Randell Koon & J C Newby
Wednesday Night Song Leader
Mason McAlister (12/06/23)

OUR RECORD

November 26, 2023

Sunday Bible Study: 80
Sunday Morning Worship: 109
Sunday Evening Worship: 80
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 96

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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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BEING THANKFUL BENEFITS US Mark Lindley

During the holiday season we often reflect on blessings for which we should be thankful. When we consider the many blessings God gives daily, our hearts should be filled with gratitude. The Bible teaches that it is God's will for his people to be thankful: "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Since being thankful is part of doing God's will, we should work at developing an attitude of gratitude.

There is also another reason we should be thankful—being thankful benefits us. Consider three ways we benefit by being grateful:

1. Being thankful helps us to be more content with our situation in life. I am sure that the apostle Paul could have thought of reasons to complain while he was in prison. However, instead of complaining, he learned how to be "content" (Philippians 4:11). To be content is to be satisfied with one's situation and to have ease of mind. The person who is content may be ambitious and have goals for the future, but such goals do not prevent one from being happy in the present. We could all think of reasons to feel sorry for ourselves and complain that we need something better, bigger, or different—a better job, a bigger house, or a different situation in general. But if we begin thanking God for all our blessings, we can learn to be content.

2. Being thankful helps us to exert a positive influence on others. Perhaps there is no sin uglier than the sin of ingratitude. A person who is not thankful and always complaining cannot be a positive influence for God. In 2 Timothy 3:2, the sin of ingratitude is listed with other detestable sins such as blasphemy, covetousness, and pride. A person who grumbles and is not thankful will repel others. On the other hand, how pleasant it is to be in company with those who are thankful and content. We are drawn to such people. If we want to exert a positive influence on others, we must be thankful.

3. Being thankful will motivate us to be faithful to God. We should all ask ourselves the question of Psalm 116:12: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" I am sure you agree that this is a great question. Because of the "benefits" God has given us, we should feel compelled to serve him. God has given his only begotten son to die on the cross, his word to guide us, his promises to sustain us, and the hope of heaven to inspire us. In view of all these blessings, we should feel a strong motivation to dedicate ourselves to God.

Yes, Christians are instructed to be thankful. Having an attitude of gratitude will benefit us and those with whom we come into contact.

God did not say, "You shall not use instrumental music."

Dan Jenkins

Sometimes men make a mistake when they come to the Bible and expect God to *expressly* prohibit actions which displease Him. The Mormons, who used water in the Lord's Supper, say, "Where does the Bible say you cannot use water?" This approach to the Bible totally ignores the truth that when God *expressly* commands actions it disallows all other actions.

Consider the death of Nadab and Abihu, the two sons of Aaron. God had *expressly* told the priests to burn incense by taking "coals of fire from the altar before the Lord" (Lev. 16:12). These two sons of Aaron brought fire from another source, and God immediately sent fire from above and killed them. They failed to see that, when God *expressly* commands actions, the command prohibits all actions other than what He commanded.

Look at the words of Leviticus 10. These sons of Aaron "... each took his censor and put fire in it, and put incense on it and offered profane fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them." Take special note that the Spirit does not say that they offered fire which He had said not to offer. God had not said, "You shall not use fire from other sources." Yet, they were not at liberty to do anything which God had not *expressly* forbidden. They were limited to doing what God had *expressly* commanded. *Explicit* commands forbid other actions.

Now, put this event in the context of the book of Leviticus. The tabernacle had been erected, but priests had not been consecrated to serve in it. In the first part of chapter eight, Aaron and his sons are consecrated to serve before God. Read chapters eight and nine, and see the emphasis placed on the commands of God. The text says, "Moses did as the Lord commanded him...what the Lord commanded to be done...as the Lord commanded Moses...as the Lord had commanded Moses... as I commanded...as the Lord has commanded to do...for so I have been commanded...all the things that the Lord had commanded by the hand of Moses...what Moses commanded...the thing which the Lord commanded...as the Lord commanded...as the Lord had commanded Moses" (Lev. 8:4, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 29, 31, 34, 35, 36; 9:5, 6, 7, 10). Do you see the emphasis? What a contrast with the actions obeyed *expressly* as the Lord commanded, and the sin of disobedience, thinking God had to *expressly* forbid actions.

Take this principle and apply it. God does not have to say, "Do not use water" or "Do not use musical instruments," when He *expressly* tells us what to do!

A Plea For Prayers
Please pray for spiritual and numerical growth for the Chapman Congregation in 2023.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**SENIORS
YOUNG AT HEART
Fellowship Hall
Sunday, December 3, 2023
After Evening Service
*BRING A GIFT FOR DIRTY SANTA***

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.
Colossians 3:17 KJV

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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: Pat Shackelford, Juan Stroupe, Doris Williford, Larry & Wilma Wood

HOSPITAL: Jim Thomason - ICU (Pat Wade's Brother)

SURGERY: Donna McMillin, Juan Stroupe, Bobby Lindley, Billy McBryde (starts chemo this week)

REHAB: Joy Simmons (Diversicare)

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Joanie Kate Reese, Olivia Pounders, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, 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), 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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