

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

- Hear the Word of God – Rom. 10:17
- Believe that Jesus is the Son of God – Heb. 11:6; John 8:24
- Repent of your sins – Acts 17:30
- Confess Christ before men – Rom. 10:10; Matt. 10:32-33
- Be baptized for the remission of your sins – Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21
- Remain Faithful – Rev. 2:10

By The Numbers for November 3rd

Attendance:
Sun. Bible Study – 101
Sun. AM Worship – 144
Sun. PM Worship – 58
Wed. Night (11/6) – 71

To Our Visitors:

We are so glad and honored that you chose to be with us today. If you have any questions please feel free to ask the elders or one of the members. If we can be of any assistance, please let us know. Thanks for being with us, and we hope to see you again real soon!

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“Where the Gospel is Preached and People are Loved!”

The Importance of Christianity

C.S. Lewis said, “Christianity if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.” For the child of God, Christianity must be our everything. Paul said Christ is our life (Colossians 3:4). He said he had been crucified with Christ (Galatians 2:20). Christianity was of infinite importance to him. While we know it should be the same for us, sometimes the way we live our life says otherwise. With that in mind, let’s notice three things that should help to remind us of the importance of Christianity.

Christianity is of infinite importance because of the value of the soul. “For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matthew 16:26). On this occasion, Jesus asked a rhetorical question to emphasize the value of the soul. There is nothing more valuable than a man’s soul. Recognizing this fact should cause one to realize the infinite importance of Christianity.

Christianity is of infinite importance because of the sacrifice of Jesus. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). “By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren” (1 John 3:16). Jesus sacrificed His life to provide the opportunity for salvation. He established His church (Matthew 16:18; Acts 2). He is the person upon which Christianity is built. To say that Christianity is not of importance is to say that the life and sacrifice of Jesus is not of importance. Jesus’ sacrifice shows us that Christianity is of infinite importance.

Christianity is of infinite importance because of the eternal destiny of mankind. “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad” (2 Corinthians 5:10). “And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment” (Hebrews 9:27). Mankind is not destined to be on this earth forever. One day, after our death and judgment, we will reside in either Heaven or Hell. And our residence will be determined by our actions here on earth.

Knowing these three things, we should remember that Christianity is of infinite importance and live our lives accordingly.

~Justin

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Sun. Bible Study-10 AM
Sun. Worship-11 AM
Sun. Night-5 PM
Wed. Night-7 PM

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“Come Worship with Us!”

- At any given time there are members going through different difficulties that they would rather keep private. Please say a prayer for them; God knows who they are.
- Doris Sandlin had surgery in Jackson last Saturday (11/2). She is home and doing better. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Leslie Barnes is in Baptist East due to difficulty breathing, excess fluid, and high blood pressure. Also, she is having some problems with her kidneys. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Tommy White, Sr. (Tommy White's father) had back surgery in Memphis. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Betty Binkley passed away. Funeral services were held on Wednesday (10/30). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Blake Carden (Larry and Georgia's grandson) will be receiving chemo and radiation in the near future. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Nell Dodson has a muscle injury that is causing her pain. She will be doing physical therapy. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Earl Barbee (Gale Shaw's father) passed away. Funeral services were held on Saturday (11/2). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Patricia Lee (Justin Hendrix's mother-in-law) has been diagnosed with stage 1 breast cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Johanna Carmack continues to recover at home. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Tim Carmack (Pat Carmack's brother) continues in rehab for his broken leg. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Ted Sutton has broken his femur. He has been moved to Covington Nursing Care and Rehabilitation for rehab. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Brenda Sutton has been diagnosed with large cell carcinoma. It is in numerous places, and she is undergoing chemo treatments. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Josephine Latham is home confined to a wheel chair due to some foot problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Alan Sheckell's cancer has returned. It is in both lungs and he is undergoing chemo. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Frances Harrell, Sonny Arwood, Rae Sanders, WL Sandlin, Martha Duggar, Betty Binkley, Johnny Olds, Matthew Buckner, Pam Carmack, Beverly Sanders, Burt Lussier, Paul Bridges, Tim Etheridge, Eunice Dobbs, Ann Paschall, Patti Jolicoeur, Kenny Kennedy, Sonny Arwood, Robert Taylor, Johnnie Matthews, Marion Morris, Joyce Blakemore, Drexel Reed, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.