

August 10, 2025

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Song Leader

John Hopper

Scripture Reading

Reed Shackelford

Opening Prayer

Randell Koon ( A.M.)

Mason McAlister (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

James Pilgrim (A.M.)

Bryan Davis (P.M.)

Lord’s Table

David Smith

Count and Usher

Rickey Loveless & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Mason McAlister (08/13/25)

OUR RECORD

August 3, 2025

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Sunday Evening Worship: 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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JUDGING THE JUDGERS

Mark Lindley

The biblical subject of judging is one that is often misunderstood and abused. When a Christian speaks out against sin, those who are guilty of that sin often begin to rant about being judgmental. They say, “You religious people are sinning by judging others,” or they might say, “Jesus said it is wrong to judge; you are judging me; so you are just as wrong as I am.”

Nevertheless, those who use the “it-is-wrong-to-judge” argument fail to realize that they are doing the thing they condemn. They take the position that all judging is sinful, but then they “judge” Christians by saying it is “wrong” for Christians to speak out against sin. They claim it is sinful to judge, but then they “judge” the “judgers.” The inconsistency of the position is obvious.

Do they make a valid point when they take the position that it is wrong to judge? That depends on the type of judging one is doing. It is true: Jesus said, “Judge not, that ye be not judged” (Matthew 7:1). The type of judging the Lord condemned is a harsh and hypocritical type of judging. Jesus explained what He meant by teaching that one should not try to pull a mote (a small twig or piece of straw) out of his brother’s eye, while there is a beam (a stick of timber) sticking out of his own eye (verses 3-5). This passage condemns the hypocrite. Yes, it is wrong to have a judgmental, fault-finding, and hypocritical attitude.

However, the same Jesus who condemned that type of judging is the one who taught us to “judge righteous judgment” (John 7:24). To judge righteous judgment is to judge what is right or wrong based upon what God has revealed in His Word (cf. Psalm 119:172). If a Christian says, “The Bible teaches that lying is a sin (Colossians 3:9),” it is actually God who has made the judgment. The Christian is basing his judgment on what God has said, and there is nothing wrong with making such judgments.

In fact, after Jesus made His popular statement, “Judge not, that ye be not judged,” He warned His disciples to “beware of false prophets” who would pretend to be “sheep” but who would actually be “wolves” in sheep’s clothing. Jesus then told His disciples how they would recognize false prophets: “Ye shall know them by their fruits” (Matthew 7:16). Don’t miss the point: Jesus taught His disciples to make certain judgments concerning false prophets. How could the disciples obey Jesus’ instruction to “beware of false prophets” if those disciples could not determine (judge) that some were false prophets? They could not. Clearly then, the Lord Himself taught the disciples to make certain judgments. Therefore, all judging is not sinful. If it is then Jesus taught His disciples to do that which is sinful.

Christians should not be intimidated when someone says it is wrong to judge. Rather, Christians must be sure that they are not guilty of judging others in a harsh, hypocritical way, and that their judgments are based upon what God has said in His Word.

## MANY WONDERFUL WORKS

James Pilgrim

Many stood in the presence of Jesus “in that day” and claimed that they had prophesied in His name, cast out devils, and done many wonderful works. (Matthew 15:22). Some may very well have prophesied. (1 Corinthians 13:2; Acts 19:6). Others may have cast out devils. (Matthew 10:8; Mark 9:38; 16:17). Many followers of Jesus had done many wonderful works. (Matthew 23:1ff; Acts 9:6). Some were good, and some were bad.

All will die one day (Hebrews 9:27), unless the Lord comes first (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18), and be raised to stand before God to be judged by Jesus, and give an account for the things we did while in the body, whether it be good or bad. (John 5:27-31).

Those alive today (2025) will not have to worry about being judged by prophecies, unless we have claimed to be givers of such, or unless we have falsely taught one correctly given. Prophecies, miraculous tongues, and miraculous knowledge have ceased. (1 Corinthians 13:8-10). Unless we have claimed that these exist today, and we deceive people by claiming to be able to use them, or we falsely teach what they do not, we have nothing to fear at the judgment.

We, therefore, in 2025 and forward, should be concerned with doing “many wonderful works.” We will be saved by the gift of the grace of God through faith if we do the good works God has ordained for us to walk therein. (Ephesians 2:8-10). Some in the church today are setting forth the idea that going to heaven is easy. However, Jesus said it is a “Strait and Narrow

way.” According to Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance, pages 707 and 979, these words reveal a crowded way, affliction and suffering tribulation trouble, and narrow (from articles standing close about ).

That corresponds with a number of scriptures. For example, Galatians 5:19ff; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Romans 1:18-32; and others. Works of the flesh must be put to death. (Colossians 3:1-5).

In addition to the things one cannot do and enter into the kingdom of God’s Dear Son, there are a number of things those saved eternally must do. Examples of this are seen in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8; 2 Peter 1:5-11; Galatians 5:22-26; Philippians 4:8; and others. Fruits of the Spirit must

Become a part of our lives that we may bring glory and honor to God. (Matthew 5:13-16).

“And ye are not your own.” (1 Corinthians 6:19). “For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.” (1 Corinthians 6:20). “Ye are bought with a price; be not ye servants of sin.” (1 Corinthians 7:23). “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?...Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye

separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,.....: (1 Corinthians 7:14-18).

It might seem impossible to you after reading these things. However, you likely are doing most of this. **GREAT!** Use your strength to build the rest. It will not be easy, but it can be done.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CARD PROGRAM

*Know someone who needs a card. Please complete green cards located on table by teacher’s supply room. We appreciate your help.*

### FIFTH SUNDAY

**August 31<sup>ST</sup>**

*10 AM Bible Study*

*10:45 AM Worship*

*12 Noon Fellowship Meal*

*1:30 Evening Service*

### LADIES CLASS

**September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**6:30 PM**

*At South Main Events*

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

❖**SICK AT HOME:** Breanna Bullock, Juan Stroupe

❖**HOSPITAL:** Garrison Coats (Memphis), Holly Madugula (Robin Chapman’s Sister), Greg Hall

❖**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Chase Chapman

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

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