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Announcements

Kevin Shackelford

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

Dale Vandygriff

Opening Prayer

Terry Chapman (A.M.)

Mason McAlister (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Tim McMillin (A.M.)

Jimmy Vandygriff (P.M.)

Lord’ s Table

Jarvene Shackelford

Count and Usher

Bobby Bridges & Jimmy Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Ross Shackelford (10/22/25)

OUR RECORD

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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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GOD’S MIRROR

Mark Lindley

Chances are good that you have looked at yourself in a mirror today. Usually, viewing our physical appearance is one of the first things we do after getting out of bed in the morning. We do this because we know there are some changes which need to be made. We need to brush our hair, put on make-up, shave, etc.

Though we want our physical appearance to be appealing, we should be more concerned about our spiritual attractiveness. The Scriptures teach that God has a spiritual mirror which enables us to view ourselves spiritually..

James wrote, “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed” (James 1:22-25).

Just suppose that one looked at himself in the mirror, saw that corrections in his physical appearance needed to be made, and then walked away making no changes. If one did that, looking in the mirror would be useless. Why look to see if changes need to be made in one’s physical appearance, if he is not willing to make those changes?

By the same logic, it does no good to look into “the perfect law of liberty” (God’s Word), realize that changes need to be made spiritually, and then fail to make those changes. This is why it is stressed in the above passage that we are to be “doers” of the Word. Hearing only is not sufficient. Application of what is heard must be made; otherwise, as James wrote, we “deceive ourselves.”

Let’s all resolve to look often into God’s Word to see what spiritual changes we need to make. Seeing the need for change, let’s love the Lord and His Word enough to change for Him

THE APOSTLES—THOMAS

James Pilgrim

Following Bartholomew, Thomas is the next man named in Matthew's list of the twelve Disciples, whom Jesus called to be apostles. (Matthew 10:1-4). Thomas was also called Didymus (John 11:16; 20:24; 21:2), from the Greek word "Didumos...double, i.e. twin." (Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, Page 264). Mark 3:13, 14 inform us that Jesus called who He would. They came unto Him, "And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach. (Mark 3:14; Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15, 16). This group included Thomas. (Matthew 10:1-4).

Thomas has been given a bad rap by many, including this writer. Several years ago, this penman called Didymus "doubting Thomas," using John 20:24, 25 to do so. Sounds good and right, doesn't it? Thomas who "was not with them when Jesus came" to the apostles the first time (John 20:19-24), was told by the apostles that they had "seen the Lord." (Verse 25). His response was, "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe." (John 20:25). In other words, his faith would not be based upon hearsay, even of the apostles, but upon concrete or solid evidence. Eight days later, Thomas was with the assembled apostles, and Jesus came. (John 20:26). Among other things, Jesus presented Himself to Thomas (John 20:27), who, seeing the undeniable evidence, said, "My Lord and my God." (John 20:28; 1:1-3).

All today have the signs in written form to produce faith. (John 20:30, 31). Many who have not witnessed Jesus' great resurrection have been led to believe the evidence given. (John 20:29). What about you??? It is "noble" to be like the Bereans, and "receive the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:10, 11). The results of such loyalty is belief. (Verse 12).

Thomas was with the apostles who were sent out to "preach" the soon coming of the kingdom of heaven to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel," and to "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils...." (Matthew 10:1ff, esp. verses 1-8).

Based upon Thomas's first response to the resurrection of Jesus, can you see his first reaction to the introduction of Paul in Jerusalem? (Acts 9:23-31). At first, the disciples did not believe that Saul (Paul) was a disciple. Their failure to believe did not change the truth. Neither do the failure(s) of some to believe and obey the truth today.

The apostles, Didymus being one, received mixed emotions in Iconium to their "speaking boldly in the Lord" and granting of "signs and wonders to be done by their hands." (Acts 14:1-7). Being aware of the plots "to use them despitefully, and to stone them," they fled to cities round about, "And there they preached the word." (Acts 14:5-7). Nothing could or would stop them from preaching the gospel of Christ, God's saving power. (Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4). Thomas was loyal to Jesus to the point of being willing to "die with him." (John 11:16).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pine Vale Children's Home 2025 Fall Food Drive

Thanks for your help with this year's Fall Food Drive. We collected over \$1000!

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

❖ **HOME SICK:** Brock & Montana Lindley

❖ **SURGERY:** Kye Elliott

❖ **EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Juan Stroupe, 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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