

August 2, 2026

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Larry Wood

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

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Brandon Dees

Opening Prayer

Tommy Wade (A.M.)

Kevin Shackelford (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

J C Newby (A.M.)

Bobby Bridges (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Rickey Loveless

Count and Usher

Tavin Fitzgerald & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Tripp Yancey (08/05/26)

OUR RECORD

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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

PREACH THE BIBLE!
Mark Lindley

I truly enjoy preaching and listening to preaching. Often, I listen to sermons on tape, cd's and television. Recently, as I was clicking TV channels, I saw a man preaching and decided to listen for a while. The silver-haired preacher had a smooth voice, pleasant demeanor, and polished preaching style. I do not doubt for a moment that the preacher is a good man who has good intentions. However, as I listened to the man preach, I was concerned because, except for one very brief reference, the Bible was not mentioned. The reason it bothers me when a preacher does not preach the Bible is that Paul wrote, "Preach the word" (II Timothy 4:2). One who stands in the pulpit is to proclaim God's Word, not his own opinions (I Thessalonians 2:13).

As the man preached, he affirmed, "You don't have to be baptized to go to heaven." That statement did not surprise me because I understand there are those in the religious world who believe that baptism is not necessary in order to be saved. What did surprise me was that the man then proceeded to try to persuade his audience to be baptized! He forcefully asked, "What are you going to say on the Day of Judgment when the Lord asks you why you were never baptized?" More than once he insisted that "the Lord *told you to be baptized.*"

As I was listening to the gentleman preach, I wish there had been some way I could have called a "time-out" and allowed the audience to digest what the man was actually saying. Think with me for a moment. He maintained that "one doesn't have to be baptized to go to heaven." Then he argued that "the Lord told you to be baptized." Next he said that one who is never baptized will have to answer the Lord's question on the Day of Judgment: "Why were you never baptized?"

The thrust of the doctrine is this: (1) The Lord commanded us to be baptized; but, (2) one can steadfastly refuse to obey the Lord's command and still go to heaven (remember, the preacher said, "One doesn't have to be baptized to go to heaven.") (3) One who refuses to obey the Lord's command to be baptized will have to answer for that on the Day of Judgment.

The preacher's doctrine is false because one cannot refuse to obey the Lord's commands—including the command to be baptized—and go to heaven. Scripture plainly declares that those who "**obey not the gospel** of our Lord Jesus Christ" will be lost (II Thessalonians 1:6-9; Hebrews 5:8-9). Jesus Himself said, "He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life; but **he that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life**, but the wrath of God abideth on him" (ASV, John 3:36), and, "He that believeth **and is baptized shall be saved**; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16). Further, if baptism is not necessary in order to be saved, why would the Lord ask, on Judgment Day, why one was never baptized?

It was rather interesting that, for whatever reason that night, the older TV evangelist never tried to prove his doctrine with the Scriptures. Let us all resolve to believe only what the Bible teaches.

BIBLE PREACHERS: PHILIP

James Pilgrim

At the time Saul was “consenting unto” the death of Stephen, “and...there was a great persecution against the church...at Jerusalem, and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles. And...Saul...made havoc of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.” (Acts 8:1-3), Phillip enters the picture. (Acts 8:4ff). “Saul... made havoc” (laid in waste) “of the church,” “haling” (dragging) “men and women to prison,” “and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them.” (Acts 26:10).

Philip, not the apostle, Acts 8:1, but “the evangelist” (Acts 21:8), “one of the seven” who was appointed to resolve the dispute between the Grecian and Hebrew widows. (Acts 6:1ff). Cf. also Acts 8:14, where this Philip is distinguished from the apostles.

This “Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.” (Acts 8:5). He also preached “the things concerning the kingdom of God,” “believing” and “baptism” (Acts 8:12). We know some of what he preached about each of these by other Biblical statements, and by what they did. They believed and were baptized after hearing his preaching. (Verse 12). Why? Because this is what Jesus told His disciples to preach. (Mark 16:15, 16; John 3:1-5, 23). Why would they do that which is not necessary? Jesus and John the Baptist preached, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (Matthew 3:2; 4:17). The Holy Spirit moved Paul to tell the faithful brethren at Colosse, “Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated into the kingdom of his dear Son.” (2 Peter 1:20, 21; Colossians 1:1, 2, 13). Were these four and others preaching the truth???

Philip validated his preaching the word with miracles (Acts 8:6), which Jesus had promised. (Mark 16:17-20). “The people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. NO FAILURES!!!! (Acts 8:6, 7).

Simon, the sorcerer, bewitched the Samaritans, presenting himself as “some great one” (Acts 8:9) heard the same message, and did the same thing the Samaritans did (Acts 8:13), and was also saved. (Mark 16:16; John 3:1-5, 23).

“And there was great joy in that city.” (Acts 8:8).

“Simon....continued with Philip, wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.” (Acts 8:13). Perhaps he had paid for some of his slight of hand tricks, which normally happens, because he offered to buy the ability to impart the gift of the Spirit by laying his hands

on others. (Acts 8:15-19). Peter did as the Holy Spirit told Paul to tell Timothy to do. He rebuked Simon, calling upon him to repent, and pray for forgiveness. (2 Timothy 4:2; Acts 8:20-24). Simon did as a Bible preacher will do. He called upon Simon to repent and pray. (Acts 8:20-24; James 5:16). Simon was not offended; he was repentant.

Peter and John “testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.” (Acts 8:25).

Philip was sent to another place. “The angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went:....” (Acts 8:26, 27a).

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADS TO LEADERS MEETING

August 2

After Evening Service

CHAPMAN YOUTH NIGHT

August 9, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Speaker: Ty Rhymes

CHAPMAN KID'S LUNCH

August 23rd

After morning service

AREA UPCOMING EVENTS

JACINTO CHURCH OF CHRIST

Gospel Meeting

August 3-7

Speaker: Lance Foster

RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Ladies Day

Saturday, August 8 at 9:00 AM

Speaker: Kara Farr

Registration starts at 8:30 AM

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Area-Wide Youth Event

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Area-Wide Young Adult Event

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❖**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Juan Stroupe, Kathy Ratliff (Stroke), Jerry South, Caleb McAlister, Garrison Coats, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry

❖**CANCER:** Dennis Hopper, (John's Father), Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), Harold Hankins, Dewayne Morgan, Teresa Rhea, Rosie Marie Greer (Jane Morrison's Sister), Belinda Lucy (Jane Morrison's Niece)

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