

November 24, 2024

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Dale Vandygriff

Song Leader

Logan Yancey

Scripture Reading

Bo Chapman

Opening Prayer

Kevin Shackelford (A.M.)

Keith Newby (P. M.)

Closing Prayer

Jarvene Shackelford (A. M.)

Tripp Yancey (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Chris Moore

Count and Usher

Bobby Bridges & Larry Wood

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Mason McAlister (11/27/24)

OUR RECORD

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Sunday Bible Study: 98

Sunday Morning Worship: 129

Sunday Evening Worship: 76

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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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A "THANKSGIVING" VERSE

Mark Lindley

The title of this article should not be interpreted to mean that there is a verse of the Bible that refers to the holiday we call Thanksgiving. Rather, the title refers to a verse in which the apostle Paul is thanking God for the gift of Christ. Paul wrote, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (II Corinthians 9:15). Although this verse does not refer to the holiday when families get together to eat turkey, we should thank God—on Thanksgiving and every other day—for the gift of His Son, Jesus. Consider a couple of reasons we should thank the heavenly Father.

First, notice that the verse says the gift God gave is "unspeakable." The word "unspeakable" means *indescribable*. Paul is simply stating that God's gift is so wonderful, precious, and costly that it cannot be described. Words are inadequate to express the love of God which prompted Him to give the gift of His Son: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Observe that God "so loved" the world. That little two-letter word "so" is a word that is used to try to convey how much God loves the world. Can we really comprehend with our finite, limited understanding, love so matchless and marvelous that it would lead the Father to give His "only begotten son" for a world full of sin and wickedness? Such love is so perfect and pure that it boggles our minds. It should also cause us to be thankful—thankful that the Father loved us enough to give His Son.

Second, we should thank God for the gift of Jesus because apart from that gift there would be no hope of salvation or heaven. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Even "good," moral people would be hell-bound if it were not for the sacrifice of Christ. No person can be good enough that he can save himself from sin. "There is none righteous, no, not one" (Romans 3:10). The only remedy for sin is the blood of Christ (Matthew 26:28). It is due to the shedding of the blood of Christ that we have the opportunity to obey the Gospel, have our sins washed away, and have the assurance of eternal life.

Surely, in view of God's love and the redeeming sacrifice of Christ, we should show our gratitude to the heavenly Father by obeying the Gospel and serving Him daily. Read this "thanksgiving" verse once more: "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (II Corinthians 9:15). Happy Thanksgiving!

HELPING GOD WITHOUT HIS AUTHORITY

James Pilgrim

Genesis 12:1-3 is the record of God's promise to bless all families of the earth through the seed of Abraham, called Abram at the time. (Genesis 12:1). Abram was seventy-five (75) years old at that time, yet he had no seed. (Genesis 15:2, 3). In spite of Abram being childless, God is still telling him that he would have seed, and that his seed would be as abundant as the stars. (Genesis 15:4). God continues to talk to Abram about his seed, although he had none (Genesis 15:18; 16:1). Sarai surveyed the situation, and she made a fateful mistake, giving her handmaid, Hagar, to Abram, evidently thinking God needed her and Abram's help. (Genesis 16:1-4).

After Hagar conceived of Abram, Sarai despised Hagar, and she realized that she had done wrong, and confessed her wrong. (Genesis 16:4, 5). However, "when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face." (Genesis 16:6). An angel of the Lord sent Hagar back to Sarai to submit to Sarai, which she did, and she bare Abram (age eighty-six) a son, named Ishmael, meaning, "because the Lord hath heard thy affliction" (Genesis 16:8-16).

Thirteen (13) years transpire between Genesis 16:16 (Abram is eighty-six, 86) and Genesis 17:1 (Abram is ninety-nine, 99), when God renews His covenant with Abram, and changes his name to Abraham (Genesis 17:1-14), "father of many nations have I made thee." Sarai's name is changed to Sarah, "princess" or "mother of nations." The son God promised would come through the union of Abraham and Sarah, as God promised, **without unauthorized help.** (Genesis 17:21).

The promise God made to Abraham was fulfilled in Jesus. (The book of Galatians, especially. 3:16-29). To see the promise in full, read the entire New Testament.

Beloved, unless God calls for your help, refrain from giving it. Consider what is going on in the Middle East today as a result to Sarah's unauthorized help of God. He is capable of doing what He wills. Some try to help God by adding what they feel makes singing sound better, that is mechanical instruments of music. However, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17). God says, Matthew 26:30 (Sung), Acts 16:25 (Sang), Romans 15:9 (Sing), 1 Corinthians 14:15 (Sing), Ephesians 5:19 (Singing), Colossians 3:16 (Singing), Hebrews 2:12 (Sing), and James 5:13 (Sing). Cf. Deuteronomy 4:2; Revelation 22:18, 19.

Others try to make the Lord's Supper more appealing by using leaven, other tastes or partaking of it when they feel like it. However, read Romans 10:17; Acts 20:7; Matthew 26:17, 26-29.

Jesus asked for our help in spreading the gospel. (Mark 16, 15, 18; Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 10:13-15; 2 Timothy 2:2. He uses no other means.

Good friend, let us study the scriptures, rightly dividing them, speaking where the Bible speaks, and being silent where the scriptures are silent. We can enjoy an abundant entrance into the eternal kingdom in heaven by so doing. (2 Peter 1:11; 3:9).

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS BASKETS & CAROLING

Sunday, December 8, 2024

After Evening Service

If you wish to help on purchasing items for baskets - box located in foyer.

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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: Bobbie Chapman

HOSPITAL: Janie Chapman (TCH), James Nunnally (Robin Chapman's Uncle)

SUGERY RECOVERY: Dala Vandygriff

SUGERY/TEST: Charlotte Lindley. Billy McBryde

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, 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

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