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**Closing Prayer**  
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Tripp Yancey (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**  
John. Hopper

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Randell Koon & Bryan Davis

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**  
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### OUR RECORD

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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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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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## GOD IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS By Mark Lindley

“Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him” (Acts 10:34-35). The New Testament clearly teaches that salvation is available to all who will receive it. One of the verses most familiar to us is John 3:16: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” The term “world” in this text includes the entire human family. God loves all people, and Jesus has “tasted death for every man” (Hebrews 2:9).

In view of these verses, the doctrine of Unconditional Election is shown to be false. Unconditional Election is the idea that God, before the foundation of the world, chose certain individuals to be saved while excluding others. An associated doctrine also suggests that Jesus did not die for all; rather, according to the doctrine, He died only for those whom God has chosen. If this doctrine were true, it would make God a respecter of persons. Yet, nothing is taught in God's Word more clearly than that God is no respecter of persons. Anyone who desires to be saved can be saved.

It is also true that God is no respecter of persons regarding those who will be lost. Any person who chooses to live for self, sin, and Satan will be lost. No person is so prestigious, intelligent, wealthy, beautiful, athletic, or powerful that he or she can live in sin and expect to be saved in heaven. Paul warned, “The wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23). All the good qualities one may possess will not provide one with the forgiveness of sins, and if a person who is accountable before God never receives forgiveness, that person will be lost.

We should all look at others from God's perspective and see people as precious souls. Every soul is worth saving, and every sinner who is willing can be saved. God is full of grace and mercy. Jesus loves all and died for all. On the other hand, only those who come to Christ through obedience to the Gospel will be saved (II Thessalonians 1:6-9). God is no respecter of persons!

# Is There A Right Way and A Wrong Way to Live?

Carl B. Garner

Have you ever tried to get something done on the computer and discovered you were doing it the “wrong way”? How about preparing your income tax return? It doesn’t take long to realize that there is a right way and a wrong way to do some things.

What about life – is there a “right way” to live your life? Or a “wrong way” to treat your spouse or your children? We often learn those things the “hard way.”

When we begin to look at moral questions we hear some say there is no “right way” and “wrong way,” only “my way” and “your way.” That is confusing, I agree, but we must give a Bible answer to our question: Is there a “right way”?

## MORALS – YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Most of us are aware that today’s standards of behavior are often pretty shaky. Modern man likes “pluralism”, which gives him a lot of choices in morals. When the Bible is consulted, however, it becomes clear that God says there is a right and a wrong way.

In the earliest days of King Saul, the great prophet, Samuel, addressed the nation and gave them a way to be righteous before God and before their neighbors:

“The Lord will not forsake his people: because it hath pleased the Lord to make you his people. Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way: Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart,” 1 Samuel 12:22-24.

Those were difficult times for God’s people. He made it known that there is a “good and right way” for them to live. God still has a “right way” for His people.

In Psalm 107, His family is encouraged to “Give thanks to the Lord,” for He had taken a wandering people and guided them from the four corners of the earth to a place of rest. In verses 6 and 7 we read:

“Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses. And He led them forth by the right way.”

Yes, there is a right and a good way, and if we will but listen to His Word, we can find it and rejoice in it. It is the only way to true peace.

## CAN WE FORSAKE THE RIGHT WAY?

Unfortunately, some do stray from the “right way,” and find that wrong path strewn with temptation and distress. The apostle Peter describes those people as possessing such qualities as:

*“... lust... self-willed... speak evil... corruption... adultery...”*

Those words in 2 Peter 2:1-15 describe those who are led astray by “false teachers,” “even denying the Lord that bought them.”

This context ends with the words, “Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray.” Even later in that same chapter they are said to be in eternal peril:

*“For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire,” 2 Peter 2:21-22.*

That’s what can happen to those who forsake the right way and stay in the wrong way. They will reach a destination they will regret for eternity. Yes, there is a “right way” and a “wrong way.”

## WHY SHOULD I TAKE THE RIGHT WAY?

Is there any good reason to avoid that “wrong way”? Is that way not the happy way, the way of pleasure, of enjoying the “good life”? That’s what Satan and his emissaries will tell you. But they are wrong – dead wrong! There is no better life for anyone than that of the person who can look forward to eternal life with Jesus, with the saints of old, with Abraham and Moses. Nothing Satan can offer can come close.

Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount that there are two “ways.” One leads to life, the other to destruction, Matthew 7:13-14. One way appears to be the easiest, the quickest way, but it takes you where you don’t want to go. The way to “life” has a few bumps along the way, but there is a joy in living for Christ that can never be ignored.

## HOW CAN I KNOW THE RIGHT WAY?

It’s not always easy for us to know the way we should go. Today’s choices of profession, location, lifestyle – all have their advocates. But God’s Word is the road map to eternal bliss, and God’s Love is its motive. Sanford Bennett wrote these words to a familiar song:

*There’s a land that is fairer than day,  
And by faith we can see it afar.  
For the Father waits over the way,  
To prepare us a dwelling place there.*

While there are alternate routes to some earthly destinations, there is only God’s way to heaven. Why not take the “way” God has provided. You will meet some nice folks along the way, and live with some great folks for eternity.

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

**SICK SUNDAY:** Tripp Yancey, Mazey Hopper, Debbie Chapman, Jimmy Berryman, Brenda Shackelford

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