November 1, 2026

**Announcements**
Randell Koon

**Song Leader**
Logan Yancey

**Scripture Reading**
Tripp Yancey

**Opening Prayer**
Michiel Criswell ( A.M.)
Jarvene Shackelford (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**
Bryan Davis (A.M.)
John Hopper (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**
Larry Wood

**Count and Usher**
Bryan Davis & Brock Lindley

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**
Tripp Yancey (11/04/26)

**OUR RECORD**
**October 25, 2026**
Sunday Bible Study: 74
Sunday Morning Worship: 83
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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**

## ARE YOU GOOD ENOUGH TO BE SAVED?
**Mark Lindley**

The question of this article truly needs to be addressed. This question needs to be answered because some believe that one can be saved by being a "good" person. Some believe that if one is sincere, honest, hard-working, loves one's family, and does no harm to others, he will have a home in heaven.

Perhaps, you have heard someone say, "Well, if my grandmother didn't make it to heaven, no one is going; there has never been a better woman than my grandmother." We should all love and respect our parents and grandparents. Due to the respect we have for those of our families it is easy to see why someone would make such a statement. However, the real issue is this: Does the Bible teach that one can go to heaven by living a clean moral life? Can one be "good" enough to make it to heaven?

The Bible answer is very clear. There was a rich, young, ruler who came to Jesus with a question: "Good Master, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" Jesus responded by saying, "Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God" (Matthew 19:16-17). Please notice that Jesus said there is no one, except God, who is "good"! Paul wrote, "There is none righteous, no, not one" (Romans 3:10). In addition, the scripture says, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Yes, the Bible is very clear that there is no accountable person before God who is so "good" that he or she does not sin (cf. Ecclesiastes 7:20). And, because sin damns the soul, no one can go to heaven by being a "good" person (Romans 6:23).

Acts chapter 10 is the record of the conversion of Cornelius. Cornelius was a Gentile man who believed in the one true God. It is stated of Cornelius that he was devout; he feared God with all his house; he gave much alms to the people, and he prayed to God always (Acts 10:2). Also, Cornelius (a Gentile) had a good reputation among the Jews (Acts 10:22). These are all outstanding qualities! If Cornelius lived today, surely, people would say, "He is a good man!"

Yet, Cornelius, although he lived a morally clean life, he was lost without the gospel! He was instructed to send for Peter, who would tell Cornelius what he "ought" to do (Acts 10:6). When Peter came, he shared with Cornelius the gospel message by which he could be saved (Acts 11:14). Without the words of the gospel, Cornelius would have remained a good, moral—lost—sinner!

We all want to live by God's moral standards so that we will be thought of as "good" people. But don't count on going to heaven by being good! Being "good" does not take away sin! Only Jesus blood and obedience to the gospel can bring forgiveness. "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16).

## BIBLE PREACHERS: MUST ANSWER

James Pilgrim

Acts 25 is a picture of a Bible Preacher doing more that preaching to an audience. Paul is being brought into question for things he taught. He is, or is to be, questioned and/or accused by Festus, the high priest, Jews, Agrippa, the elders of the Jews, prominent men of the city, and who knows the names and/or titles of those not named. (Acts 25). The preacher, therefore, must be like Paul, "set for the defence of the gospel." (Philippians 1:17). Peter and others were found in similar situations. (Acts 3-5; 15; and others). First Century preachers were given what they should speak. (Matthew 10:18-20). We are given the inspired scriptures (2 Timothy 3:16, 17) to study (2 Timothy 2:15) to be able to answer those who question and/or accuse us of things. (1 Peter 3:15). We may be accused of false things, like Jesus. (Matthew 26:59, 60; Matthew 5:11; 1 Peter 3:16).We may also be ridiculed for the truth's sake, that is, for believing and teaching the truth. First century believers were (Acts 23:6-9), and so may we be. Examples are Baptism (Mark 16:15, 16), the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:26-26; Acts 20:7), and other things.

