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Chris Moore

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Parker McAlister

Opening Prayer
Kevin Shackelford (A.M.)
Terry Chapman (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Mickey Chandler (A.M.)
Keith Newby (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Tim McMillin

Count and Usher
Rickey Loveless & Brock Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Brock Lindley (11/26/25)

OUR RECORD

November 16, 2025

Sunday Bible Study: 81
Sunday Morning Worship: 98
Sunday Evening Worship: 72
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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THOSE NOBLE BEREANS Mark Lindley

There is an interesting statement in the books of Acts about certain Jews who lived in the city of Berea. It is written: "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few" (Acts 17:11-12).

Notice first that these Jews were "more noble" than the Jews of Thessalonica. Then, reasons are given which indicate why they were considered such noble people.

1. They were noble because they were Bible students. The passage says that they searched the "scriptures." This is a reference to the Old Testament scriptures. The New Testament had not yet been completed. The Bereans understood that the scriptures are the proper standard of authority in all religious matters, and that the scriptures are inspired of God (II Timothy 3:16-17).

2. They were noble because they were "diligent" Bible students. The passage says that they "searched" the scriptures. The Bereans were not content to be vaguely familiar with the scriptures. Rather, they "searched" the scriptures. This indicates that they searched God's Word with interest, intensity, diligence, and with perseverance.

3. They were noble because they were "honest" Bible students. The passage says that they searched the scriptures to see "whether those things were so." This implies that they went to the scriptures to "get" their doctrine, instead of going to the scriptures to "prove" their doctrine. The Bereans based their beliefs on the teachings of the scriptures, not on what any man said.

4. They were noble because they were "regular" Bible students. The passage says that they searched the scriptures "daily." They did not study only on the Sabbath. Rather, they studied "daily."

What a difference it would make in our lives if we would apply these principles to ourselves! If we all were diligent, honest, and daily students of God's Word, this would certainly make a positive impact on our lives. Let us determine to spend time with God's Word, searching the scriptures, that we might know, believe, and obey the truth of God.

THE APOSTLES—LEBBAEUS
James Pilgrim

The tenth apostle named by Matthew is Lebbaeus. (Matthew 10:1-4). His surname is Thaddaeus (Matthew 10: 3), and Judas the brother of James. (Luke 6:16; John 14:22). Although there is nothing else said of Thaddaeus, much is known about him by looking at the lives of the apostles, what they did. We believe he also wrote the book of Jude. (Jude 1; Luke 6:16).

He, as an apostle, was “sent forth” by Jesus with commands. (Matthew 10:5). First, they were told “Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:” (Matthew 10:5). Secondly, they were told, “But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” (Matthew 10:5, 6). Thirdly, they were told to “preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Fourth, they were to “Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.” (Matthew 10:8). They were not told, “Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, Nor script for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.” (Matthew 10:9, 10).

They were then told to judge whether or not a house is worthy of receiving peace. If it is, let your peace be upon it; if not “shake off the dust of your feet.” (Matthew 10:11-15).

The apostles, Thaddaeus being one, were told that they were being sent forth into a hostile environment, but not to worry about what they would say, or how they would say it; God would immediately give them the message. (Matthew 10:16-20). The persecuted were described as even close relatives. (Matthew 10:21).

God’s preachers were told that they would “be hated of all men for my name’s sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.” (Matthew 10:22). The writer believes that the apostles were promised life to escape death at this point, being told that they would be able to “flee ye into another” city. (Verse 23). Verse 24 says, “The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.” Conclusion: Be satisfied when you are mocked, for Jesus suffered the same (Verse 25). Do not fear evil; all will come to light. (Verse 26, 27). Fear God, not man, for God can “destroy both soul and body in hell. (Verse 28; Acts 5:29, and context). God lovingly cares for all His creation. (Verses 29-31).

“Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 10:32, 33).

When some disobey me, it will bring a sword, even in families. (Verses 34-37).

“And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.” (Verse 38). “He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.” (Verse 39). Receiving a servant of God is receiving Jesus, which means receiving God. (Matthew 10:40). Our reward comes from what we receive (Verses 41, 42). What do I want to receive?

This ended Jesus’ commandments prior to sending Lebbaeus (Thaddaeus) and the other eleven out. (Matthew 11:1). While chapter 10 was primarily written to the apostles, there are principles applicable to all. One can see Lebbaeus faithfully following Jesus’ will. What about you and I?

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUTH SCAVENGER HUNT
NOVEMBER 23RD
BETWEEN SERVICES- FELLOWSHIP HALL
Lunch provided: Pancakes & Hot Cocoa

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.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS
DECEMBER 9TH
6:30 PM
At South Main Events
Bring an ornament – will do ornament exchange.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mandy Strickland and Lisa Wilkerson.

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

❖**HOME SICK:** Brandon Dees, Amy Shaw, Pat Shackelford, Jimmy Williford, Kathy Moore, Shelia Criswell, Lottie, Eloise & Molly Moore

❖**HOSPITAL:** Benny Wallis, Arthur Koon (Randell’s Brother/Hospice)

❖**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Susan Stevens, Kye Elliott, Amy Staggs

❖**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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