March 2, 2025

Announcements Kevin Shackelford

> Song Leader John Hopper

Scripture Reading Bo Chapman

Opening Prayer Randell Koon (A.M.) David Smith (P.M.)

Closing Prayer Bobby Bridges (A.M.) Rickey Cissom (P.M.)

> Lord's Table Bryan Davis

Count and Usher
Michiel Criswell & Jimmy Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader Ross Shackelford (03/05/25)

OUR RECORD

February 23, 2025

Sunday Bible Study: 81
Sunday Morning Worship: 104
Sunday Evening Worship: 79
Wednesday Night Bible Study: CANCELLED-ICE

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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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WHERE ARE YOU? Mark Lindley

As you read this article and consider the question above, you may be at work, sitting at home, or at a friend's house. You may be in Ripley, Blue Mountain, Walnut, or some other location. But the question, "Where are you?" does not concern your geographical location. This is a question concerning your spiritual location. You see, everyone is somewhere spiritually, and there are only two possible locations--in Christ or outside Christ.

The reason for one to consider this question is that every spiritual blessing offered by God is in Christ. The forgiveness of sins, privilege of prayer, fellowship with children of God, and the hope of eternal life are blessings only to be enjoyed in Christ. Paul wrote, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3). There are general blessings to be enjoyed outside of Christ. The Father in heaven "maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matthew 5:45). However, God gives no spiritual blessings to anyone outside of Christ.

Since it is so important for one to be in Christ, God has given us His Word which instructs us "how" to get into Christ. There are only two verses in the New Testament which specifically state how one gets into Christ. First, consider Galatians 3:27: "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Also, observe Romans 6:3, 4: "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?"

These verses do not teach that baptism without faith and repentance puts one into Christ. In order for baptism to be effective, one must believe the Gospel and repent of sins (Acts 15:7; 17:30). Meeting these conditions, one who is baptized receives the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38), enters the body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:13), and is a member of the Lord's church (Acts 2:47). In view of these Bible facts, should we not all reflect on this question?

Sundays @ 10 AM • 10:45 AM • 2 PM

Wednesdays @ 7 PM

SPIRITUAL SICKNESS

James Pilgrim

A number of saints at the Chapman Church of Christ have been sick over the past several months. Some have died in the faith. Friends and neighbors of the Chapman church have also been limited in many things due to illnesses, and some have asked to be put on our sick list, desiring our prayers. Some who were to undergo surgery have asked for our prayers. This is not new. Many were brought to Jesus in the first century seeking healing of their diseases and such like. For example, many of Galilee and all Syria were brought to Jesus to be healed, and He healed them. Matthew 8:5-13 records a centurion asking Jesus to heal his servant. Many others are sought Jesus' healing. (Matthew thru John). The book of Acts and a number of other New Testament book's reveal sick people being healed. Jesus had compassion on those who were physically sick, and He healed them. (Eg. Mark 1:41; Matthew 8:16).

Jesus' healing power was not limited to physical sickness. He said, "I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.' (Matthew 9:13b). He had just said, "They that are whole need not a physician, but they that are sick." (Verse 12). These two verses enlighten us to the fact that there is spiritual sickness and a Spiritual healer. The Psalmist realized that the Lord was his merciful healer, saying, "Lord, be thou merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee." (Psalm 41:4; Compare Jeremiah 3:22; 17:12-18; 30:14-17; Hosea 14:4; Luke 4:18, 19). Perhaps 1 Peter 2:24 has been memorized as much as John 3:16 due to the number of times it has been used in sermons showing Jesus as the healer of those who obey him. Compare Isaiah 53.

Dear reader, please consider the following questions: (1) have I obeyed the author of eternal salvation? (Hebrews 5:8, 9). Have I done the following as it is set forth in the word of God?

Have I heard the word and developed faith in the Christ? (Romans 10:17; Acts 8:37). Have I repented of any/all sins? (Acts 17:30, 31). Have I confessed my faith in the Christ with all my heart before all? (Acts 8:37; Matthew 10:32, 33). Have I been buried in water baptism to bring about the forgiveness of my sins and be in Christ and His body (Church)? (Romans 6:1-7; Acts 8:38, 39; Acts 2:38, 41, 47; Colossians 1:18; Galatians 3:26, 27).

(2) Am I living faithfully? (Revelation 2:10; 1 Corinthians 15:58). Jesus asked His disciples (Luke 6:20), "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46). Jesus also said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15; Compare 15:13, 14). Jesus had Paul to write (Galatians 1:11, 12) "denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world:" (Titus 2:12). John, inspired of the Holy Ghost, Spirit (2 Peter 1:20, 21), wrote, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the Love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world...." (1 John 2:15-17). Some of these lusts (sicknesses) are given in Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Galatians 5:19-21; Hebrews 10:25; Revelation 21:8; and many others.

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves...." (2 Corinthians 13:5a). Beloved, do not go to the judgment, thinking you are saved. Go, **KNOWING!** If you are spiritually sick, let the Great Physician heal you NOW! "Behold, Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6:2b; Hebrews 3:7, 13, 15). **NOW/TODAY!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEN'S BREAKFAST

We had a great meal and time of fellowship. There was 32 in attendance and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. Thanks to Jarvene & Kevin for organizing this event and everyone that helped cook and clean as well.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Monday, March 3rd-6:30 PM At South Main Events 102 South Main Street, Ripley *Refreshments will be provided.*

GOSPEL MEETING

March 23rd-26th Speaker: BJ Clarke

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Jimmy Berryman.

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

HOME SICK: Chase Chapman & family, Wayne Vandygriff, Danny Shackelford, Sammie Pilgrim

HOSPITAL: Bobbye Nunnally (TCH), Jason Hobson

SURGERY RECOVERY: Jimmy Williford, Dawn Jackson

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Caleb McAlister, Wilma Wood, Joanie Kate Reese, Pam Mathis, Lori Chapman, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

CANCER: 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, Austin Wentz.

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

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