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Announcements
Jarvene Shackelford

Song Leader
Logan Yancey

Scripture Reading
NA

Opening Prayer
Tommy Wade (A.M.)
Kevin Shackelford (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Rickey Cissom (A.M.)
Bobby Bridges (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Gene Yancey

Count and Usher
Brice Lindley & Brock Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Tripp Yancey (08/07/24)

OUR RECORD

June 28, 2024

Sunday Bible Study: 92
Sunday Morning Worship: 110
Sunday Evening Worship: 80
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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WHY ATTEND SERVICES OF THE LORD'S CHURCH?

Mark Lindley

We have all heard excuses offered for not attending worship: "I'm too busy"; "I'm too tired"; "we had company"; "someone hurt my feelings"; "we didn't want to get out in the rain." The list is endless. Maybe if we stopped to think about why we should attend worship the excuse-making would stop. Here are some reasons to attend:

1. **You are going to die (Hebrews 9:27).** Though one may never find time to attend worship, he will certainly find time to die; and, one will surely be in no condition to die if his attendance record indicates chronic absence.
2. **Your family needs to be in worship.** Parents have the responsibility to bring their children up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4; Deuteronomy 6:4-9). Part of this responsibility is met by bringing families to worship. Parents who fail to do so are robbing their families of an opportunity to grow spiritually.
3. **You will encourage others.** Christians are to "consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works" (Hebrews 10:24). Your presence at worship says, "I care about God, His church, and His people." On the other hand, an empty pew says, "The ones who should be sitting here found something to do that was more important than worshipping the Creator of the universe. God, His church, and His people do not really matter." This is discouraging.
4. **Faithfulness is required.** Jesus said, "...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). The Scriptures do not teach that the crown will be given to the unfaithful. Question: Is a gun faithful if it fires one out of three times? Is a car faithful if it cranks one day per week but fails to crank all other days of the week? Is a child of God faithful who attends one out of three services? "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25).

Thought On My Ways By Mike Gifford

"The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results." "A rut is nothing more than a grave with the ends kicked out." These two well known quotes are reminders that if things are to change, we ourselves have to change. Catalysts for change are as varied as the reasons for the desired changes. Maybe we want to improve our financial situation. Perhaps we want to look and feel better physically. It could be that we want to improve our marriage. In each of these examples, we would find ourselves pursuing the necessary outlets for achieving our desired goals. We might consult a financial advisor or go back to school in the first case. In the second example, we might try a diet or purchase a gym membership. In the third scenario, we might go to counseling sessions or read some pertinent books. In any case, the help is there. We would just have to go after it, BUT, before we would go after it, we would have to recognize the need for it. Before change can happen, we have to recognize the need for change.

The title of this article is very simple and yet profound. The Psalmist made this statement in Psalm 119:59. Like many of the divisions of Psalm 119, this section extols the glory and power of God's inspired Word. In this section, which is comprised of verses 57 through 64, we find that God's mercy is extended through His Word and that His righteous judgments are found therein. We also find in this section several commitments from the writer to honor God's Word. "I have said that I would keep thy words." (verse 57). "I turned my feet unto thy testimonies." (verse 59). "I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments." (verse 60). "I have not forgotten thy law." (verse 61). Behind all of this recognition of the greatness of God's Word and commitment to keeping it was the Psalmist's simple sentence, "I thought on my ways." Before he could truly know and appreciate the blessings that come from above, the Psalmist had to think on his ways. He had to consider the two directions that lay before him, one that would lead him away from God and one that would draw him nearer (Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Matthew 7:13-14).

He had to think about the eternal truth that would later be penned by Jeremiah that "the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." (Jeremiah 10:23). Like the prodigal son who "came to himself" (Luke 15:17), he had to take stock of his situation and realize that God's way was better than his way (Isaiah 55:8-9).

Many times we find ourselves caught up in the past. We go back there in our mind's eye to relive the glory days. We go back there in hopes of making right those things that we did wrong. We spend a lot of time in the past. At other times we find ourselves living in the future. We're busy thinking about what we wish we could become. Sometimes we burden ourselves with worry about what's ahead. We spend a lot of time in the future. May I suggest that it's not the visits to the past or the future that will chart our course? Instead, it's what we do in the moment that determines our direction. "I thought on my ways" indicates mental participation in the present. Granted, the past is involved as we think about how we got where we are and the future is involved as we consider where we could end up, but thinking about where we are and what we can do to improve ourselves is a "live action" activity. The lazy individual says, "I just don't feel like thinking about my life." The careless person says, "There's nothing I can do about my situation. I'm too set in my ways." The procrastinator says, "I'll think about what I need to do, but not right now." The thoughtful person says, "I can always do better. I must do something now to improve myself." With that thought, like the Psalmist, he or she then sets out to dig more deeply into God's Word so that they can be better prepared to battle "the bands of the wicked" (Psalm 119:61). We often think about where we are financially or physically. We may continue to spend money unwisely or eat in an unhealthy manner but we do often think about these conditions. How much time do we spend thinking about our spiritual ways? More importantly, when we see the need for improvement, what do we do about it?

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUTH NIGHT

AUGUST 25TH AT 5 PM

Fellowship Meal will follow.

Do We Love The Lord More?
By Bob Winton

"So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs" (John 21:15). This is a good question for us.

Do we love the Lord more than we love our relatives? If we do, we will not let them hinder us from obeying the Lord or worshipping Him. The Lord taught: "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 10:32).

Do we love the Lord more than we love our money? If so, we will cheerfully and liberally support the Lord's work. "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:6-7).

Do we love the Lord more than we love entertainment and pleasure? Indulging in pleasure at the expense of Christian living and serving God is sinful for these things have taken over God's rightful place (cf. Luke 12:15-21). Sinful pleasure is always wrong. "But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth" (1 Tim. 5:6). "Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter" (James 5:5).

Do we love the Lord more than the praise of men? If so, we will be willing to obey God even if it means we must incur the rejection of men. Some Jewish leaders believed on Christ but would not confess him because they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God (John 12:42-43).

The Lord must be the supreme object of our affection. We must be able to sing with meaning, "O How I Love Jesus!"

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

SICK SUNDAY: Juan Stroupe, Bobbye Nunnely, Matt Bullock, Terry Chapman

SURGERY RECOVERY : Cameron Jumper

HOSPITAL: Sarina Tigrett - Parents: Kane & Anna (LeBonhuer)

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Wilma Wood, Joanie Kate Reese, Lori Chapman, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

CANCER: Billy Gross, Wade Carmichael, Tiny Willis, Dorothy Hopper (John's Mother) Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman's Son-in-law), Loxlee Eaton, David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Tish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

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