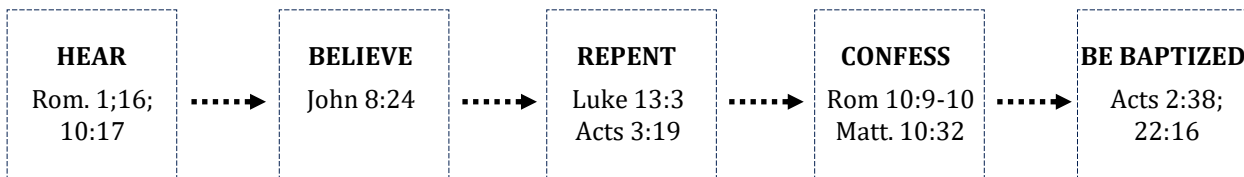


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**Sermon Notes**



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



*"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

## Doxology or Benediction, what is the difference?

**W**e have all heard the terms Doxology and Benediction at religious events, but what do they mean and what is the difference? A doxology is a declaration that ascribes glory or praise to God while a benediction is usually a blessing that one prays God will give to another person. Put another way, a doxology goes up to God while a benediction comes down from God. For example, compare the two statements below.

*"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."* Numbers 6:24-26

*"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."* Ephesians 3:20-21

The first is a benediction and the second is a doxology. Notice the difference. The verses from Numbers are a blessing that Aaron and his descendants were to pray over the Israelites. The verses from Ephesians are a declaration of praise to God which Paul makes after providing a broad view of God's amazing grace and blessings given to the church through Jesus Christ in Ephesians chapters 1-3. Now, take a look at the concluding verses of the book of Jude: *"To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy-- to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen"* (Jude vv. 24-25). Which is it? Benediction or doxology? If you said doxology, you would be right. Most of this chapter is filled with warnings regarding false teachers who were infiltrating the churches. Using expressive language and examples, Jude describes the characteristics of these false teachers and the certainty of God's judgment on them. Jude wants believers to understand the dangers involved and to remain safe and strong in the faith once for all entrusted to the saints. That is probably the reason why at the end of his book, Jude lifts up a doxology of praise to God. He wants to assure believers that, despite the challenges the false teachers presented, God could carry them to heaven and for this reason he was worthy of glory, honor and praise.

What is true of God then is still true of God now. He is still able to keep us from falling and to present us before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy and, therefore, still deserves a doxology of praise!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## REMINDERS:



~Please silence your *cell phones*.

~There is no *eating* is allowed in the auditorium.

~Please be diligent in observing *CDC guidelines* by getting vaccinated, sanitizing, social distancing, and masking up. This includes wearing a proper fitting mask that covers both your mouth and nose.

When paying offering electronically, you are encouraged to use the PayPal option.

We will be having our 1st annual Mothers' Day Fellowship luncheon downstairs today following the end of worship service. Everyone is invited to this fellowship to honor our mothers.

## FOR PRAYERS :

We give God the glory for the academic success of Sis. Whitney Taylor who graduated yesterday from Governor's State University with Masters in Accounting and Project Management.

Continue to pray for and encourage our new members Bros. William Lawton and David Croom and Sis. Nicole Tillman.

Sis. Ruthie is at home recovery from illness she had for several days.

The Bells and the Lightfoots are out of town, while the Youngs are taking precautionary measures by staying home until they are tested having been exposed to a Covid victim.

Sis. LaDonna Carter continues to recuperate from surgery.

Sis. Jameka Taylor is now teaching the children's class downstairs.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANIVERSARIES

### IS WEEK:

BIRTHDAYS~ NONE

ANNIVERSARIES~ NONE

### SKILLS BANK~

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

**Sis. Webster** ..... Real Estate Agent

**Sis. Tillman** ..... Real Estate Agent

**Sis. Debra Woodard** .....Financial Advisor

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

### Order of Service

Song

Announcement

Song

Opening Prayer

Song

Scripture Reading

Song

Sermon

Song

Lord's Supper

Offering

Song

### Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	76
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	48
Last Sunday offering:	\$4955.00
Weekly Budget	\$2625.00