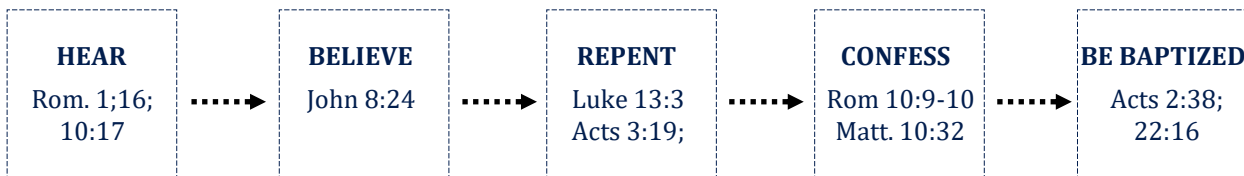


**Sermon Notes**

Topic:  
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**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**



# THE MESSENGER

*"This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." **1John 1:5***

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**WELCOME VISITING FRIENDS**

If you are one of our visitors today, please know that we are indeed honored to have you. If you are a member of the Lord's body, thanks for choosing to worship with us today. If you are not a member of the Lord's church, we would be happy to meet with you and discuss how one becomes a member of the church which we read about in the New Testament. We aim to speak as they spoke and do as they did. We also offer a free Bible correspondence course which can be mailed to you. Or, someone would be glad to meet with you for a one-on-one Bible Study. You can indicate your desire on a visitor's card and place it in the collection tray located at the front on the communion table.

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**Sunday**

Young Christians' Class .....10 a.m.  
Sun. Adult Bible Class.....10 a.m.  
Worship Service .....11 a.m.

**Wednesday**

Bible Study (on Zoom)...7:00 p.m.

*I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."  
**Psalm 122:1***

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

## Rock Throwing!

The Old Testament law stated that in capital offenses, the primary witness was to cast the first stone at the point of execution. (Deut. 17:7) In the story of the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11) Jesus refers to this point of law when addressing the woman's accusers, however He reverses the rules for this occasion. In verse 7, He says, "He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." In other words, He gave the right to begin the execution, not to the one who witnessed her sin, but to the one who could look at his own life and witness no sin there. John goes on to tell us that after these words, there was no execution that day.

This acknowledgment of personal sin is very helpful for those who have a "critical" nature. First of all, it forces critical people to see that finding fault with others is very easy. The difficult (and worthy) task is to examine ourselves in order to discover our own faults.

Secondly, when we focus on our own faults, sins and weaknesses first, it becomes easier to offer mercy to others. After all, it is difficult to refuse to someone else the very thing we grant ourselves in the same situation. Finally, recognizing that all are sinners, including ourselves, will make it easier to leave the judging to God. When critical people understand that they have no right to judge because they are guilty of the same sins, a tremendous burden is lifted from their shoulders.

So next time we see a person caught in adultery or any other kind of sin, we should remember Jesus' admonition to the execution squad. Let's be quicker to look into our own hearts rather than looking around for rocks to throw.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember to silence your cell phones.



**Birthdays and Anniversaries this Week:**



**NO BIRTHDAYS-**

**NO ANNIVERSARIES-**

### **Skills Bank**

Remember to submit your information, and do your own verification for licensing.

Sis. Webster.....Real Estate Agent

Gambles ..... Property Preservation & Custom Home Décor

Sis. Debra Woodard .....Financial Advisor

Please be reminded that no eating is allowed in the auditorium.

Please review the website for any updates. Please email or text Sis. Ruthie Gamble any corrections.

### **For Prayers :**

Our military personnel, first responder, new members and educators.

With sincere sympathy we share the passing of Sis. Nicole Nunn, Ms. Patricia Nathan (Alexis and Zuri's grandmother) and the mother of Bro. Rohan Oddman. Bro. Kinds mother funeral service was yesterday.

Please pray for Sis. Shannon Payne and her son, Malachi, Sis. Glenda Carter, Ruthie Gamble, Selma Raglin, Bro. Mickles, Bro. Conner's cousin, Laronda Conner, Brenda Sims, LaDonna Carter and the Shields family, Pamela Lennon, Laura Simpson, Laurene Cunningham and Kristopher Strickland. Sis. Costola Thigpen's mother in law; Ms. Jones is now in a rehab and showing improvements.

Prayers are being requested for Bro. Webster who will be leaving today to attend a lectureship at Freed -Hardeman in TN. and returning Tuesday, February 8th.

Our Young Adult Bible class is now being taught Bro. EJ Taylor every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Please encourage young people within your family and your friends to take advantage of this class as they come to worship service.

### **Order of Service**

Song

Announcement

Song

Opening Prayer

Song

Scripture Reading

Song

Sermon

Song

### **Lord's Supper**

#### **Offering**

Song

Closing Prayer

### **Last Week's Record**

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	96
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	47
Last Sunday offering:	\$2474.00
Weekly Budget	\$2625.00