

## Prayer List



## Bdays/Anniv.



## To Our Visitors



### Of Our Number

- ◆ **The Beckers**—sick recently
- ◆ **Janice Carnley**—unwell lately
- ◆ **Lisa Mashburn**—doctor for back and neck
- ◆ **Jim Ward**—chemotherapy, PET Scan soon
- ◆ **Brenda Ray**—back pain

### Others in Need

- ◆ **Thomas Bush**—11 yrs. old, cancer
- ◆ **Jennifer Cook**—cancer surgery recovery in TX
- ◆ **Tim Dixon**—lymphoma; chemo
- ◆ **Dalton Kitzan**—hunting injury
- ◆ **Howard Simon**—released from hospital after car accident; others died in crash
- ◆ **Scott Sweeney**—broke both legs
- ◆ **Wade Wilkerson**—fell, broke several bones; not doing well
- ◆ **Pray also for** those who have lost loved ones, government leaders, our military, alien sinners, erring brothers/sisters, the church at Baker and worldwide.

### December

- ◆ Richard Laux, Dec. 2

We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer to every Bible question (1 Peter 4:11).

## Events



## Privileged to Serve



- ◆ **December 27th**—  
Fourth Wednesday  
Singing

**Announcements**—Glenn Howze  
**Song Leading**—Caleb Howze (Wed.)  
 David Howze (Sun.)  
**Serving the Lord's Supper**  
 Head: Leo Derrick; Helpers: Rick Laux,  
 Josh Lawson, Andrew Mashburn  
**Lord's Supper PM**  
 Head: Glenn Howze  
 Helper: Caleb Howze  
**Scripture Reading**—Braden Hilburn

**Faithful Worship** — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Phil. 4:6); **2) Singing** without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); **3) Preaching** God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); **4) