

August 29, 2021

Announcements

Tommy Wade

Song Leader

Larry Wood

Scripture Reading

Bobby Bridges

Opening Prayer

Keith Newby (A.M.)

Young Men (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Chase Chapman (A.M.)

Young Men (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Jarvene Shackelford

Count and Usher

Ricky Cissom & Michiel Criswell

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brad McAlister (09/01/21)

OUR RECORD

August 22, 2021

Sunday Bible Study: 95

Sunday Morning Worship: 109

Sunday Evening Worship: 96

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 88

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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 HEAVEN A REAL PLACE?

Mark Lindley

It has been the topic of countless sermons and the basis for innumerable songs. Infinite numbers of books and limitless lines of poetry have been written on this subject. But is it real? Is heaven a real place or just a myth invented by man? For those who believe the Bible, the question is easy to answer. Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3).

Twice in this passage Jesus refers to heaven as a "place." It is interesting to consider how the word that is translated "place" is used elsewhere in Scripture. For example, the Samaritan woman of John chapter 4 said to Jesus, "Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship" (verse 20). Notice that the lady correctly referred to Jerusalem as a "place." The word she used in referring to Jerusalem is the same word that Jesus used in reference to heaven. The point is that heaven is a real place, just as Jerusalem is a real place. Heaven is just as real as any city in which we might live or locate on a map.

It should be understood, of course, that heaven is a different kind of place. Heaven is a spiritual place, unlike this earth that is temporal, subject to death and decay (1 Peter 1:3-4). Nevertheless, heaven is a place...a place that is real.

In fact, the reality of heaven is tied to the reality of Jesus Himself. Observe this connection: "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me" (John 6:38). If we accept that Jesus is a real being, should we not also be willing to accept that Jesus "came down from heaven"? It would be highly inconsistent to accept that Jesus is a real being, while rejecting Jesus' claim that He came from heaven. Yes, heaven is as real as the Lord Himself.

It is exceptionally important for us to believe in heaven. When the disciples were distressed and anxious, how did Jesus calm their restless hearts? He said, "Let not your heart be troubled," and then He spoke to them about heaven. When we are trying to cope with fear, sorrow, sickness, or pain a strong belief in heaven should inspire us to press on and to prepare ourselves for that happy land of rest.

FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE

The shortest verse in the New Testament in English is John 11:35; in Greek, it is 1 Thess. 5:16.

The longest verse in the Bible is Esther 8:9. It contains 90 words.

The Bible can be read aloud in 70 hours.

According to statistics from Wycliffe International, the Society of Gideons, and the International Bible Society, the number of new Bibles that are sold, given away, or otherwise distributed in the United States is about 168,000 per day.

Number of languages the Bible has been translated into: over 1,200

There are 8,674 different Hebrew words in the Bible, 5,624 different Greek words, and 12,143 different English words in the King James Version.

The word "God" appears in every book of the Bible except Esther and Song of Solomon

Number of books in the Bible: 66

Chapters: 1,189 • Verses: 31,102 • Words: 783,137

The Bible is still the best-selling book in the world.

Jesus, Lazarus, and Agape Love

Wayne Jackson

The account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead helps us to understand the significance of agape love. Lazarus of Bethany, became dangerously ill. His sisters, Martha and Mary sent a desperate message to the Lord, who was some miles away. "Lord, he whom you love is sick" (Jn.11:13). The term for love is phileo, "affection."

It seems perplexing, at least from the human vantage point, that Christ did not rush to the scene to care for him who was the object of His affection. Rather, He delayed two days, during which time Lazarus died. Why did the Lord refrain from going to Bethany directly? The key is in verses 5 and 6. "Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. When therefore he heard that he was sick, he abode at that time two days in the place where He was."

Here the word for "love" is agapao, "dedication." Verse 5 speaks of the dedication or devotion that Jesus had for this family. He was interested in the kind of faith that could be produced in them if they were allowed to wait.

Of special significance in this matter is the word "therefore" in verse 6. Jesus loved. . . therefore He waited. The sisters wanted the Son of God to operate on the phileo level; he chose the higher ground and pursued the devotion of agapao. "The highest motivation for love is not our feelings or affections, but rather an honest, intelligent facing of the question: What is best for the one I love? This is how God acts" (Word Meanings in the New Testament, p.89).-- edited

AREA EVENTS

Chapman Fifth Sunday

August 29th

No Meal after morning services.
PM Service will be at 2 PM.

New Albany Church of Christ

Widowhood Workshop

August 28 & 29

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*Casting all your care upon
him; for he careth for you.
1 Peter 5:7*

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

•**SICK:** Stephanie McAlister, Nick
McCollum, Brian Cissom

•**HOSPITAL:** Heath Stroupe (Juan's
Son), Michelle Bellew

• **SURGERY RECOVERY:** Keith Newby

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Junior Derrick,
Jane Morrison, Patti Hall, Johnny
Cissom, George Doss, Joanie Kate
Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** April Pounders, Lori Duke, Billy
McBryde, Marie Brumley, Keith Hall, Hermie
Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Cohen Hurt,
Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Betty Faye
Ledbury, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita
Trotter, Niani Colom-Omotesa

•**SHUT-INS:** *Tippah County Health &
Rehab:* Romia Palmer #204 *Resthaven:*
Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter

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