

## SUNDAY MORNING

**Announcements**  
Mark Davis

**Song Leader**  
Jack Calvert

**Lord's Supper**  
Mike Davis      Cole Meador  
Joseph Barry      Sonny Monaghan

**Prayers**  
Joey Avance      Wendell Mobley

## SUNDAY EVENING

**Announcements**  
Mark Davis

**Song Leader**  
Daniel Allgor

**Lord's Supper**  
Melvin Potts      Roger Clemmons

**Prayers**  
Jack Calvert      Cole Meador

## WEDNESDAY

**Announcements**  
Dave Massey

**Song Leader**  
Cory Easley

**Prayers**  
Rick Boswell      Gerald Eaton

**Invitation**  
Jon Barry

## ABOUT US

**Elders**  
Jack Calvert      Rodney Ellis

**Deacons**  
Jon Barry      Bill Brittenham  
Mike Davis      Dave Massey

**Evangelist**  
Rick Boswell  
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## SERVICE TIMES

**Sunday**  
Bible Study .....9:30 A.M.  
Worship .....10:15 A.M.  
Worship .....6:00 P.M.

**Wednesday**  
Bible Study .....7:00 P.M.

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## THE PLAN OF SALVATION

**Hear** the word of truth ..... Romans 10:13-17

**Believe** the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

**Repent** from all sins .... Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

**Confess** the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:35-30

**Be Baptized** in His name ..... Mark 16:16;  
1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

**Walk** in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death ..... Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

# Think On These Things

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## More Than Mere Insurance

Gary Henry

*What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?" (Romans 6:1,2).*

WHAT SHOULD THE WORD "SALVATION" MEAN TO US? In the real world, there are probably as many different concepts of salvation as there are people who suppose they've been saved. But if and when we desire to be "saved," what should we desire?

Think for a moment about the first stanza of one of our greatest traditional hymns, "Rock of Ages" by A. M. Toplady. The well-known words are these: "Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee; let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r." What is the double cure for

sin we seek in Christ? From what two things do we desire to be saved? If all we want to be saved from is the guilt of sin, we desire less than we sing when we worship with this song. Beyond wanting absolution from the guilt that would keep us out of heaven, we need to be released from the power of sin. In other words, we need to be saved not just from the consequences of sin, but from sin itself.

Those who would be saved by Jesus Christ are required to accept Him as their Lord, and not just their Savior. His purpose is to reform us and remake us in His image, starting today, and our deepest desire needs to be that reflected in another of the old hymns, "Have Thine Own Way" by Adelaide Pollard: "Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way! Thou are the Potter, I am the clay.

## FAMILY TALK

**L.G. Clemmons** and **Max Thomas** are both recovering from extensive illnesses and recent surgeries. Please remember them and their families in your prayers this week.

Continue to remember **Mary Jamison** in your prayers. It has been good to see her out and about while she heals from her broken ribs.

**Rodney Ellis** is still recovering from his knee replacement surgery. Remember him in your prayers.

**Mike Davis** has been ill the last week or so. We're praying for him and a speedy recovery.

**Cathy Monaghan** was admitted into the hospital Wednesday evening with shortness of breath and back pain. Testing has commenced to make sure everything is okay.

Please keep **Nicole Boswell** in your prayers as she reaches the last week or so of her pregnancy.

Don't forget our annual **Singing** on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> followed by our **Meeting** with **Chuck Durham** April 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>!

### Get It In The Bulletin:

If you have any news concerning our church family, please notify **Rick** so it can be inserted into the weekly bulletin.

### Front Page Article (concl.)

Mold me and make me after Thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still."

Christ went to the Cross to make possible far more than some sort of insurance against the catastrophic loss of our souls in hell, an expedient that would allow us to live in sin until we cry out to be "saved" at the very end. He sacrificed Himself to save us from sin — both its guilt and its power. Our deliverance from sin will culminate in heaven, but the process is meant to begin . . . right now! Is that the kind of salvation we're interested in?

"But," you ask, "don't all Christians desire to have Christ to be their Savior?" Yes. But here is the catch: many want this only for the next world. They want Christ to help them into heaven when they die. This is not wanting Christ to be your Savior. It must be had in this world. If Christ saves you it must be done in this life, by changing and altering everything about you" (William Law).

### Benefit Of The Doubt

Gary Henry

*"For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you" (Matthew 7:2).*

IT WOULD BE A BETTER WORLD IF EACH OF US WOULD BE AS PATIENT WITH OTHER PEOPLE AS WE ARE WITH OURSELVES. When it comes to mistakes

that we have made, we tend to be very "understanding," but we aren't always so lenient toward the mistakes made by those around us. But Jesus Christ calls upon us to grow in this area of our thinking, and there are several ways we can do this.

When others have erred, we can place the best possible interpretation on the evidence. Very few things happen in this world that aren't capable of more than one explanation. Rather than jump to the worst possible interpretation, we need to do for others what we always hope they'll do for us: believe the best until the facts force a more negative conclusion, which is, even then, accepted reluctantly.

We can give others time to improve. Every single one of us is a work in progress. At present, we continue to make mistakes that we hope we'll not make quite so often in the future. Consequently, we hope that others will extend grace to us and allow us the time we need to make the adjustments we're trying to make. Wouldn't it be wise to give them the same consideration?

We can see others more from the viewpoint of their potential and less from that of their present performance. When Jesus spoke to the adulterous woman who had been brought to Him, He did not condone her sin. In fact, He commanded her to repent: "Go and sin no more" (John 8:11). In saying that, however, He showed more compassion than her

accusers had shown. In His view, she was more than a person who had sinned — she was a person with potential, one who could overcome the bad choices she had made!

It ought to be sobering for us to remember that a day of accounting awaits us all, a day when we'll be judged by God. At that time, we'll want God to show every possible leniency to us. But Jesus warned, "With what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you." And James said, "Judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy" (James 2:13). So we need to ask: what kind of accounting by God are we setting ourselves up for?

"If you put up with yourself, why not put up with everyone else" (Guigo I).

*"Show me your ways, O LORD; Teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. On you I wait all the day. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions. According to your mercy remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!" (Psalm 25:4-7)*