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Danny Shackelford

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

Tripp Yancey

Opening Prayer

Bryan Davis (A.M.)

Chris Moore (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Mason McAlister (A.M.)

David Smith (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Tommy Wade

Count and Usher

Rickey Loveless & Jimmy Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Larry Wood (01/22/25)

OUR RECORD

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Sunday Bible Study: 91

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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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IS THE CHURCH THE WAY TO HEAVEN?

Mark Lindley

Recently I heard Adrian Rodgers, long-time preacher in Memphis, Tennessee, on the radio. I have listened to him preach many times, and I often agree with much of what he teaches. However, in the recent sermon I heard him deliver, he made the following statement: "The Church is not the way to heaven; the Church points the way to heaven." In the context of the statement, Rodgers implied that the church has nothing to do with one's salvation. I am confident that Rodgers is a sincere, honorable man, but I strongly disagree with his position.

When Rodgers preached that the church "is not the way to heaven," he set forth a popular denominational doctrine. Many today affirm that one can be saved apart from the church. Nevertheless, truth is not determined by what is popular, but by what the Bible, the Book of God, actually teaches.

The reason some say that one can have salvation apart from the church is that they believe all Churches are nothing more than man-made denominations. According to the theory, then, if one wants to be a Church member, the only option available is to find a man-made Church (denomination) with which one agrees and join it. But did you know there is another option? Did you know it is possible to be a member of the Lord's church, the one He built (Matthew 16:18), the one for which He died (Ephesians 5:25), and the one for which He shed His blood (Acts 20:28)? Yes, it is possible to be a member of the same church of which Peter and Paul were members, and that church is not a denomination.

Not only is this an option, but it is also essential to be a member of Jesus' church, that is, the church of the Bible, the one started by the Lord and not by man. If it is not essential, then why did Jesus die for it (Ephesians 5:25)? Was His blood shed for something that is not even essential? Why does the Bible say that the Lord adds the saved to it (Acts 2:47)? Why is Jesus the Head of it (Colossians 1:18)? Is He the head of a non-essential institution? Why does the Bible say that Jesus is the Savior of it (Ephesians 5:23; 1:22-23)? Why are all of God's saints in it (I Corinthians 1:2)? Why does God's Word say that the Lord is one day coming for it (Ephesians 5:25-27; I Corinthians 15:24)?

While denominations are "not the way to heaven," one cannot go to heaven without being in Christ's church (see Acts 2:36-47).

What does God require of us?

Roy Davison

"He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8).

God has shown us what is good.

Man has a general knowledge of good and evil. According to Romans 1:18-32, man has sufficient knowledge about God and about righteousness to be held responsible for his actions. This applies to all men, including those who do not have God's written word.

In Scripture it is assumed that we can recognize good and evil: "Depart from evil and do good" (Psalm 34:14). "Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God" (3 John 11). "He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; but the face of the LORD is against those who do evil" (1 Peter 3:10-12).

Since God has shown us what is good, He holds us responsible: "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good" (Proverbs 15:3).

In judgment we must give account for what we have done. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:13,14).

What does God require of us? "He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8).

God requires that we do justly.

"Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Execute true justice, show mercy and compassion everyone to his brother' " (Zechariah 7:9). "For I, the LORD, love justice" (Isaiah 61:8). "To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice" (Proverbs 21:3).

"It is a joy for the just to do justice" (Proverbs 21:15). "Blessed are those who keep justice, and he who does righteousness at all times!" (Psalm 106:3). "So you, by the help of your God, return; observe mercy and justice, and wait on your God continually" (Hosea 12:6). "Let justice run down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream" (Amos 5:24).

What does God require of us? "He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8).

God requires that we love mercy.

To love mercy includes appreciation for God's mercy and a willingness to extend mercy to others.

"The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His mercy" (Psalm 147:11).

"Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His mercy" (Psalm 33:18).

"Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, just as we hope in You" (Psalm 33:22). "I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy" (Psalm 31:7).

If we truly love mercy, we will be merciful to others.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" (Matthew 5:7). "For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment" (James 2:13).

"The wisdom that is from above is ... full of mercy" (James 3:17). "He who shows mercy" is to do so "with cheerfulness" (Romans 12:8).

What does God require of us? "He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8).

God requires that we walk humbly with Him.

"Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him" (Genesis 5:24). "Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God" (Genesis 6:9).

"And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good?" (Deuteronomy 10:12,13).

To walk with God means to walk in all His ways and to be in continual fellowship with Him. A mortal man who walks with God must do so humbly. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5,6).

UPCOMING EVENTS

GRIEF SEMINAR

JANUARY 18-19, 2025

GUEST SPEAKER: JEFF JENKINS

Saturday, January 18th

2:00 PM - Session 1: "Some Things I Wish Everybody Knew About Grief" - Part 1

3:00 PM - Session 2: "Some Things I Wish Everybody Knew About Grief" - Part 2

Sunday, January 19th

10:00 AM - Bible Class: "You Are Not Alone"

10:45 AM - Worship: "A Glimpse into Glory"

12:00 PM - Lunch

1:30 PM - Worship: "God Can & God Will"

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IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Swayze Sanderson and Jimmy Haynes.

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

HOME SICK: Bree Lindley, Jimmy Vandygriff, Emmie Gaillard, Romia Palmer

HOSPITAL: Joy Simmons (TCH/Rehab)

SURGERY RECOVERY: Doss Brewer, Rita Rutherford

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CANCER: Billy Gross, Wade Carmichael, Tiny Willis, Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman's Son-in-law), Loxlee Eaton, David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Tish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

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