

ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 12, 2025

Song: **335** – *Is It for Me?*

Song: **86** – *Sing to Me of Heaven*

First prayer: **Chrishawn Thompson**

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

Communion servers: **Larry Simmons** & **Brian Zumalt**

Prayer for giving: **Mernie Ray**

Song: **141** – *Blessed Assurance*

Sermon: *“The Unpardonable Sin? or a Sin at All”* – **David Ray**

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

Closing song: **710** – *More About Jesus*

Closing prayer: **Adam Bentley**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Tony Lopez, Starlyn Cooper, Carmen Lawson, Kim Nguyen – cancer
- Brian (heart) and Kim (pancreatitis)
- Marjorie Trammel (Alyssa’s friend) – cancer
- Shane, Alyssa, & Addison – adoption process
- Kevin Lively (Mark’s friend)
- Mernie’s sisters-in-law: Kathy Ray (eyesight) and Fannie Ray
- Kim’s cousin’s son (Isaac Wood)–hole in heart caused by stroke (upcoming surgery)
- Our members with health issues: Kim, David

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- “Precept Upon Precept” is a YouTube channel with many sermons/articles from faithful brethren (www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495)

RECORD FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 5, 2025

ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 18 AM Worship – 19 Sun PM – 19 DBR – 6 Wed (10/8) – 12

Contribution – \$1786

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Sunday Bible class: 9am **Worship** 10am & 12:30pm **Wednesday Bible class:** 7pm

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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HEAVEN AND ITS BLESSINGS

Heaven! The home of the soul and the place every normal soul who knows about it wants to go when life is over. But to reach heaven, one must conform his life to the teachings of Jesus Christ, and most people will not do this. Jesus said, *“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it”* (Matt. 7:13-14). Few saved, many lost is the teaching of our Lord. Don’t let Satan deceive you into believing that it will be otherwise. But what is heaven?

A Prepared Place: *“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).

Since heaven is a prepared place, only those who are prepared for it will go there. That means that one’s nature and character must be assimilated into the divine nature to live in heaven. That’s the exact teaching of Peter, as well as Jesus in His conversation with Nicodemus: *“Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust”* (1 Pet. 1:4); *“Ye must be born again”* (John 3:3). One’s spirit must be quickened,

regenerated, and become a partaker of God’s nature before he can live in heaven and associate with divine society.

A Place of Security: There is nothing on this earth that is secure. All matter—including man’s body—is subject to corruption and decay and death. Everything on this earth perishes. Neither are our possessions secure. Many banks have closed against savings of life, crops have been washed away or dried up for lack of water, houses are destroyed by fire and storms, and thieves are busy robbing pockets or breaking into homes. Nothing in this old world is secure.

But not so with heaven. There, all is safe and sound for eternity. *“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal”* (Matt. 6:19-20). Yes, heaven is a place of security, because none will be there but the redeemed.

An Inheritance: Children inherit their parents’ estates. God’s children will inherit heaven. Paul says we are *“heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ”* (Rom. 8:17), and that means that whatever belongs to Christ, also belongs to us who are the people of God. As joint-heirs, we are joint partakers with Him and will share His blessings and glory in heaven. That thought is deep and glorious, but true! *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you”* (1 Pet. 1:3-4). That is what makes the soul long for a home better than this present world. Everything here is corruptible, defiled, and smeared with sin. But not so with heaven!

A Better Country: We call this country in which we live the best on earth—and to us it is. Here we have religious freedom, which is the greatest treasure that a government can vouchsafe to its citizens. Here we are protected, in a great measure, from evildoers and every man is free to express his opinion without fear of shackles being placed on either feet, hands, or brain. Yes, this is a most wonderful country, but there is a better one—heaven.

It was said of Abraham and his seed that as they journeyed to the land of Canaan, *“If they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better*

country, that is, a heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city” (Heb. 11:15-16). Yes, heaven is called “a better country”—far better than this one, or any country on earth.

No More Sorrow There: Think of the tears, sorrow, and pain that we have all experienced down through the ages, and that we currently experience. All these are caused by sin. But in heaven there will be no sin, and all sorrow and tears will be left behind. In heaven there will be nothing but joy and happiness through the eternal ages. Do you want to go there? If so, you must do the following:

- **Believe** on the Lord Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God. *“For if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins”* (John 8:24).
- You must **repent** of your sins and turn away from them. *“I tell you, Nay: but except you repent, ye shall all likewise perish”* (Luke 13:3).
- You must **confess** with your mouth Jesus as the Son of God. *“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation”* (Rom. 10:10; cf. Acts 8:37).
- You must be **baptized** into Christ. *“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins”* (Acts 2:38). Yes, you must be *“buried with Christ in baptism,”* that you might be *“raised to walk in newness of life”* (Rom. 6:3-5).

If these things you will do, you will become a new creature in Christ Jesus and start on that road that leads to heaven. **Then faithfully continue on that road until death**, and heaven will be yours on that glorious resurrection day.

W.C. Graves

[What Must I Do To Be Saved?](#)

1. [HEAR THE WORD](#) Romans 10:17
2. [BELIEVE IN JESUS](#) John 3:16; 8:24
3. [REPENT OF YOUR SINS](#) Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30; 2 Corinthians 7:10
4. [CONFESS THAT JESUS IS LORD](#) Romans 10:9-10 (cf. Acts 8:37)
5. [BE BAPTIZED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS](#) Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
6. [REMAIN FAITHFUL](#) 1 Corinthians 15:58; Colossians 1:23; Revelation 2:10