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Song Leader
Keith Newby

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Logan Yancey

Opening Prayer
Tim McMillin (A.M.)
Brad McAlister (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Jimmy Vandygriff (A.M.)
J C Newby (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Rickey Cissom

Count and Usher
Danny Shackelford & David Smith

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Mason McAlister (09/18/24)

OUR RECORD

September 8, 2024
Sunday Bible Study: 99
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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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WHY HAS ALL THIS HAPPENED TO US? By Mark Lindley

Gideon was a great servant of the Lord and a mighty man of valor (Judges 6:12). Nevertheless, he was a “man” who had fears and doubts. In Gideon’s day, the Midianites were oppressing God’s people and Gideon did not understand how God could be with His people while they were being oppressed by the Midianites. Notice Gideon’s statement: “And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites” (Judges 6:13). Essentially, Gideon was asking, “If God is with us, then why has all this happened to us?”

God’s people today often ponder that same thought: If God is with us, then why do we have discouragements, heartaches, trials and burdens? Sometimes, people attempting to comfort the suffering offer remarks which add to the confusion. In trying to comfort the bereaved, one might say, “God loved your son more than we did and God took him home.” In trying to console a faithful child of God who is terminally ill, one might say, “God has a reason for everything.” In other times of trouble, one might say, “You know we should never ask ‘why.’”

But is it really true that God “takes” (takes the lives) of our loved ones because He loves them more than we? Does this mean we are at fault for not loving them more? Is it really true that God has a reason for everything? If an innocent person dies in a head-on collision with a drunk driver, is it because God had a reason for the innocent person to be killed? Is it really wrong to ask “why” when we suffer? Did not Jesus ask, “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46). If Jesus asked “why,” would it be wrong for us to do so?

The truth is that God created a perfect world, but because of sin we live in a fallen world, one in which there is death and all kinds of suffering (Romans 5:12). God allows us to experience suffering that we might prove our faith, but God is not directly responsible for all the suffering in our world.

I suppose we will always have questions about human suffering and why bad things happen to good people. However, we should understand that God loves us, and that times of trouble provide opportunities for us to grow in faith and patience: “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing” (James 1:2-4).

THE CHURCH OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

James Pilgrim

Jesus asked His disciples, “Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?” (Matthew 16:13). The disciples replied, “John the Baptist...Elias...Jeremias, or one of the prophets.” Jesus then asked, “But whom say ye that I am?” (Verse 15). Simon Peter, giving the revelation God gave him, said, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (Verse 16). Men, going to the wrong source, flesh and blood (Verse 17), gave the wrong answer. Peter, using what God gave him, correctly identified Jesus as “the Christ, the Son of the living God,” deity. (Verse 17). Jesus told Peter that He would build His Church upon his truthful confession of His deity (Verse 18), and he would also be given “the keys of the kingdom of heaven.” (Verse 19). What is the church called in 2024?

Look around you, and you will see the church called many things by their members. For example, to name a few of the hundreds seen are Jehovah’s Witnesses, Mormon, Lutheran, Baptist, Methodist, Bahai World Faith, Catholic, Seventh Day Adventists, and scores more. These are given by people. Read the word of God to see if you can find any of these, and all others, therein. Write the scripture reference and name of any you find.

Now read the word of God to see what the church is called, and be content to “speak as the oracles of God.” (1 Peter 4:11). First, Jesus promised to build His church. (Matthew 16:18). One would, therefore, think it would be called by His name. “Churches of Christ” (Romans 16:16) is what “Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle...To...the saints” (Romans 1:1, 7), by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:20, 21), called the Roman saints. In the word of God the church is called the “church” (Matthew 16:18), “church of God” (1 Corinthians 1:1), “kingdom” (Matthew 26:29), “kingdom of God” (Romans 14:17), “body” (Ephesians 1:22, 23), “body of Christ” (1 Corinthians 12:27), “family” (Ephesians 3:15), “house” (Hebrews 3:6), “house of God” (1 Timothy 3:15), “household of faith” (Galatians 6:10), “household of God” (Ephesians 2:19), “the Bride, the Lamb’s wife” (Revelation 21:9), and others.

Let us be content to “do in word or deed...all in the name of the Lord Jesus...” (Colossians 3:17). May we always do Bible things in Bible ways, neither adding to, nor subtracting from God’s word. Realize that there is a way that is right and cannot be wrong, and be sure you are right, then go ahead.

Naming or calling the church after some person or doctrine may sound good, but going to the judgment calling the church what God called it is what every person should do. By calling the church by the names, titles or descriptions designated by God, “all the people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord...” (Deuteronomy 28:10).

UPCOMING EVENTS

FIFTH SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH

10:00 A.M. BIBLE STUDY

10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

12 NOON FELLOWSHIP MEAL

1:30 P.M. AFTERNOON SERVICE

Special Thanks to all that helped make our 2024 FALL LECTURESHIP great. Thanks to everyone who invited and prepared food. Great job!

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Melrose Roberson (Luke Hobson’s Grandmother).

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

SICK SUNDAY: Kevin Shackelford and family

HOME FROM HOSPITAL: Sarina Tigrett

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

CANCER: Billy Gross, Wade Carmichael, Tiny Willis, Dorothy Hopper (John’s Mother) Billy McBryde (Rita Smith’s Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer’s Father), 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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