

May 25, 2025

Announcements

Dale Vandygriff

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

Mason McAlister

Opening Prayer

Michiel Criswell (A.M.)

Tommy Wade (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Tim McMillin (A.M.)

Wayne Vandygriff (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Jarvene Shackelford

Count and Usher

Bobby Bridges & Jimmy Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Ross Shackelford (05/28/25)

OUR RECORD

May 18, 2025

Sunday Bible Study: 88

Sunday Morning Worship: 107

Sunday Evening Worship: 78

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 81

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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

CAN CHILDREN OF GOD COMMIT SIN?

Mark Lindley

Before you answer the above question, consider what John wrote. “Whosoever is born of God **doth not commit sin**; for his seed remaineth in him: and **he cannot sin**, because he is born of God” (I John 3:9). On the other hand, I John 1:8 states, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” Which is it? Can those who are born of God commit sin or not? It cannot be both.

At first glance it may appear that there is a contradiction between these two verses. However, if the Bible is God’s Word and it is true (and it is), then we should not expect to find contradictions in it. Looking at these passages and their contexts, one can see that these verses do not contradict each other, but are in perfect harmony with one another.

The key to understanding I John 3:9 is to understand the word “seed.” John affirms that the one born of God does not sin and then explains why: “for his seed remaineth in him.” We learn from Luke 8:11 that the “seed” is God’s Word. Jesus said, “The seed is the word of God.” There is power in God’s Word (the “seed”) to give us the strength to overcome temptation: “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee” (Psalm 119:11). Putting these thoughts together, here is what the Scriptures teach: (1) Those in whom the seed remains do not sin; (2) the seed is God’s Word; (3) God’s Word can give us the strength to resist temptation and avoid sin.

Nevertheless, John maintains that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves (I John 1:8). Now, note this: we know that children of God in whom the seed remains *do not* sin; however, children of God *do* sin. To deny this would be to deceive ourselves. It must be, therefore, that children of God do not sin as long as God’s Word (seed) remains in them; that is, they do not sin as long as they are allowing God’s Word to influence them. Yet, when God’s Word is not kept in our hearts and lives, then we are prone to fall into sin. First John chapter 3 verse 9 refers to the child of God who continues following God’s Word; First John chapter 1 verse 8 refers to the one who stops following God’s Word. Let us all resolve to allow the seed of God’s Word to rule in our hearts and lives that we might have the strength to resist temptation.

What Are You Doing with Today?

Tim Dooley

I remember having a conversation that took place years ago with a brother about education. I was considering returning to school to finish my college degree. I remember making the excuse of being almost fifty years old when I would finish. This kind brother responded that, unless I was to die before then or Jesus was to return, "You are going to be fifty anyway. You can be fifty with a degree or you can be fifty without a degree." Well, this past week I finished that degree, and I owe so much to my wife and children, as well as my Point Pleasant family, for all the love, support, and encouragement I have been so blessed with. Without you I could not have done it!

Spiritually speaking everyone dies! That, in and of itself, is a sad statement. Out of context and viewed through the prism of human wisdom the thought of death is distressing. And so mankind asks, "What is the meaning of life." The psalmist, in Psalm 86 – 90, is right when he says that his life draws to the grave and he is but another man who will die and be buried (88:3 –

He says that our lives are like a story that is told and then it is over: and if we live to be 80 years old we soon die and leave this life (90:9 – 10). Over this we have no control. And when this life is over we will stand before God and give an answer and we need to know that in His dwelling place is justice and judgment.

So many make excuses for not obeying the gospel. "I'm too old." "I don't know enough." "I'm not good enough." "What if...?" Look, the fact is that we are all going to die and there is nothing we can do about it (Ecclesiastes 8:8). And after death each one of us will stand before a righteous Judge and give an account for our lives (Hebrews 9:27; 2 Corinthians 5:10). So you are going to stand before God one way or another. Why would you not prepare yourself for that inevitable day?

We are often asked, "How are you spending your days?" The more immediate and important question is "How are you spending your day?" Today! "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts" (Hebrews 4:7). "I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Make your life worth while: love,

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONGRATULATIONS

To Luke & Bryana Hobson on the birth of their son, **Jackson Merritt**. He was born May 16th, weighing 7 lbs, 12 oz, and 19 in. Happy grandparents are Bryan & Connie Davis and great-grandparents are J C & Sandy Newby.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Reed Shackelford on receiving his degree of Bachelor in Business Management with a minor in Entrepreneurship from University of Mississippi.

SENIOR DAY

Sunday, June 1st

After Evening Service - Fellowship Hall
Congratulations to our 2025 graduating high school senior:

MiKayla Hope Chapman

**Valedictorian & Star Student
Pine Grove High School**

*Please make plans to join us in
wishing her well in her future
endeavors.*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 15-18

10 AM Bible Study

10:45 AM Worship

2 PM Evening Service

(VBS after Evening Service)

Mon-Wed 6 PM to 7:30 PM

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

❖**EXPECTING MOTHERS:** Breanna Bullock, Kristen McVey

❖**SICK AT HOME:** Juan Stroupe, Pat Shackelford

❖**HOSPITAL:** Mike Stroupe, Lori Mims (Montana's Mother)

❖**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Caleb McAlister, Wilma Wood, Pam Mathis, Lori Chapman, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry

❖**CANCER:** Kelly Foster, Paula Curtis, Maverick Speck (3 yr. old), Cindy Moffitt, Nadine Hurt, 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

❖**SHUT-INS:** **Home:** Janie Chapman, Juanita Michael **Tippah County Health & Rehab:** Romia Palmer, Joe Clark **Dogwood Plantation:** Joy Simmons

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