

December 29, 2024

Announcements

Kevin Shackelford

Song Leader

John Hopper

Scripture Reading

Bobby Bridges

Opening Prayer

Terry Chapman (A.M.)

Young Men (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Wayne Vandygriff (A.M.)

Young Men (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Terry Chapman

Count and Usher

Chase Chapman & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brock Lindley (01/02/25)

OUR RECORD

December 22, 2024

Sunday Bible Study: 94

Sunday Morning Worship: 115

Sunday Evening Worship: 98

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 78

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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

ETERNAL SECURITY AND JOHN 10:27-29 Mark Lindley

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

This beautiful passage is an affirmation of the deity of Christ. Jesus states that he gives eternal life and that He is the Son of God. Of course, most of the Jews denied these facts about Jesus (vv.19-24). It is unfortunate that such a powerful statement about Jesus's divine nature is often used as a "proof-text" for the "Once Saved, Always Saved" doctrine.

Preachers who take the position that one can never fall from grace often stress that Jesus "gives eternal life." It is then asserted that if Jesus gives "eternal" life, then it can never be lost. What the preacher fails to mention is that Jesus also explained that eternal life is "in the world to come" (Mark 10:30). If eternal life is received in the "world to come," then the "sheep" must not possess it in its fullness now. There must be more to "eternal life" than what we have right now.

Further, preachers who teach that we can never fall from grace fail to preach that the "sheep" live "in hope of eternal life" (Titus 1:2). But if we live in "hope" of it, then we do not currently possess eternal life in all its fullness.

In addition, preachers who teach that we can never fall from grace fail to stress that eternal life is a "promise." "And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life" (I John 2:25). But if we are waiting for the promise to be fulfilled, then we do not possess eternal life in the same way that eternal life will be enjoyed in heaven.

The truth is that Christians do have eternal life in the form of a promise, a promise that God will keep. Eternal life is what we long for "in the world to come." This is our "hope."

But sheep can go astray (Luke 15:1-7); sheep can cease listening to the shepherd (John 8:31); no man can "pluck" the sheep out of the Lord's hand, but sheep have free will and can choose to leave the Lord (Galatians 1:6). This is why Christians are warned that children of God can fall from grace: "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace" (Galatians 5:4). If "sheep" (followers of Christ) can never fall from grace, then why did Paul warn that some had "fallen from grace"?

The good news is that Christians do not have to fall from grace. Rather, God's people can keep on listening to the voice of the shepherd and reap eternal life in heaven (Galatians 6:7-8).

THINGS JESUS SAID—NO. 3

James Pilgrim

We continue to look at things **Jesus said**, without comment. This should help us to decide what should be done without being influenced by others. We continue to look at Jesus' sermon on the mountain.

“Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her in his heart. And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.” (Matthew 5:27-30).

“It hath been said, whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: but I say unto you That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery” (Matthew 5:31, 32).

“Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but thou shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths.

But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh to evil.” (Matthew 5:33-37).

“Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth; But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.” (Matthew 5:38-42).

“Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy.

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.” (Matthew 5:43, 44). Read verse 45-47 to see why we are to do this, and verse 48 for the challenge.

Again, what is one to do, and can one be saved changing either one?

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLIDAY TIME CHANGES

Midweek Bible Study will be on **Thursday, December 26th** for the week of Christmas and **Thursday, January 2nd** 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 Will"

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, Mason McAlister

HOSPITAL: Pete Pannell

SURGERY RECOVERY: Robin Chapman, 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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