

June 7, 2026

Announcements

Danny Shackelford

Song Leader

Keith Newby

Scripture Reading

Mason McAlister

Opening Prayer

Michiel Criswell (A.M.)

Bobby Bridges (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Bo Chapman (A.M.)

Bryan Davis(P.M.)

Lord's Table

Gene Yancey

Count and Usher

Rickey Loveless, Brock Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brock Lindley (06/10/26)

OUR RECORD

May 31, 2026

Sunday Bible Study: 88

Sunday Morning Worship: 105

Sunday Evening Worship: 90

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 76

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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

FALLING FROM GRACE— IS IT POSSIBLE?

Mark Lindley

It is called the “Once Saved, Always Saved” doctrine, the “Eternal Security of the Believer,” and the “Perseverance of the Saints” doctrine. No matter what it is called, the idea is the same, namely, that a child of God cannot so sin as to be eternally lost. In other words, once one has been saved, he can never lose his salvation. This is a popular doctrine, but, of course, its popularity does not make it true. A doctrine is only true if it can be established from Scripture. So what do the Scriptures teach about this matter?

The Bible teaches that if a man does not abide in Christ, that man will be cut off and cast into the fire (John 15:6). Obviously, one first has to be “in Christ” in order to “abide” in Him. Further, one who is in Christ is saved (II Timothy 2:10); therefore, one who is saved can be cut off and cast into the fire. The Scriptures teach that one who has believed and been baptized can later, perish (Acts 8:13, 20). It is easily established from Scripture that one can fall: “Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall” (I Corinthians 10:12). Why the warning if there is no danger of falling? In addition, one can fall from grace: “Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; **ye are fallen from grace**” (Galatians 5:4). It appears these had already done what some say is impossible to do—they had fallen from grace! God’s Word says that one who has “escaped the pollutions of the world” (i.e., has been saved) can so act that the latter end is worse with him than the beginning (II Peter 2:20-22). But if one can never lose his salvation, how could the latter end (after one has been saved) be worse than the beginning (before one has been saved)?

These verses and many others which could be listed all indicate that the blessing of salvation can be forfeited, if one does not remain faithful. Jesus said, “Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life” (Revelation 2:10). The faithful will be saved eternally.

**BIBLE PREACHERS: Stephen
James Pilgrim**

Stephen, a man of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom (Acts 6:3, 5), was also described as being “full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.” (Verse 8). Several unsuccessfully disputed with him. (Verses 9, 10). So, they suborned men, that is, with money or in some underhanded way, to falsely accuse him. (Verse 11). Stephen was brought before the council and false witnesses who twisted his words. (Verses 12-15). “Then said the high priest, Are these things so?” (Acts 7:1). We now have Stephen’s historical sermon, a masterpiece.

“He said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken;” (Verse 2a; Compare Acts 2:14). Stephen then preached (Acts 7:2-53), at which point “they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth...stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord...stoned Stephen,” killing him. (Acts 7:54-60). What did that change? NOTHING!!! Saul, a young man then was a part of Stephen’s death. (Acts 7:58-8:3).

Stephen begins by calling their attention to “The God.” (Verse 2). This is in harmony with Ephesians 4:6, “One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.” It also agrees with 1 Corinthians 8:4-6, “There is none other God but one. For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven, or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.”

Stephen quickly refers to “The God” turning His attention to the call of Abraham “before he dwelt in Charran” (Haran), while he was in “the land of the Chaldeans, to go to a land God would show him. (Verses 2, 3).

Abraham’s obedience is seen following the death of Terah, his father. (Verse 4). God promised a land (Canaan) to Abraham and his seed before he had a child.(Verse 5; Cf. Genesis 11:27-12:5).

Stephen then reminds, or teaches, them of their bondage in Egypt, and of the length of it, four hundred thirty years (Galatians 3:17), likely, from the time they journeyed until they entered Canaan. (Cf. Exodus 12:40, 41, “sojourning.” It appears that Stephen was led by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:20, 21) to round off the numbers to 400. God judged Egypt for their mistreatment of His people (Verse 7; Exodus 3:10ff, especially, Exodus 14, 15), then giving them the land God promised in Genesis 12:1-4; Joshua 1:1ff. Israel was to “come forth, and serve me in this place.” (Verse 7; John 14:15; 15:14).

Stephen then reminds his accusers of the covenant (contract) of circumcision God had made with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the twelve patriarchs. (Verse 8; Genesis 17:1ff). He then reminds them of “the patriarch’s, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt.” (Verse 9a). Not to be missed is this fact, “but God was with him.” (Verse 9b; Genesis 28:15; Matthew 28:20). God “delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.” (Verse 10). Stephen reminds them of the “dearth’ (famine), which brought “great affliction”, that came over Egypt and Chanaan (Canaan), and how Jacob, hearing that Egypt had corn, sent our ten of our fathers, his sons, to purchase (not steal or plead illegitimately for) corn (Verse 12; Genesis 42:1-4), which they did. They journeyed to Egypt a second time with their father and Benjamin to buy more corn, and Joseph was made known to them. To be continued.

CORRECTION ON LAST WEEK’S ARTICLE.

The second paragraph, eighth sentence, 16019, should have been 1609 and 1612 by John Smyth. Sorry for the inaccuracy and inconvenience.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BEECH HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 7th – 10th

Sunday-Wednesday

6:30 – 8:00

RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

GOSPEL MEETING

June 20-21

Speaker: Dan Jenkins

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 14-17

UPON THIS ROCK

The Life of Peter

Lesson 1 – FROM FISHERMAN TO FOLLOWER

Lesson 2 – FROM FOLLOWER TO FAITHFUL

Lesson 3 – FROM FALTERING TO FORGIVEN

Lesson 4 – FROM FORTIFIED TO FEARLESS

Lesson 5 – FROM EVER –FAITHFUL TO FOCUSED

10 AM Bible Study

10:45 AM Worship

2 PM Evening Service

(VBS after Evening Service)

Mon-Wed 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Prize for the boy & girl who bring the most visitors!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Adam Hargett and Georgia Brady (Parents Jack & Emily Beth Brady).

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

❖**SICK SUNDAY:** Keith Newby, Betty Derrick, Karen Yancey

❖**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Juan Stroupe, Kathy Ratliff (Stroke), Jerry South, Caleb McAlister, Garrison Coats, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry

❖**CANCER:** Dennis Hopper, (John’s Father), Billy McBryde (Rita Smith’s Father), Dewayne Morgan, Teresa Rhea, Rosie Marie Greer (Jane Morrison’s Sister), Belinda Lucy (Jane Morrison’s Niece)

❖**SHUT-INS:** *Home:* Janie Chapman, Juanita Michael ***Tippah County Health & Rehab:*** Romia Palmer, Mike Stroupe

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