

August 10, 2014
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Kevin Shackelford

Song Leader

J C Newby

Scripture Reading

Bo Chapman

Opening Prayer

Dalton Beard (A.M.) Bryan Davis (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Randell Koon (A.M.) Brad McAlister (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Andy Reece (Presiding),

Michiel Criswell, Evan Yancey, Joel Moore

Count and Usher

Eric Melton and David Smith

Prepare Communion

Kim Lindley and Sandy Newby

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brock Lindley (08/13/14)

OUR RECORD

August 3, 2014

Sunday Bible Study: 131

Sunday Morning Worship: 137

Sunday Evening Worship: 118

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 132

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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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Joel Moore, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood
PREACHER: Mark Lindley

Proclaiming the Bible
Brad Harrub

Our teaching should be influenced by the Bible over any outside influence. There's nothing deep or profound about that statement, it's merely an idea with which we all can, and should, agree. Unfortunately that's not always how we operate. Because there is so much false teaching in the world today we can easily get caught up in interpreting the Bible from a standpoint of refuting falsehoods rather than proclaiming truth. In that sense, what we teach is being determined by denominations, the Catholic Church, or our culture. When we look only at what the Bible doesn't say, we miss out on so much of what it does.

Take, for example, the matter of grace. Because John Calvin and his followers have so distorted grace to mean simply the good luck bestowed on those whom God hand-picked to be delivered from their so-called original sin, because others have distorted it as a free pass to sin, and because still others view it as a substitute for the biblical plan of salvation, we spend much of our time fighting those falsehoods. When you hear Ephesians 2:8-9 or Romans 5:1-2, think of your first reaction or of the sermons you've heard on this passage – what comes to mind?

In many cases we instantly begin thinking about how this idea of grace through faith is only part of the plan of salvation and how we need to bring in other verses before someone gets too carried away with a false interpretation of "faith only" salvation. While it's true we have to see the topic of salvation as a whole, that's not the entire point. That interpretation limits our interpretation of the verses and the Bible's emphasis on grace to only saying what isn't right rather than what is. Because of our reactionary doctrine of grace, two less-than-accurate phrases can be commonly heard among Christians today, even from those who have been Christians their whole lives.

1. "We just have to do our best."

We've all tried to do our best before realizing that our best leaves us marked for eternal death. Romans makes it very clear that abiding by a system of law keeping will only end in death for us, for we all have sinned.

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“Be Careful What You Say”

By Bill Brandstatter

Unfortunately many still look at God’s justice as some big chalkboard in heaven with a ledger of our good deeds on the right side and our bad on the left. What we forget is that one sin is enough to separate us from God eternally, that no good deed can make the blood payment that God’s justice demands. Only Jesus Christ can do that.

The alternative to this is to say that we’ve already been covered, so we don’t have to do anything. Paul strongly rebuked that attitude in Romans 6:1 – “May it never be!” Rather, since we have died to sin and it has been put behind us, and since we are now living by faith, we live in the faith that whatever God commands us is what is best for our lives. The acts Scriptures require of the Christian are not a checklist to make us feel like good people, but a list of things that will make us more like Him. We attend worship, study our Bibles, evangelize, fight temptation, encourage others, etc. because we believe it is what’s best for us. Because we want to, not because we have to. Anyone who is walking in faith will produce the good fruit God expects of His children because He is walking with us.

Another manifestation of this statement can be heard when someone says, “Well, I just hope that when I die the good outweighs the bad.” Trust me, it doesn’t – unless you have the blood of Christ! We do good deeds not to earn favor, but because we have been given favor by His wonderful grace!

2. “I hope I get to heaven, but I guess I won’t know until I die.”

The New Testament makes it clear that not only can we know, we should be confident in our salvation. 1 John 5:11-12 tells us that He has given us eternal life (past tense) and that whoever has the Son has His life. That’s exactly how and why we can know for certain where our eternal destination is. It’s not a matter of the good deeds that we have done. If it were, we still would have no reason to be sure. We could be 100% confident that heaven isn’t in our future.

