

June 23, 2024

Announcements
Larry Wood

Song Leader
Logan Yancey

Scripture Reading
J C Newby

Opening Prayer
John Hopper (A.M.)
Young Men (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Tripp Yancey (A.M.)
Young Men (P.M.)

Lord's Table
John Hopper

Count and Usher
Bobby Bridges & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Tripp Yancey (07/03/24)

OUR RECORD

June 16, 2024

Sunday Bible Study: 81
Sunday Morning Worship: 87
Sunday Evening Worship: 99
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 70

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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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IS THE CHURCH THE WAY TO HEAVEN? **Mark Lindley**

Recently I heard Adrian Rodgers, long-time preacher in Memphis, Tennessee, on the radio. I have listened to him preach many times, and I often agree with much of what he teaches. However, in the recent sermon I heard him deliver, he made the following statement: "The Church is not the way to heaven; the Church points the way to heaven." In the context of the statement, Rodgers implied that the church has nothing to do with one's salvation. I am confident that Rodgers is a sincere, honorable man, but I strongly disagree with his position.

When Rodgers preached that the church "is not the way to heaven," he set forth a popular denominational doctrine. Many today affirm that one can be saved apart from the church. Nevertheless, truth is not determined by what is popular, but by what the Bible, the Book of God, actually teaches.

The reason some say that one can have salvation apart from the church is that they believe all Churches are nothing more than man-made denominations. According to the theory, then, if one wants to be a Church member, the only option available is to find a man-made Church (denomination) with which one agrees and join it. But did you know there is another option? Did you know it is possible to be a member of the Lord's church, the one He built (Matthew 16:18), the one for which He died (Ephesians 5:25), and the one for which He shed His blood (Acts 20:28)? Yes, it is possible to be a member of the same church of which Peter and Paul were members, and that church is not a denomination.

Not only is this an option, but it is also essential to be a member of Jesus' church, that is, the church of the Bible, the one started by the Lord and not by man. If it is not essential, then why did Jesus die for it (Ephesians 5:25)? Was His blood shed for something that is not even essential? Why does the Bible say that the Lord adds the saved to it (Acts 2:47)? Why is Jesus the Head of it (Colossians 1:18)? Is He the head of a non-essential institution? Why does the Bible say that Jesus is the Savior of it (Ephesians 5:23; 1:22-23)? Why are all of God's saints in it (I Corinthians 1:2)? Why does God's Word say that the Lord is one day coming for it (Ephesians 5:25-27; I Corinthians 15:24)?

While denominations are "not the way to heaven," one cannot go to heaven without being in Christ's church (see Acts 2:36-47).

It's Time For Worship!!!
By: Edd Sterchi

It's time for worship, and worship is a time of sacrifice (cf. 2 Kings 17:36). Under the Old Law, sacrifice was closely connected with worship. Even though we live under a different covenant today (Col. 2:14; Heb. 8:1-13), our worship of God should still have the aspect of sacrifice. It should still cost us something. It should still be a determined effort of our very best. It should still be us giving to God.

Now that we are here to worship, let us offer...

...our lips in sacrifice of praise. Let us praise God audibly and heartily. Let us sing with feeling and fervor. Let us give and give again with our voices. "Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name" (Heb. 13:15).

...our hearts in sacrifice of sincerity. Let us be serious and genuine in our worship. Let us be purposeful in our offerings. Let our very souls pour forth from the inside. "For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh" (Phil. 3:3).

...our bodies in sacrifice of service. Let us be active and involved. Let us put forth a great effort. Let us truly give with our all. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1).

...our minds in sacrifice of focus. Let us concentrate upon God, on who He is and what He has done. Let us center upon His will. Let us pay careful attention to what we do and the way we do it. "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24).

Paul admitted that his labors and life was a "drink offering" before the Lord (Phil. 2:17; 2 Tim. 4:6). He had given his all. He had emptied himself. He had left none for self. Let us give our all in sacrifice of worship before our Maker!

Sunshine and Rain
by: Clay Harrison

No life is useless and no day is vain,
For God has a purpose for sunshine and rain.
All are discouraged, and everyone cries,
But we're never alone beneath cloudy skies.
All hearts can break...they're fragile as glass,
But God will mend them, and this too shall pass.
Sometimes we succeed, and sometimes we fail,
So follow your dream whatever the trial,
For no one's a loser who gives it his best,
And you can stand tall above all the rest.
Those who are faithful are noble at heart,
And no life is useless when God has a part.
Be swift to give praises and slow to complain...
God has a purpose for sunshine and rain.

What is Love?

It is...
...silence when your words would hurt,
...patience when your neighbor's curt,
...deafness when the scandal flows,
...thoughtful for another's woes,
...helpful when one is in need,
...abundant in kind word and deed,
...promptness when stern duty calls,
...courage when misfortune falls.

- adapted by Edd Sterchi.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WOW!
GREAT VBS!
Thanks to everyone who helped make our Vacation Bible School such a great success! It was all very much enjoyed & appreciated by everyone.
Great job!!!

FIFTH SUNDAY
JUNE 30, 2024

NO FELLOWSHIP MEAL
2 PM Evening Service
By Young Men

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

SICK AT HOME: Pat Shackelford

HOSPITAL: Sarina Tigrett - Parents: Kane & Anna (LeBonhuer- heart. 6 months old)

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Wilma Wood, Joanie Kate Reese, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

CANCER:) Tiny Willis, Dorothy Hopper (John's Mother) Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley's Aunt), 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, Peggy Davis, Joe Clark

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