When "Festus…ascended...to Jerusalem…the high priest and the chief of the Jews informed him against Paul, and besought him, And desired favour against him, that he would send for him to Jerusalem, laying wait in the way to kill him." (Acts 25:1-3). Festus denied their request, stating "that Paul should be kept at Caesarea." (Verse 4). Festus called upon any "able" to go with him to do so, and "accuse this man, if there be any wickedness in him." (Verse 5). Festus appears to have an open mind at this time. Ten days later Festus "went down to Caesarea, and on the eleventh day, "sitting on the judgment seat commanded Paul to be brought." (Verse 6).

Paul was brought down and grievously accused with many things "they could not prove." (Verse 7). Paul then "answered for himself, Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Caesar, have I offended any thing at all." (Verse 8). "Festus, willing to do the Jews a pleasure," asked Paul if he would go up to Jerusalem, and be judged of these things before me." Paul replied that he was where he ought to be, stating that Festus knew he had done no wrong, saying that he would not refuse to die if he were an offender, and had committed something worthy of death. Paul then said, "I appeal unto Caesar." (Acts 25:10, 11). "Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Hast thou appealed unto Caesar? Unto Caesar shalt thou go." (Verse 12). Has Festus changed from honest to dishonest?

Herod Agrippa II and his incestuous wife, Bernice (his sister), "came unto Caesarea to salute Festus. And when they had been there many days, Festus declared Paul's cause unto the king, telling Agrippa why Paul was there, what he had done about the case, adding that the case of the resurrection came up. (Verses 13-19).

Festus told Herod that he had asked Paul if he would "go to Jerusalem, and there be judged on these matters." (Verse 20). He further said Paul refused, appealing to Augustus, and that Paul be kept till he was able to send him to Caesar. (Verses 21, 22). Agrippa told Festus that he would hear Paul on the next day. On that day, Festus told king Agrippa and others that some had called for Paul's death, but he "found that he had committed nothing worthy of death, and that he himself hath appealed unto Augustus, I have determined to send him." (Verses 23-25). Festus then told king Agrippa that he did not have anything to write unto Caesar, and that he was asking for Agrippa's help in the matter, stating that he did not believe that a prisoner should be sent for a trial without sending along with the prisoner the crimes laid against him. (Verses 26, 27).Perhaps a month and a half of Paul's work is being delayed by this foolishness. (Verses 1, 6, 13, 14, 22, 23). Prophecy is being fulfilled. (Acts 23:11).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SLEEPING BAGS NEEDED**

The **World Ukraine Mission** is in need of sleeping bags for children. Please leave them on the tables by the Teacher's Supply Room.

***Deadline is October 31st.***

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**OCTOBER 31st 5:30 PM**

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FALL TENNESSIPPI YOUTH NIGHT

"WHO AM I TO GOD"

**November 1, 2026**

Speaker: Winston Smith

**FALL FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY**

**NOVEMBER 8TH**

10 AM - BIBLE STUDY

10:45 - AM WORSHIP

12 NOON - FELLOWSHIP MEAL

1:30 PM - EVENING SERVICE

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

✥**SICK SUNDAY:** Ida & Daxten McVey, Mickey Chandler

✥**IN HOSPITAL:** Juanita Michael, Janie Chapman, Michelle Elliott *(Serious-Oxford),* Holly Madugula *( Serious – TX/Robin's Sister),* Mary Lou Elder (Corinth), Britt Chapman

✥**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Myra Palmer (back), Johnathon Ledbury (brain- Larry Wood's great-nephew), Samuel Pilgrim (hip- James & Sammie's son), Rhonda Newby (Connie Koon's sister)

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

✥**CANCER:** Sidra Davis, Mary Ann Kirkman**,** Renea Roberts**,** Lynita Davis, 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)

✥**SHUT-INS:** ***Home:*** Janie Chapman, Juanita Michael ***Tippah County Health & Rehab:*** Romia Palmer, Mike Stroupe

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