I encourage you to read through Romans chapters 6-8 in considering this powerful truth about grace, our works, and our sin. When we are buried with Him in baptism, we are raised in the likeness of His resurrection as well. We’ve received a new life! Just as we can be sure of what will happen to those who are outside of Christ on the day of judgment, we can be sure of what God will say to those who are washed in His blood – “Well done, good and faithful servant!

Recently the owner of the LA Clippers, Donald Sterling, got in hot water over something he said. He made some remarks that were insensitive. He has received a harsh penalty. What we say is important. Our words mean a great deal.

Words are accountable. We are accountable for what we say. Jesus said, “For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned” (Matt.12:37 NKJV). What we say matters a great deal. Do we speak before we think? James advises us to be “swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.” (James 1:20) How many times have we said something only to regret it later? In a Bible class recently, a lady stated, “We need to think twice and speak once.”

Words are authentic. Words tell something about us. Jesus stated, “Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks” (Luke 6:45). If a person talks long enough, the heart is revealed through the words that are spoken. Someone once stated, “It is better to keep silent and thought of as a fool than to open your mouth and remove all doubt.”

Words are appropriate. Often there are the right words to say at the right time. Do we use appropriate words? Sometimes a person can say the right thing at the wrong time. There are right words to use at the right time. The apostle Paul helps in our understanding by stating “Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one” (Col. 4:6). Peter states Christians should be ready to give an answer for the hope that is in them (1 Pet. 3:15).

Words are aped. Our words may be copied or imitated. I was reminded of this recently when my two year old granddaughter visited us. The way a toddler learns words is to repeat what is heard. If I don’t want my children to say certain words, I shouldn’t say them. I have heard individuals respond to a child’s language by stating, “Where did he hear that?” The best statement to follow about saying the right thing so it won’t be copied is found in Eph. 4:29. Paul writes, “Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.” Someone may be listening to what we say. Do we want it repeated?

Let us always remember that God knows us. He knows what we say. He knows who we are. Do we want God to hear what we say? Let us be careful to speak the words that will please Him.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADS TO LEADERS - KEEPERS

Will meet this Sunday, August 10th at 5:00 pm in Fellowship Building.

Girls - Grades 3-12.

If you did not sign up and wish to participate - please come.

Chapman Ice Cream Supper August 17th

After Evening Services
Chapman will have their Ice Cream Supper! Bring your favorite homemade ice cream!

CHAPMAN 5TH SUNDAY: August 31st

Fellowship meal (potluck) after morning services. Evening Services at 1:30 p.m conducted by Chapman young men.

PROGRAMS OF WORK

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Moise Loveless (Mother of Ricky Loveless).

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Mildred Shackelford, Kirstin Fitzgerald

•**NURSING HOME:** Cullen Loveless (Ricky’s Father) - Landmark Nursing & Rehab in Booneville. W. M Chapman is back in Tippah County Nursing Home from Tupelo Hospital.

•**HOSPITAL:** Finley & Fallin Robinson (Methodist - Germantown, TN), Grayson Berryman (Savannah, GA)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Danny Robertson (Amy Stagg’s Father), Courtney Cissom (heart), Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Hudson Grisham (Brother-in-law of Mildred Shackelford), Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman. •**CANCER:** *Wade Hodges*, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Grey Roberson, Merida *Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman’s Sister)*, Beth Kuykendall, William Thrasher, Donna Daniel (Clint Stroupe’s Mother), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Mary Joyce Jeter (Sister of Juanita Michael), Rhonda Shannon, Ann Bennett, John Tiesney, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer

•**SHUT-INS:** *Resthaven:* Oleta Phillips (Mailing: *Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663*), *Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home:* Lorene Willis, W. M. Chapman, Geraldine Benefield, Christine Chapman, Billie Floyd (Mailing: *Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663*)

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