

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 2, 2025

Song: **12** – Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Song: **65** – A Wonderful Savior

First prayer: **Shane Upton**

Song: **93** – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Communion servers: **Larry Simmons** & **Mernie Ray**

Prayer for giving: **Mark Brandt**

Song: **859** – Where the Soul Never Dies

Sermon: “The Success and Failure of Sin” – **David Ray**

Invitation song: **447** – Someday You’ll Stand at the Bar on High

Closing song: **389** – When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

Closing prayer: **Jeremy Thomas**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Jerry & Sherlene – health
- Scott Esk – cancer
- Kim’s cousin’s son (Isaac Wood) – stroke recovery
- Rick Beauchamp and Jerry, Sonya, and Lee Smith (Northpointe) – car accident
- Our nation (1 Tim. 2:2)
- Our members with health issues: Kim, David, Mattie

Please continue to remember: Connie Townsend, Lucinda, Vipin & family, India work, Aruna Kavali, Marinda Breeding, Holley Brewer, Kevin Brewer, Dylan Walker

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Happy anniversary to **Brian and Kim Zumalt** (March 8th)!
- “Precept Upon Precept” is a YouTube channel with many sermons/articles from faithful brethren (www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495)

RECORD FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23, 2025

ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 13 AM Worship – 14 Sun PM – 13 DBR – Wed (2/26) – 12

Contribution – \$1770

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Matthew 9:37-38 “The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.”

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THE GOSPEL IS FOR YOU

A favorite hymn of many Christians is “The Gospel is for All.” It provides a message of encouragement and exhortation to Christian duty. The basic message of the song is certainly Scriptural, as the Scriptures plainly teach that the Gospel is for all (Mark 16:15; Romans 1:16). But there is an angle of the song that one may not typically consider while singing it. The thrust of the song’s message is on the singers’ mandate to get the Gospel to the lost; which tends to put the singer in the mindset, “The Gospel is for everyone else.” But you do well to remember through every word sung that the Gospel is for **you**.

If you are presently saved, the Gospel is for you. Some have tried to make a distinction between the Gospel and doctrine, saying the Gospel is for the lost while doctrine is for the saved. But the Gospel is the “*form of doctrine*” that one obeys to be saved from sin (Romans 6:17; cf. II Thessalonians 1:8). Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, “*Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain*” (1 Corinthians 15:1-2). The Gospel that Paul had initially preached to them was the same doctrine they needed to “keep in memory”—in mind and in practice—if they were going to remain saved.

If you have strayed from your previous salvation, the Gospel is for you. The Gospel does not only contain provisions for the initial salvation of an alien sinner. It also contains provisions for a child of God who has forsaken his salvation.

Such is a very grave situation. Yet the Gospel provides reassurance: *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”* (I John 1:9).

If you come from a clearly non-Christian or irreligious background, the Gospel is for you. When Jesus Christ commissioned His apostles to *“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature,”* He was not telling them to preach the Gospel to Christians (Mark 16:15). Initially, the Gospel was preached primarily to Jews; but within a few decades, the church was comprised primarily of those who previously came from idolatrous pagan backgrounds. As Paul rejoiced of the Thessalonians, *“Ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God”* (I Thessalonians 1:9). Why would the same not be true today? One can turn from Judaism, Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, atheism, or any other conceivable “ism” to serve the living and true God.

If you come from a denominational background, the Gospel is for you. While most denominations express appreciation for and allegiance to the Gospel of Christ, they clearly deviate from it. If they truly adhered to the Gospel of Christ, they would be a church of Christ, not a group separate from it (Matthew 16:18; Luke 8:11). Rather than following the Gospel, denominations follow human creeds and other manmade innovations. One living in a denomination is shackled by human traditions and separated from fellowship with God: *“But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men”* (Matthew 15:9). However, no one in a manmade denomination has to **remain** in a manmade denomination. As the Scriptures exhort, *“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you”* (2 Corinthians 6:17). The Lord receives us into His church when we obey the Gospel at baptism (Acts 2:41, 47).

If you grew up hearing the Gospel but never responded, the Gospel is for you. Sometimes those who “grow up in the church” think they must forge their own paths independent of their parents’ convictions. Sometimes they question whether their belief is truly their own, or merely their parents’ belief. But there is only one correct path to take, regardless of one’s ancestry or upbringing (Proverbs 14:12; Matthew 7:13-14; John 14:6). It is certainly true that one must believe the Gospel for himself (John 8:24; Romans 10:9-10); but everyone needs to hear the Gospel before one can believe it (Romans 10:14, 17). If one hears it when young, that is certainly not a bad thing. If one hears it from his family, that is certainly not a bad thing. Timothy learned the Scriptures from the time he was

a child, and came to develop the same kind of faith that dwelt in his mother and grandmother (II Tim. 3:15; 1:5). But there was no question that Timothy’s faith was steadfast and sincere—Paul called it *“unfeigned faith”* (1:5). Paul said of him, *“I have no man likeminded”* (Philippians 2:20). It was through Timothy’s own conviction in and adherence to the Gospel that his life forged such a bold path of salvation.

If you have lived a life of egregious sin, the Gospel is for you. Saul of Tarsus seems like the most unlikely candidate ever to obey the Gospel. Not only did he oppose the Gospel, he did everything he could to destroy it (Acts 26:9; Gal. 1:23). He persecuted Christians, even heartily participating in **killing** them (Acts 7:58-8:1; 22:4; 26:10-11). Yet the Gospel was for him. It was this man who wrote, *“I am not ashamed of the gospel.”* Later in life, better known as the apostle Paul, he wrote, *“This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief”* (1 Timothy 1:15). Even if you or others view yourself as the “chief of sinners,” Christ came into the world to save you.

Whoever you are, whatever your past or present situation, whatever your future plans, the Gospel is for **you!**

Lee Moses

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

- 1. HEAR THE WORD**
Romans 10:17 – *“So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”*
- 2. BELIEVE IN JESUS**
John 3:16 – *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”* **John 8:24** – *“...if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.”*
- 3. REPENT OF YOUR SINS**
Luke 13:3–*“...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”* **Acts 17:30**–*“And the times of this ignorance God overlooked, but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.”* **2 Corinthians 7:10**–*“For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.”*
- 4. CONFESS THAT JESUS IS LORD**
Romans 10:9-10–*“if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”* (Also **Matthew 10:32-33**; see **Acts 8:37** for an example.)
- 5. BE BAPTIZED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS**
Mark 16:16–*“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved”;* **Acts 2:38**–*“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...”*; **Acts 22:16**–*“Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord”;* **1 Peter 3:21**–*“...baptism doth also now save us...”*
- 6. REMAIN FAITHFUL**
1 Corinthians 15:58–*“Therefore...be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord”;* **Colossians 1:23**–*“...if ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard”;* **Revelation 2:10**–*“Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”*