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Closing Prayer Andy Reese (A.M.) Bobby Bridges (P.M.)

Lord's TableJames Piligrim

Count and Usher Rickey Loveless & Brock Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader Mason McAlister (11/12/25)

OUR RECORD

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Sunday Bible Study: 77 Sunday Morning Worship: 95 Sunday Evening Worship: 82 Wednesday Night Bible Study: 87

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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 IS NOT THE AUTHOR OF CONFUSION Mark Lindley

The church at Corinth had a lot of confusion about the gift of speaking in tongues. Speaking in tongues was speaking in a "language" (cf. Acts 2:6, 8). God enabled some to possess this miraculous gift to spread the gospel in various languages. The tongue-speakers did not have to learn the language; rather, they were guided by the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit to speak in tongues.

Not only did this gift provide a way for the gospel to be spread to various nations, but the gift was also a sign to unbelievers (I Corinthians 14:22). The ability to speak in tongues proved that the tongue-speaker was speaking for God. Normally, we must "learn" to speak a language. Tongue-speakers did not learn to speak the languages they spoke.

Being miraculously endowed to speak a language one had never studied gave that person credibility so that unbelievers might believe the gospel message spoken by the tongue-speaker.

The problem was that the Corinthians were

abusing the gift. They were speaking out of turn; speaking with no interpreter present, and this was creating confusion (I Corinthians 14:27-33). It is in this context that Paul wrote the following words: "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints" (verse 33). It is an apparent fact that the religious world is full of confusion. Imagine a person with no Biblical knowledge looking for a church to attend today. Can you imagine how difficult it would be trying to sort through all of the denominational names, doctrines, and practices?

Some churches still teach that Christians can and do speak in tongues. Other churches teach that tongue-speaking has ceased (cf. I Corinthians 13:8-10). Some churches teach that the "Sinner's Prayer" saves. Other churches teach that sinners are "predestined" to heaven or hell and that sinners have no free will to receive salvation.

There is one thing about which we can be certain: God is not the author of confusion! It was never God's intention for there to be a Pope, a Catholic Church, or Protestant denominations. It was never God's intention for men to corrupt His Word and to teach dozens of different "plans" of salvation. It was never in the infinite plan of God for there to be all of this religious confusion!

Jesus prayed that all believers might be one (John 17:20-21). Paul warned that Christians are to be of the "same mind and same judgement" and to "speak the same thing" (I Corinthians 1:10).

If God is not responsible for the confusion, it must be the case that people are responsible for it. The only remedy for the confusion is to go back to the Bible and follow "only" its teachings, without addition or subtraction. Only then can we have unity instead of confusion.

"GRUDGITIS"

by Dalton Key

Many premature deaths have been the result of otherwise good people never learning love for neighbor . . . and forgiveness. Such pitiable souls are eaten up from within by hatred and bitterness. I recall reading of an epitaph, etched out upon an old, crumbling grave stone, which read, "Died of Grudgitis." In truth, many death certificates could cite "grudgitis" as the cause of death.

When I begin holding a grudge against someone I have lost control of the situation. I become the willing slave of the one I refuse to forgive. All I can think about – my constant obsession – is "getting even." I eat, sleep, walk and talk retaliation. I'm anything but happy.

No, getting even is a lot like a fight between a dog and a skunk. Most dogs can whip a skunk but it's just not worth it.

"When someone wrongs you, do not repay with another wrong. Plan honorable things among all people. If possible, as far as you are able, live in peace with all people. Beloved, do not take revenge, but give way to wrath, for it is written, 'Justice is mine; I will repay' says the Lord. If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink, because you will heap coals upon his head when you do this. Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 17-21, McCord.)

Please, for your own sake, don't miss the point: put aside your hurt feelings, forget about getting even, and learn to forgive. It just may add years to your life!

Faithful Sayings by David Padfield

Christ Came Into The World To Save Sinners (1 Tim. 1:15)

- Purpose of His Birth (Matt. 1:21) and His death (Rom. 5:8)
- "He was manifested to take away our sins"
- (1 John 3:5)
- He finished His work (John 17:4; 19:30); Propitiation (1 John 2:2)

Desire To Be An Elder: It Is A Good Work (1 Tim. 3:1)

- Qualifications must be met (1 Tim. 3:1-7; Tit. 1:5-9)
- Appointed by gospel preachers (Titus 1:5)
- Must guard the flock (Acts 20:28) and stop vain talkers (Titus 1:10,11)
- Must be an example to the flock (1 Pet. 5:3)

Godliness Is Profitable For All Things (1 Tim. 4:8, 9)

- We must be living sacrifices (Rom. 12:1,2)
- We must walk in the light (1 John 1:7)
- We are dead to sin, but alive to God (Rom. 6:9-
- We will be judged by our deeds (2 Cor. 5:10)

If We Die With Christ, We Shall Live With Him (2 Tim. 2:11)

- We "die" with Him in baptism (Rom. 6:1-8)
- Salvation comes through His death (Matt. 26:28)
- We should bear the likeness of His death
- (2 Cor. 4:10, 11)

We Must Be Careful To Maintain Good Works (Titus 3:8)

- We were redeemed for this purpose (Titus 2:14)
- Let God define what a "good work" is (1 Peter 4:11; 2 Peter 1:3)
- Not a dead or inactive faith (James 2:17-24)
- Not by works of our own righteousness
- (Eph. 2:8-10)

UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY NOVEMBER 9TH

10 AM - BIBLE STUDY 10:45 - AM WORSHIP 12 NOON - FELLOWSHIP MEAL 1:30 PM - EVENING SERVICE

LADIES BIBLE CLASS DECEMBER 9TH 6:30 PM

At South Main Events

Bring an ornament – will do ornament exchange.

HOLIDAY BASKETS & CAROLING DECEMBER 7TH

After Evening Service
If you wish to help on purchasing items for baskets box located in foyer. Need by Nov. 30th

*Please review List of Names doing baskets for posted in foyer - make note if they are diabetic -WANT TO MAKE SURE WE DON' T MISS ANYONE.

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

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+HOSPITAL: Mandy Strickland

SURGERY: Kye Elliott

♦EXTENDED ILLNESS: Juan Stroupe, Caleb McAlister, Pam Mathis, Lori Chapman, Garrison Coats, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry

♦ CANCER: Teresa Rhea, 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

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