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Ross Shackelford

Song Leader

Logan Yancey

Scripture Reading

Parker McAlister

Opening Prayer

Tim McMillin (A.M.)
Brad McAlister (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Jimmy Vandygriff (A.M.)
Rickey Loveless (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Tommy Wade

Count and Usher

Rickey Loveless & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brice Lindley (08/20/25)

OUR RECORD

August 10, 2025

Sunday Bible Study: 83

Sunday Morning Worship: 101

Sunday Evening Worship: 79

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

PREACH THE BIBLE!

Mark Lindley

I truly enjoy preaching and listening to preaching. Often, I listen to sermons on tape, cd's and television. Recently, as I was clicking TV channels, I saw a man preaching and decided to listen for a while. The silver-haired preacher had a smooth voice, pleasant demeanor, and polished preaching style. I do not doubt for a moment that the preacher is a good man who has good intentions. However, as I listened to the man preach, I was concerned because, except for one very brief reference, the Bible was not mentioned. The reason it bothers me when a preacher does not preach the Bible is that Paul wrote, "Preach the word" (II Timothy 4:2). One who stands in the pulpit is to proclaim God's Word, not his own opinions (I Thessalonians 2:13).

As the man preached, he affirmed, "You don't have to be baptized to go to heaven." That statement did not surprise me because I understand there are those in the religious world who believe that baptism is not necessary in order to be saved. What did surprise me was that the man then proceeded to try to persuade his audience to be baptized! He forcefully asked, "What are you going to say on the Day of Judgment when the Lord asks you why you were never baptized?" More than once he insisted that "the Lord *told you to be baptized.*"

As I was listening to the gentleman preach, I wish there had been some way I could have called a "time-out" and allowed the audience to digest what the man was actually saying. Think with me for a moment. He maintained that "one doesn't have to be baptized to go to heaven." Then he argued that "the Lord told you to be baptized." Next he said that one who is never baptized will have to answer the Lord's question on the Day of Judgment: "Why were you never baptized?"

The thrust of the doctrine is this: (1) The Lord commanded us to be baptized; but, (2) one can steadfastly refuse to obey the Lord's command and still go to heaven (remember, the preacher said, "One doesn't have to be baptized to go to heaven.") (3) One who refuses to obey the Lord's command to be baptized will have to answer for that on the Day of Judgment.

The preacher's doctrine is false because one cannot refuse to obey the Lord's commands—including the command to be baptized—and go to heaven. Scripture plainly declares that those who "**obey not the gospel** of our Lord Jesus Christ" will be lost (II Thessalonians 1:6-9; Hebrews 5:8-9). Jesus Himself said, "He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life; but **he that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life**, but the wrath of God abideth on him" (ASV, John 3:36), and, "He that believeth **and is baptized shall be saved**; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16). Further, if baptism is not necessary in order to be saved, why would the Lord ask, on Judgment Day, why one was never baptized?

It was rather interesting that, for whatever reason that night, the older TV evangelist never tried to prove his doctrine with the Scriptures. Let us all resolve to believe only what the Bible teaches.

THE APOSTLES—PETER James Pilgrim

This article begins a look at the apostles, taking them in the order they are given in Matthew 10:1-4, beginning with Simon, surnamed Peter by Jesus. (Matthew 8:16). He was at times called Simon Peter. (Matthew 4:18). Simon Peter was also called “Simon Barjona” (Matthew 16:17), that is, son of Jona(s) or Jonah. He was also called Simeon (Acts 15:14), and Cephas, which means a stone. (John 1:41, 42; Galatians 2:9).

This man should not be confused with a number of others bearing the same name. For example, Simon the Canaanite (Matthew 10:4), Simon the leper (Matthew 26:8), Simon a Cyrenian. (Mark 15:21), Simon Zelotes the father of Judas Iscariot (Luke 6:15; John 6:71), Simon the Sorcerer (Acts 8:9, 18), and Simon a tanner. (Acts 10:6).

In this writer’s **opinion**, Peter is second only to the apostle Paul in service to Jesus. Read Matthew through Acts 15:34 (?), Galatians 2, and 1st and 2nd Peter, and other letters.

A brief review of Peter’s life and works reveals much. He was a fisherman on the Sea of Galilee. (Matthew 4:18). Jesus called him to fish for men; and he “straightway left” his nets, and followed Jesus. (Matthew 4:19, 20). Peter did not give up fishing altogether; he did fish at other times. (John 21:1ff). He was also married. (Matthew 8:14, 15; 1 Corinthians 9:5).

Cephas (John 1:41, 42) was an apostle (Matthew 10:1, 2).

He was also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory. (1 Peter 5:1). Although Simon Peter enjoyed his calling, his faith was not always great, but realization of truth brought repentance. (Matthew 14:22-33). The rock did not always understand the Lord’s teaching; when he did not he asked for help. (Matthew 15:10-20). Perhaps Simon Peter is best known for his confession of Jesus as deity (God). (Matthew 16:16). Upon Peter’s confession, Jesus would build His church (Matthew 16:17, 18), which He did. (Acts 2:38-42; Colossians 1:23; Romans 16:16). When Jesus prophesied His death, burial and resurrection, Peter rebuked Him, saying, “Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.” (Matthew 16:21-22). Jesus called Peter Satan, told him to Get behind Him, and told him he was thinking like men, not God. (Verse 23; Cf. Matthew 4: 10). Jesus took Peter, James, and John with Him up into a high mountain, where He was transfigured before them. (Matthew 17:1-3). Peter, “Not knowing what he said,” suggested

that they build three tabernacles, one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. (Luke 9:33). God corrected Peter, and Jesus only was seen, speaking of Himself and John the Baptist. (Verses 6-13).

At Capernaum, Peter was questioned by those who collected taxes as to whether or not Jesus paid taxes, to which he answered, “Yes.” (Matthew 17:24). Before Peter could say a word when he came into the house, Jesus asked him about kings taking taxes. (Verse 25). He then told Peter to go fishing, and take a piece of money from the first fish he caught and give it to the tax collectors for Him and Peter. (Verse 27). Lord willing, more next week on Peter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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FIFTH SUNDAY

August 31ST

- 10 AM Bible Study • 10:45 AM Worship
- 12 Noon Fellowship Meal
- 1:30 Evening Service

LADIES CLASS

September 2nd

6:30 PM

At South Main Events

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September 14-17

SUNDAY SERVICES:

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- 12 Noon Fellowship Meal
- 1:30 Evening Service

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IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Frank Mask and Tom Shackelford.

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

❖ **SICK AT HOME:** Breanna Bullock, Juan Stroupe, Pat Shackelford, Connie Koon

❖ **SURGERY RECOVERY:** Chase Chapman

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

❖ **CANCER:** Vince Jordan, 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

❖ **SHUT-INS:** **Home:** Janie Chapman, Juanita Michael **Tippah County Health & Rehab:** Romia Palmer **Dogwood Plantation/New Albany:** Joy Simmons **Corner Stone/ Corinth:** Mike Stroupe

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