

August 11, 2024

Announcements
Jarvene Shackelford

Song Leader
Brad McAlister

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
Brice Lindley & Brock Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Mason McAlister (08/14/24)

OUR RECORD

August 4, 2024

Sunday Bible Study: 100
Sunday Morning Worship: 118
Sunday Evening Worship: 79
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 83

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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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THE SINNER'S PRAYER

Mark Lindley

We often hear devout, religious people mention, "The Sinner's Prayer." We are told that sinners who sincerely pray this prayer will be saved. This doctrine is so widespread one might think it is found on every page of the New Testament. The truth is, however, it is found on NO page of the New Testament. In fact, in the light of Scripture, one is made to wonder: What should a non-Christian (an alien sinner) pray for?

Should he pray for God's saving power? No, because God's saving power is the Gospel message: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Roman 1:16).

Should he pray for repentance? No, because repentance is something that men must do: "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30). Why pray for repentance, since this is something men, not God, must do?

Should he pray to get into Christ? No, because one is baptized into Christ: "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27; Romans 6:3-4). No sinner of the Bible ever prayed into Christ.

Should he pray for the remission of sins? No, God's Word does not teach sinners to pray for the remission of sins. Rather, on the day of Pentecost, Peter preached, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38).

Should he pray for God to save him? No, because Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16). Rather than saying a prayer for salvation, then, sinners are commanded by the Lord to believe and to be baptized to be saved.

So, friend, why should those who have never been saved be encouraged to say a prayer? There is no Scriptural reason for this.

“Be Careful What You Say”

By Bill Brandstatter

Recently the owner of the LA Clippers, Donald Sterling, got in hot water over something he said. He made some remarks that were insensitive. He has received a harsh penalty. What we say is important. Our words mean a great deal.

Words are accountable. We are accountable for what we say. Jesus said, “For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned” (Matt.12:37 NKJV). What we say matters a great deal. Do we speak before we think? James advises us to be “swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.” (James 1:20) How many times have we said something only to regret it later? In a Bible class recently, a lady stated, “We need to think twice and speak once.”

Words are authentic. Words tell something about us. Jesus stated, “Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks” (Luke 6:45). If a person talks long enough, the heart is revealed through the words that are spoken. Someone once stated, “It is better to keep silent and thought of as a fool than to open your mouth and remove all doubt.”

Words are appropriate. Often there are the right words to say at the right time. Do we use appropriate words? Sometimes a person can say the right thing at the wrong time. There are right words to use at the right time. The apostle Paul helps in our understanding by stating “Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one” (Col. 4:6). Peter states Christians should be ready to give an answer for the hope that is in them (1 Pet. 3:15).

Words are aped. Our words may be copied or imitated. I was reminded of this recently when my two year old granddaughter visited us. The way a toddler learns words is to repeat what is heard. If I don't want my children to say certain words, I shouldn't say them. I have heard individuals respond to a child's language by stating, “Where did he hear that?” The best statement to follow about saying the right thing so it won't be copied is found in Eph. 4:29. Paul writes, “Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.” Someone may be listening to what we say. Do we want it repeated?

Let us always remember that God knows us. He knows what we say. He knows who we are. Do we want God to hear what we say? Let us be careful to speak the words that will please Him.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GIRL'S DAY

Booneville Church of Christ
Saturday, August 24th at 9 AM
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CHAPMAN YOUTH NIGHT

AUGUST 25TH AT 5 PM

SPEAKER: Ben Seigel

Fellowship Meal will follow.

GOSPEL MEETING

Marlow Church of Christ

AUGUST 25-28

SPEAKER: Jerry Northrop

See bulletin by classrooms for more details

MESSAGE FROM MARK

Scripture Reading: Those reading scripture on Sunday can call or text Mark for the scripture to be read. His number is 662-587-0945.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

SICK SUNDAY: Debbie Chapman, Juan Stroupe

SURGERY RECOVERY : Cameron Jumper, Terry Chapman (08.08.24)

HOSPITAL: Buddy Bell (Wanda Yancey's Brother-in-law/Tupelo), 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

SHUT-INS: Tippah County Health & Rehab: Romia Palmer, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Joe Clark

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