

August 25, 2024

Announcements
Jarvene Shackelford

Song Leader
Keith Newby

Scripture Reading
Parker McAlister

Opening Prayer
J. C. Newby (A.M.)
Terry Chapman (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Dale Vandygriff (A.M.)
Michiel Chriswell (P.M.)

Lord's Table
John Hopper

Count and Usher
Brice Lindley & Brock Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Parker McAlister (08/25/24)

OUR RECORD

August 18, 2024

Sunday Bible Study: 90
Sunday Morning Worship: 108
Sunday Evening Worship: 85
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 82

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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

LIVING HOPE Mark Lindley

The book of First Peter was written to Christians of the first century who were suffering persecution. If you had been the author of this book addressed to suffering saints, what would you have written? What do Christians today need to be reminded of when facing the trials and troubles of life? *Hope*. That is precisely what Peter wrote about in the opening part of this great book: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively **hope** by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you” (1 Peter 1:3-4).

The word “hope” denotes the ideas of expectation and anticipation. If these early Christians to whom Peter wrote would continue to hold on to their hope (expectation and anticipation) of going to heaven, then their hope would sustain them in all their suffering.

Do not miss that Peter refers to this hope as a “living” hope (the KJV has “lively”). Living hope is in contrast to that which is dead. Perhaps, no one knew more about dead hopes and shattered dreams than Peter, himself. Peter, along with the other apostles, followed Jesus throughout his earthly ministry. The apostles had heard Jesus preach; they had seen him perform miracles; they had spent a lot of time with the Lord and adored him. However, when Jesus was arrested, Peter denied him (Luke 22:56-62). The other disciples forsook him and fled (Matthew 26:56). We can only imagine how devastating it was for the apostles to see Jesus arrested, beaten and brutalized, and nailed to a cross. Jesus was their dearest friend, and the one whom they believed to be the Savior of mankind. Now, he was being tortured—nailed to a cross.

After Jesus’ death, I’m sure that Peter felt disheartened and hopeless. Three days later, however, all of that changed. When the women who went to Jesus’ tomb saw it empty, they rushed to tell the apostles. The apostles, however, had been so depressed they had difficulty believing the report. In fact, Scripture says “they believed them not” (Luke 24:11). But after Jesus appeared to his apostles, including Peter, they became courageous evangelists who were willing to die for Christ. They had “living” hope because they knew they had a “living” Savior. After Jesus’ resurrection, Peter preached, “This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses” (Acts 2:32). Peter’s hope was alive again because Jesus was alive again!

Because Jesus truly is a living Savior, Christians can have the living hope of heaven, a place that is incorruptible, and undefiled, and that does not fade away. In times of trouble, disappointment, heartache, and despair, hold on to living hope!

The Bible is Full of Mistakes
by: Craig Evans

There are many critics of Christianity and the Bible. They claim the Bible is just another book filled with mistakes and discrepancies and therefore it must be unreliable and cannot possibly be the inspired Word of God. We know that to be untrue. The Bible is the inspired Word of God, written by 40 men over a period of about 1600 years unified in theme and purpose without contradiction. Having said that, I do believe there are mistakes in the Bible. Here are just a few that come to mind:

- Adam and Eve sinned (Genesis 3)
- Cain killed Abel (Genesis 4)
- Moses struck the rock (Numbers 20)
- David committed adultery and murder (2 Samuel 11:12)
- Peter denied Christ (Matthew 26)

When we make mistakes there are consequences. Adam and Eve were sent out of the Garden, Cain was a wanderer that would have great trouble growing food, Moses was not allowed to enter Canaan, David's family would self-destruct, and Peter was exposed as a big-mouth who was weak in a clutch moment. The Bible has mistake after mistake, but the Bible contains the greatest answer for those mistakes: "Forgiveness."

There seems to be numerous people who shy away from Christianity because they believe it is impossible to live the perfect life, therefore they refuse to try. The truth is, it is impossible to live perfectly (only Jesus was able to complete that task), and because of that we should all be drawn to Christ. Our sins are deadly (Romans 6.23), but Jesus gives us life. When I see all those who sinned in the Bible, I see the need for Christ's coming and dying for every person. Jesus' blood washes our mistakes away when we turn to Him. Jesus' purpose was to save us from our sins (Mt. 1.21). We should live each day with that in mind. Let our confidence never waiver in God's love for us, and may that serve as an encouragement for us as we live each day.

A Traveler's Guide To Heaven

ACCOMMODATIONS: Arrangements for accommodation must be made in advance (John 14:2).

PASSPORTS: Persons seeking entry will not be permitted past the gates without having proper credentials and having their names registered with the ruling authority (Revelation 21:27).

DEPARTURE TIME: The exact date of departure has not been announced. Travelers are advised to be prepared to leave at short notice (1 Corinthians 15:52).

TICKETS: Your ticket was purchased by a Friend named Jesus. It should be claimed and its promises kept firmly in hand (John 5:24; Hebrews 5:8-9).

LUGGAGE: No luggage whatsoever can be taken (1 Timothy 6:7).

IMMIGRATION: All passengers are classified as immigrants, since they are taking up permanent residence in a new country. The quota is unlimited (Hebrews 11:16).

AIR PASSAGE: Travelers going directly by air are advised to watch daily for indications of imminent departure (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

VACCINATION/INOCULATIONS: Injections are not needed, as there are no illnesses or diseases there (Revelation 21:4).

CURRENCY: Supplies of "treasures" may be forwarded to await passenger's arrival. Make deposits as large as possible (Matthew 6:20).

CLOTHING: A complete and appropriate new wardrobe is provided for each traveler (Isaiah 61:10).

RESERVATIONS: Booking is now open. Since departure time is unknown, you should apply at once. If you wait, it may be too late (2 Corinthians 6:2).

UPCOMING EVENTS

GIRL'S DAY
Booneville Church of Christ
Saturday, August 24th at 9 AM
RSVP to office@boonevillecoc.com

CHAPMAN YOUTH NIGHT
AUGUST 25TH AT 5 PM
SPEAKER: Ben Seigel
Fellowship Meal will follow.
Chapman Ladies: Please bring finger foods, desserts or 2 liter drinks.

GOSPEL MEETING
Marlow Church of Christ
AUGUST 25-28
SPEAKER: Jerry Northrop
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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: Mattie & Ellie Dixon, Doris Williford

SURGERY: Tim Flake

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

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Dorothy Hopper, Wilma Wood, Joanie Kate Reese, Pam Mathis, 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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