

March 9, 2025

Announcements
Kevin Shackelford

Song Leader
Keith Newby

Scripture Reading
Luke Hobson

Opening Prayer
Larry Wood (A.M.)
Tripp Yancey (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Andy Reese (A.M.)
Gene Yancey (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Danny Shackelford

Count and Usher
Michiel Criswell & Jimmy Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Brock Lindley (03/12/25)

OUR RECORD

March 2, 2025

Sunday Bible Study: 103
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Sunday Evening Worship: 88
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 88

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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 FEEL SAVED"

Mark Lindley

The Bible teaches that God wants His children to feel saved. David pled, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit" (Psalm 51:12). Paul admonished: "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice" (Philippians 4:4). Christians should have inner joy and peace, and should "feel" saved.

On the other hand, one should never base one's salvation on how one feels. Feelings can be misleading, and they do not always reflect reality. It is possible for a person to "feel" saved, but be lost. For this reason, one should never rely on feelings as proof of salvation.

Many years ago, my parents and I had planned to attend a church function together. However, we had planned to take different vehicles. My parents left for the church gathering about twenty minutes before I did. Just before I got into my truck, I was told that there had been a bad wreck and that people were injured or possibly killed. The wreck had occurred on the same road my parents would have been travelling as they were on their way to the church activity. Then, I "felt" it. I "knew" my parents had been injured or possibly killed in the terrible wreck. I rushed to the scene. As I approached, I could see the traffic was backed-up. Sirens were wailing; emergency lights, flashing; emergency responders, rushing. As I began to see the twisted metal of the wreck, my heart was pounding. Tears had begun to flow. I was panicking!

I quickly scanned the scene but did not see the car my parents had been driving! I asked someone who the people were involved in the crash. I did not recognize the names. [The victims of the wreck were taken and treated at a local hospital, and though their injuries were serious, fortunately, no one was killed.] My feelings had been intense, even gut-wrenching, and...wrong!

This personal illustration shows how feelings do not always reflect reality. This principle holds true in regard to feelings about salvation. Saul of Tarsus "felt" saved while persecuting Christians (Acts 8:3; 23:1; 26:9). Nevertheless, Saul was wrong in his actions. His zeal was misguided. Later, Saul realized this and obeyed the Gospel (Acts 9:1-6; 22:16; 9:18).

After becoming a Christian, he wrote the following passage that reveals how one can know, for a certainty, that one is saved: "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Romans 6:17-18). One is made free from sin when one obeys the Gospel, not merely when one "feels" saved.

Let us be certain that our salvation is based, not on "feelings," but rather on the knowledge that we have obeyed the Gospel!

I LOVE YOU

James Pilgrim

The Word of God is a book of love. Think of what the world would be if all followed the teachings of God's Word, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." (Matthew 19:19). Such love would see us obeying Matthew 7:12, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." Cf. Leviticus 19:18. One would not have to worry about being mistreated in any shape, form or fashion.

God is love. (1 John 4:8, 19; John 3:16; 1 Timothy 3:16). Jesus is love. (Galatians 2:20; John 15:13; Romans 8:35). The word love is found in every book of the New Testament and over one third of the Old Testament books. Do not overlook the great importance of love.

We are to love God. (Deuteronomy 6:5; Matthew 22:37). Hebrews 13:1 calls upon us to, "Let brotherly love continue." That calls upon us to have brotherly love initially. Our love should extend even to our Enemies. (Matthew 5:43-48). It is easy to love God because He first loved us. (1 John 4:19). Jesus died for us (John 19), making it easy to love Him. (Philippians 2:5ff). If Paul, with all he faced (2 Corinthians 11:16ff) could love everyone, surely with our almost non-resistant persecutions we can love as we ought. Loving means more than proclaiming love.

The word of God defines love as "suffereth long" (long-spirited, patient); "is kind" (to show oneself useful, act benevolently); "envieth not" (warmth of feeling what another has, desire another's); "vaunteth not itself" (Not a braggart or boaster); "not puffed up" (blowing, inflate, proud, Haughty); "Not behave itself self unseemly" (not indecent, shameful, Romans 1:27); "seeketh not her own" (does not plot one's own, not selfish); "is not easily provoked" (swift to hear and slow to speak/wrath); "thinketh no evil" (doesn't take inventory of, keeps no score); "Rejoiceth not in iniquity" (Not happy in or over); "Rejoiceth in the truth" (sympathize in Gladness, congratulate); "Beareth all things" (to roof over, cover with silence), "believeth all things" (to have faith in a person or thing); "hopeth all things" (to expect, believe best in); "endureth all things" (remind quietly, patiently); and "Charity never faileth" (Genuine love is a 24/7/365 or 366 trait of a genuine Christian.

The good Samaritan of Luke 10:30ff, as opposed to the others in the story, is an excellent example of genuine love in action. Peter wrote, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently." (1 Peter 1:22). John wrote, "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." (1 John 4:7, 8).

Sundays @ 10 AM • 10:45 AM • 2 PM

Wednesdays @ 7 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

GOSPEL MEETING

March 23rd-26th

Speaker: BJ Clarke

10:00 a.m. Sunday Bible Study

10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship:
Fellowship Meal To Follow

1:30 p.m. Sunday Evening

7:00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday Evening



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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Jimmy Lawson and Louise Gates.

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

HOME SICK: Sammie Pilgrim, Billy McBryde, Debbie Chapman

HOSPITAL: Bobbye Nunnally (TCH), Wilma Wood (TCH), Joy Simmons (TCH), Juan Stroupe (Tupelo), Juanita Micheal (TCH)

UPCOMING SURGERY: Jimmy Williford,

SURGERY RECOVERY: Dawn Jackson

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Caleb McAlister, Wilma Wood, Joanie Kate Reese, Pam Mathis, Lori Chapman, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

CANCER: Kenny James, Chris Grisham, Benny Wallis, Billy Gross, Wade Carmichael, Tiny Willis, Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Loxlee Eaton, David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Tish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz.

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