December 22, 2024

Announcements Kevin Shackelford

> Song Leader Chris Moore

Scripture Reading Reed Shackelford

Opening Prayer Michiel Criswell (A.M.) Tripp Yancey (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Jarvene Shackelford (A.M.)
Larry Wood (P.M.)

Lord's Table Keith Newby

Count and Usher
Chase Chapman & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader Keith Newby (12/26/24)

OUR RECORD

December 15, 2024

Sunday Bible Study: 82 Sunday Morning Worship: 93 Sunday Evening Worship: 80 Wednesday Night Bible Study: 90

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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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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

EVIL COMPANIONS Mark Lindley

The Apostle Paul's words are as true today as ever: "Be not deceived: Evil companionships corrupt good morals" (I Corinthians 15:33, ASV). There is no doubt about it: our close companions exert a strong influence on us. If we choose corrupt companions, we will likely become like them. Paul issues this warning: "be not deceived." If we think we are strong enough to have evil companions without being influenced, we are only deceiving ourselves. The following illustration shows how others can change us.

A man had a fine canary whose song was unusually beautiful. During the summer, it seemed a shame to keep the bird inside the house all the time. So the owner placed the cage in a nearby tree for the bird to enjoy the sunshine and the fresh air.

Many sparrows frequented the tree and were attracted to the cage. At first the canary was frightened, but soon enjoyed his companions. But gradually and almost imperceptibly he lost the sweetness of his song. By the end of the summer his "singing" was little more than the twitter of the sparrows. Spending his summer in the wrong environment caused the canary to lose his finest song.

If your close companions drink beer, abuse drugs, tell filthy jokes, use profanity, gamble, commit fornication or lie, you will likely "lose your song." Don't make the mistake that many others have made. No matter how strong you may be, you can be influenced by your peers. Take to heart the following advice: "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. If they say, Come with us ... Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse: My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path" (Proverbs 1:10-15). Choose your companions carefully!

Who are *your* close companions?

THINGS JESUS SAID—NO 2

James Pilgrim

We continue looking at things Jesus said in His sermon on the mount. As you look at Jesus' remarks, ask if these must be done to hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make the ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." (Mathew 25:21, 23). Also, ask if you are doing the things that will enable you to hear those words. Some will hear Jesus say, "Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." (Verses 24-30). Cf also, Verses 31-40 and 41-46.

Jesus continued His sermon to His disciples (learners), saying,

"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted?

It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under the food of men." (Matthew 5:13).

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light to all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16).

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:17-20).

Read Matthew 5:21, then verses 22-26. Jesus speaks of the treatment of others under the Old Testament vs under the New Testament. Notice the words **reconciled** and **agree**, necessities prior to acceptable worship.

Of these things Jesus taught, what can one fail to do and be saved?

BAPTISM

We rejoice with Jayla Polege, (Judy Noe's Granddaughter) who was baptized into Christ on Sunday, December 15. We are so proud of this young lady and want to encourage her as she begins her spiritual walk.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLIDAY BASKETS & CAROLING

Thanks to **everyone** who helped make this year's baskets/caroling such a great success. The youth did a wonderful job.

HOLIDAY TIME CHANGES

Midweek Bible Study will be on **Thursday**, **December 26**th for the week of Christmas and **Thursday**, **January 2**nd for the week of New Year's.

FIFTH SUNDAY DECEMBER 29TH

10:00 A.M. BIBLE STUDY

10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

NO FELLOWSHIP MEAL

2:00 P.M. AFTERNOON SERVICE

GRIEF SEMINAR

JANUARY 18-19, 2025

GUEST SPEAKER: JEFF JENKINS

Saturday, January 18th

2:00 PM - Session 1: "Some Things I Wish Everybody Knew About Grief" - Part 1

3:00 PM - Session 2: "Some Things I Wish Everybody Knew About Grief" - Part 2

Sunday, January 19th

10:00 AM - Bible Class: "You Are Not Alone" 10:45 AM - Worship: "A Glimpse into Glory" 12:00 PM - Lunch

1:30 PM - Worship: "God Can & God WIII"

FLYERS AVAILABLE IN FOYER - START INVITING

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

HOME SICK: Margie Hurt, Michael Dees, Chap Moore

HOSPITAL: Randell Mauney

SURGERY RECOVERY: Roger

McAlister

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: 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

SHUT-INS: *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer, Jimmy Berryman, Joe Clark

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