

October 5, 2025

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Kevin Shackelford

Song Leader
John. Hopper

Scripture Reading
Parker McAlister

Opening Prayer
Tommy Wade (A.M.)
Wayne Vandygriff (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Rickey Cissom (A.M.)
Bo Chapman (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Michiel Criswell

Count and Usher
Bobby Bridges & Jimmy Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Mason McAlister (10/08/25)

OUR RECORD

September 28, 2025

Sunday Bible Study: 75
Sunday Morning Worship: 86
Sunday Evening Worship: 63
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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 DOCTRINE OF THE LORD'S CHURCH

Mark Lindley

Have you ever wondered where churches get their doctrine? There is an abundance of denominations today, and each comes with its own set of doctrines. Some churches teach that sinners have free will and can choose to be saved; other churches teach that all people are "predestined" to heaven or hell, and that sinners do not have free will. Some churches teach that a child of God can fall from grace; other churches teach "Once Saved, Always Saved," and that one who is saved cannot fall from grace. Where do churches get their doctrine?

In the first century there was only one church, Jesus' church (Matthew 16:18), and the Lord's church followed the doctrine that had been taught by His apostles. "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). The "apostles' doctrine" was actually the Lord's doctrine because the apostles received their doctrine from the Lord (cf. John 17:8). The apostle, John, wrote, "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son" (II John 9). Notice the emphasis that John placed on abiding in "the doctrine of Christ." The apostle Paul also received his doctrine from Christ (cf. Galatians 1:11). He wrote: "the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord" (I Corinthians 14:37). Yes, the early church preached only the doctrine of Christ.

So where do churches today get their doctrines? It is a fact that denominations teach doctrines that originated with men, uninspired men. Consider, for example, the doctrine that sprinkling is an acceptable form of baptism. Did this teaching come from the Scriptures? If so, where is the Scripture that authorizes sprinkling? There is no such verse. Sprinkling is a man-made doctrine that is an addition to the "doctrine of Christ."

Sprinkling is just one example of many doctrines which are additions of man. The truth is that no church should have a set of doctrines which are different from the "apostles' doctrine" (i.e., God's Word). Following the doctrine and commandments of men results in "vain worship" (Matthew 15:9). The Lord warns about adding to His Word (Deuteronomy 4:2; 12:32; Revelation 22:18-19).

If denominations would discard all man-made doctrines contained in disciplines, manuals, and catechisms, followers of Jesus today could be united. If all who seek to please the Lord followed only "Bible doctrines," then denominations, and consequently division, would cease to exist. Bible doctrine unites; the doctrines of man taught in denominations, divide.

THE APOSTLES—BARTHOLOMEW

James Pilgrim

In Matthew’s list of the apostles, Bartholomew is the next in line. He is thought by some to be the same as the Nathaniel of John 1:43-51. If this is true, other than what is said of the apostles as a unit, we have very limited information about him and his work. Name references of him, Bartholomew and Nathaniel, are limited to Matthew 10:1-4; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:14; John 1:45-49; 21:2; and Acts 1:13. The rest of Biblical information is to be found in the activities of the apostles, of which he was one.

As an apostle, Bartholomew would have received commandments from Jesus immediately prior to Jesus’ ascension. (Acts 1:2). He would have heard those on Pentecost ask, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” (Acts 2:37). He would have heard Peter’s answer to all, “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). He, on that great feast day (Pentecost) would have done “many wonders and signs.” (Acts 2:43). With the other apostles, Bartholomew, “with great power gave witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus:” (Acts 4:33). “Great grace was upon them all.” (Ibid). He would have received funds to support the needy. (Acts 4:34-37). One wonders how many “signs and wonders” were done by the apostle Nathaniel in Solomon’s porch in this great and united event. (Acts 5:12).

The events saw “believers were the more added to the Lord, both of men and women.” (Acts 5:14; Cf. Acts 2:47). The high priest and Sadducees, being filled with indignation, imprisoned the apostles for nothing more than converting people to Jesus. (Acts 5:17, 18). The apostles were freed by an angel of the Lord and told to “Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life,” which they did. (Acts 5:19-21). When it was discovered that they were gone, and that they were preaching, they were brought back before the leaders, who asked, “Did we not straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man’s blood upon us?” (Verse 28). “Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men....” (Verse 29-32). The apostles were facing death (Verse 33), when the reputable Gamaliel, a Pharisee and doctor of the law stepped forth and saved them from death. (Verses 34-40). However, “when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.” (Verse 40). Rather than submitting, “they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name, And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.” (Verses 41, 42). In all of this Bartholomew is seen to be faithful.

The twelve, Bartholomew included, set forth a successful benevolent program in Acts 6:1-8, which caused the word of God to increase, and caused many to obey, including a great company of priests.

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2025 Fall Food Drive

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

❖**HOME SICK:** Mark Lindley, James Pilgrim, Pat Shackelford

❖**HOSPITAL:** Holly Madugula (Robin Chapman’s Sister)

❖**SURGERY:** David Smith

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

❖**CANCER:** Kye Elliott (Sharon Pannel’s Nephew), Rosie Marie Greer (Jane Morrison’s Sister), Belinda Lucy (Jane Morrison’s Niece), Marilyn Harrell, 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

❖**SHUT-INS: Home:** Janie Chapman, Juanita Michael **Tippah County Health & Rehab:** Romia Palmer, Mike Stroupe

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