

The Ripley Reminder



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Sunday Bible Study..... 9:30 AM

Sunday Morning 10:20 AM

Sunday Evening 5:00 PM

Wednesday Evening..... 7:00 PM

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



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What Must God Do For Me To Be Saved?

To best understand salvation, we should begin with God and his work. Without knowing what or who they are responding to, sinners will have little desire to be saved from sin or to enjoy life with God and without the pleasures of sin. Christians should emphasize God's work in salvation before emphasizing the appropriate response to God's gift. In fact, the Scriptures have focused on God's work in salvation. Acts 2, for example, records Peter's sermon which begins in verse 22 and continues until he is interrupted in verse 37. For those 15 verses, Peter focused on what God had done for the salvation of the world in Christ. After hearing what God had done through Christ, the crowd begged to know what they had to do.

Peter taught that salvation was "according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood" (1 Pet. 1:1-2). Paul taught that the Father "chose us in him before the foundation of the world" (Eph. 1:4). Christians are "adopted to himself as sons through Jesus Christ" (Eph. 1:5). Christians are also "sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance" (Eph. 1:13-14). Before time began our triune God knew those who would believe and had providentially arranged the world for their good and his own glory (Rom. 8:28-30).

God's choice to save his people was made despite their decision to practice cosmic treason against him. Sinners are "dead in their trespasses and sins" (Eph. 2:1). In Romans 5 Paul described sinful man as "weak" (5:6 "helpless" CSB), "ungodly" (5:7), "sinners" (5:8), and "enemies" (5:10). Remarkably, each time God described the hopeless condition of his people, he followed that hopeless description with glorious hope. The "weak," "ungodly," and "sinners" are those for whom "Christ died" (Rom. 5:6-8). The "enemies" of God were "reconciled to God by the death of his own Son" (Rom. 5:10).

God's work in the salvation of his people is at the forefront of John 3:16—the golden text of Scripture. There, God teaches that he acted for his people because "God loved the world in this way" (Jn. 3:16 CSB). The quality of God's love is shown in the quality of his gift. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son" (Jn. 3:16 KJV). The result of God's loving gift is seen in that those who committed cosmic treason against him are able to be saved through him. God says that all the believers will not perish but will have everlasting life.

Donnie

LET'S TAKE A MINUTE. . .

DON'T SELL YOURSELF SHORT!

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!" (Phil. 4:13)

In John 6, Jesus and His disciples were going to a deserted place where they could rest and be refreshed. At the same time, a young lad had left his home in search of the Lord and the crowds following Him. He had heard that Jesus was nearby and he wanted to see Him for himself. Not knowing how long he would be away from his house, he had packed a lunch consisting of small pieces of barley bread and two small fish.

As he was sitting on the ground with the thousands of others, he felt someone tapping him on the shoulder and asking him, "How much food do you have in your pouch?" The young boy replied, "I have but barley bread and two small fish." The next thing he knew, his small lunch from home was feeding five thousand people! Once the lad was willing to share his lunch, there was no telling what the Lord could make of it!

Are you feeling a little overwhelmed? Is there talk at church about getting more accomplished for the Lord by reaching out with the message of the gospel? Are you starting to get the idea that you are surrounded by more folks getting things done while it is all you can do to pull yourself through the week?

Well, don't get discouraged by feeling helpless and unprepared to do more yourself! The Lord expects us to do the best we can with what He has given us and often that is more time and ability than we think we have! Perhaps you believe that, compared to others, you are not making nearly the difference as are they? Don't sell yourself short! Don't be critical of yourself. All it takes is for someone who knows to show us what we can do, and then do it ourselves!

So, take heart! Just do what you can, because there is always something each of us can accomplish in the work of the Lord. Then we will give God the glory and began to feel good about ourselves. Remember, don't sell yourself short! If others can do it, you can too!

My minute's up!

James A. Horton

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Allie Wallis’s gallbladder surgery was successful and she is recovering at home. Please pray that her recovery is speedy.
- Please pray for the family and friends of Sadella Dickerson. She passed away recently after a fall. She was a faithful member of Tiplersville Church of Christ and visited with us often with Mrs. Johnnie Jumper and Mrs. Bonnie Wallace.

Please keep these in your thoughts and prayers:

Susan Ainsworth, Ann Akins, Ali Rae Barkley, Pattie Box, Annette Brooks, Dianne Butler, Wade Carmichael, Cora Chills, Alice Cross, Paula Dowty, Roger Cunningham, Grevil Flores, Chris Grisham, Ann Izard, Kenny James, James Johnston, James Allen Johnston, Johnnie Jumper, David Lipe, Billy Hugh McBryde, Donald McTizi, Sharon Monson, Steve Robinson, Jan Rooker, Brandie Rutgers, Carol Smith, Trey Smith, Anna Hearn Thompson, Peggy Wallis, Austin Wentz, Jimmy Willingham
Diversicare: Terri Barkley C-9, Cindy Holly D-8

NEWS & NOTES

- Our weekly fellowship meals will be paused for the summer. Meals will resume in the fall.
- Congratulations to Kate and Christian Campbell who were married May 2, 2026. May God bless them with many years of happiness.
- The new ladies Bible class being taught by April Pounders will move to the fellowship hall because they have outgrown their classroom.
- There will be a L2L’s Recognition/Kickoff Ice-Cream Supper on May 17th after evening services. Everyone is encouraged to attend. A signup sheet will be placed in the foyer.
- Cole Chapman, Caroline Chapman, and Sophie DeBord will be traveling to El Salvadore this summer on a mission trip. If you would like to aid them in doing this good work, donations can be given to one of our Elders. Please pray that they have a safe and successful trip.
- Heather and Isla Shappley will care for the nursery during our worship services.

Worship Service May 17, 2026

Welcome.....	David Cook
Song Leader AM.....	Josh James
Opening Prayer AM.....	Brad Pounders
Read Scripture.....	Jonah James
Lord’s Supper AM.....	Kenny Schmitz
Assisting at the Lord’s Table AM.....	Mike Hudson, Damon Mock, Justin Luster
.....	David Hudson, Rodney Chapman, Scott Kuhl
Closing Prayer AM.....	Roger McAlister
Song Leader PM.....	Kallen Bryowsky
Opening Prayer PM.....	Rob Elliott
Lord’s Supper PM.....	Robert Elliott
Closing Prayer PM.....	Darrell Tatum