October 13, 2024

Announcements Tommy Wade

> Song Leader Keith Newby

Scripture Reading Gene Yancey

Opening Prayer Logan Yancey (A.M.) David Smith (P.M.)

Closing Prayer Bryan Davis (A.M.) Brock Lindley (P.M.)

> Lord's Table Randell Koon

Count and Usher Danny Shackelford & David Smith

Wednesday Night Song Leader Tripp Yancey (10/16/24)

OUR RECORD

October 6, 2024 Sunday Bible Study: 90 Sunday Morning Worship: 107 Sunday Evening Worship: 78 Wednesday Night Bible Study: 81

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
Believe the Gospel (Acts 15:7;Mark 16:15, 16).
Repent of Sins (Acts 3:19).
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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JESUS, THE BREAD OF LIFE Mark Lindley

Jesus often used figures of speech to teach spiritual lessons. On the occasion of John chapter 6 Jesus stated, "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst" (verse 35). Obviously, when Jesus referred to himself as "bread," he was using figurative language to encourage people to come to him and receive everlasting life. Here are a couple of ideas to inspire us to partake of the Bread of Life:

First, we need to consider that each person is composed of body and spirit.

James wrote, "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (James 2:26). We can readily see the need to give our bodies the nourishment ("bread") needed to sustain and strengthen our bodies. Without food for our bodies, we could not live for very long. The same is true concerning the spiritual dimension within each of us. Food for the soul is necessary in order to be spiritually strong and healthy. Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). Jesus' statement shows that the spiritual food needed to sustain our souls is the Word of God (cf. 1 Peter 2:2).

But how often is your soul fed? Does your soul receive the nourishment of God's Word daily? If your body were fed only as often as your soul is fed, how long would you live? Many of us would not live for very long because we often neglect to feed our souls. Some hear a few verses mentioned in a sermon on Sunday, and that is the only spiritual food they receive. Others receive no spiritual nourishment. We often partake of too much food for the body, but starve our souls. We make time for ballgames, hunting, shopping, going out to eat, and other activities we want to do, but then say we are "too busy" to read and meditate on God's Word, the Bible. We must prioritize and arrange our schedules so that we spend time feeding our souls.

Second, Jesus taught that the bread he offers will satisfy. He said that those who receive it "shall never hunger." A spiritual hunger deep within each of us often sends us on a search for satisfaction. We may try to fulfill this inner longing of the soul by getting a better job, buying a bigger house or new car, having the "best" children, engaging in multiple sexual relationships, or by attempting to calm our restless hearts by using drugs or alcohol. These pursuits may provide a temporary escape, but then we find that the spiritual hole within us remains. The only true remedy is Jesus, the Bread of Life. If you are looking for answers, he is your answer.

HELL AND HELENE

James Pilgrim

There are a number of similarities and differences between what happened with Hurricane Helene and hell. We shall address these in a number installments. First, both are real. Yes, there is a real place called hell. Jesus said, "Whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire." (Matthew 5:22; Cf. also. Verses 29, 30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15, 33). Jesus, in Matthew 5:22, also calls hell "fire". John (Revelation 1:1; 21: 8) describes the second death as a "lake which burneth with fire and brimstone" (Sulphur).

Second, we see the path of destruction Helene left. Motor homes were swept down rivers and in other moving bodies of water. Even houses were seen floating until they came apart. Bridges were seen swept away by surging waters. Huge and old trees were seen floating. Millions of people were left without drinkable water and power. At this writing (10-5-24) some two hundred fifty dead have been counted, with many more missing. Thousands have been left homeless. So many other things were seen destroyed as one watched. With the waters beginning to drain, the total destruction begins to manifest itself. Based upon past experiences, the people of this nation will help those affected rebuild. Also, based upon the past, this writer is confident that the church and the church universal will be a part of that work. (Galatians 6:10).Our elders plan to give the entire contribution received Sunday, plus an additional \$ 5000.00. You are encouraged to do the same, or even more if you can. Also, another hurricane is coming.

Let's count our blessings, and get ready to aid others. Jesus will not bless us for having great bank accounts, but He will bless us for doing great works. (John 9:4; 1 Corinthians 15:58; 3:8).

Hell is described as follows: "punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power" (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Matthew 25:46), "in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." (Revelation 21:8). This destruction is something people bring upon themselves. (2 Peter 2:1; 3:16). "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9). Obey Jesus today (Hebrews 5:8, 9; 2 Corinthians 6:2). While it is believed that many will aid those affected to rebuild material things, we must realize that there will be no escape from eternal hell. One cannot escape from Hades, the temporary abode of the dead until the judgment (Luke 16:26). Matthew 25, especially Verse 41, 46, shows that eternal hell (GEENNA. pronounced, gheh-en-nah) is ETERNAL, is without end. One who does not live right will not die right. Baalam was asked (demanded) by Balak to curse Jacob and defy Israel. (Numbers 23:7). Rather than do this, he obeyed God and blessed them. (Verses 8, 9, 11). Amid all of this, Balaam said, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his." (Verse 10). The only way one can die the death of the righteous is to be living light the righteous at death. More next week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DISASTER RELIEF

All contribution for **Sunday**, **October 13**th will go to the Church of Christ Disaster Relief to help victims of the hurricane.

LADS TO LEADERS Sign up sheet in foyer.

PUMPKIN PATCH

For the Young & Old OCTOBER 13^{TH} 3:30 PM

CHAPMAN' S TRUNK-R -TREAT & HOTDOG ROAST OCTOBER 26th 5:30 PM

Pine Vale Children's Home 2024 Fall Food Drive

We will be doing monetary donations. Donation Box is in the foyer. Need by the 20th of October.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

HOME SICK: Juan Stroupe, Joy Simmons, Gearlene Chapman

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

CANCER: Ray Henderson, 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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