

Sunday Morning Servers

December 8, 2013

1st Prayer Sherman Cullum
 Scripture George Burnett
 Closing Prayer Jody McFadden
 Announcements Rick Phillips
 Song Leader Doug Wilson
 Greeters George & Peggy
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 Comm. to Shut-ins Jerry Phipps
 George Burnett

Those to Serve at Lord's Table:

Rick Phillips, Larry Volk, Lonnie Seabaugh,
 Jerry Phipps, Frank Scudder

Sunday Evening Servers

December 8, 2013

Scripture & Prayer Lonnie Seabaugh
 Closing Prayer Leonard Wilson

Items of Interest

Cleaning Team #1
 Children's Home Corn Chips

December 16 Children's Home Truck
 December 21 Children's Christmas
 Party (11:00 a.m.)

For the Record

Sunday Morning Classes 54
 Sunday Morning Worship 79
 Sunday Evening Worship 44
 Wednesday Worship 41
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Schedule of Services

Sunday
 Bible Class 9:45 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening service 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday
 Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

Plan of Salvation

HEAR the gospel Rom. 10:17
 BELIEVE the gospel John 3:16
 REPENT of your sins Luke 13:3
 CONFESS Christ Matt. 10:32
 Be BAPTIZED Acts 2:38
 Live FAITHFULLY Rev. 2:10

Weekly Reflections

What must I do to be saved? (Part 4)

If we want to be saved, our response to the gospel means we surrender everything to God! This is the part of our salvation that isn't stressed as much and the area we fall woefully short in. The Bible teaches us that salvation costs man **"unconditional surrender."**

Luke 9:23 - "Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me."

"Surrender" requires man to place Christ above family ties, friendships, financial gain, everything:

Luke 14:26 - "If you want to be my disciple, you must hate everyone else by comparison—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple."

Philippians 3:8 - "Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ..."

Our surrender to Jesus must be as complete as Paul's was. How do we surrender to Christ?

First, we surrender through **faith!**

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I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

“Saving Faith” begins with our belief, conviction, or assurance, of the truth.

Biblically, faith includes belief in the existence of God and in His Son, Jesus, who died for our sins and was raised from the dead.

Matthew 16:13-16: “When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?” So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

If we don’t believe in Jesus, that He is the Son of the Living God, we can’t be saved:

John 8:24 - “...unless you believe that I AM who I claim to be, you will die in your sins.”

John 3:35-36: “The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand, He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

John 6:28-29: “Then they said to Him, ‘What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?’ Jesus answered and said to them, This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”

John 20:30-31: “And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you

may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”

2 Timothy 1:12 - “For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.”

1 John 3:23 - “And this is His commandment, that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.”

1 John 5:13 - “These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.”

However, saving faith involves much more than just intellectual belief in God and in Jesus. Satan believes this much, and he is lost (James 2:19 - “You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!”).

What, then, is saving faith?

When you become a Christian, you make the one-time decision to turn your life over to the care of God. *It’s your choice, not chance, that determines your destiny.*

And that decision requires trust in Jesus and what He has done for you - putting your faith into action! Faith is simply taking God at His word, then doing what He said to do!

Saving faith includes belief of truth, love for God, active trust in Christ for salvation, and the willingness to obey God!

In fact, the Bible teaches us that faith that does not obey is no faith at all.

Romans 1:5 - “Through Christ, God has given us the privilege and authority as apostles to tell Gentiles everywhere what God has done for them, so that they will believe and obey him, bringing glory to his name.”

Luke 6:46 - “But why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?”

John 14:15 - “If you love Me, keep My commandments.”

Hebrews 5:9 - “And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him...”

Faith involves giving our minds, our hearts, and our lives to Jesus. The jailer had much to learn and accept that night, but the earthquake had made his need for God clear to him. The God who had shaken the earth and spared his life was worthy of his faith.

But the jailer was required to do more than just believe in Jesus. Another absolute requirement that Jesus gave us as a condition for our salvation is repentance.

Luke 13:3 - “...unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”

Next: What is repentance?

PRAYERS:

Betty Andrews saw the doctor December 5th.

Judith Stevenson had tests Monday for pancreatitis.

Those on the prayer list are: Gladie Kemp, C.M. Tarwater, R.W. & Betty Gibson, Daniel Barker, Bob Eppes, Billy Baldwin, Virginia Harris, Johnita Burnett, Gary Davis, Gale Lacy, John Chapel, Leslie Mosley, Boyce Jones, Gary Poindexter, Chuck Lemmons, Kevin Beard, Kenneth Dowdy, Anita Trobaugh, Mary Devasier, Donald Davis, Danny Jackson, Mary Ruth Nesler, Rick Armstrong, Lillie Deckleman, Tim Burnette, Chris McIllwane, Joel Harris.

Nursing Home: Betty Canard (Wynne Healthcare); J.R. McFarland (Crestpark in Wynne); Davie Rutherford (McCrorry)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONGRATULATIONS Scott Phipps on graduating from the University of Central Arkansas on December 14th, with a Bachelors Degree in Business Management.

CONGRATULATIONS to Steven & Cassie McFadden on the birth of Carson Reese McFadden (7 lbs, 7 oz, 19 1/4”) born on 15 November. Paul & Christy McFadden are the proud grandparents. David & Brenda McFadden are the great grandparents.

CONGRATULATIONS to Matthew & Meredith McFadden on the birth of Jason Samuel McFadden (6 lbs, 11 oz, 19 1/2”) born on 2 December. Jody & Karen McFadden are the proud grandparents. David & Brenda McFadden are the great grandparents.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held Saturday, December 21st, at 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship room.

THANKS to all those who gave so generously to the special contribution.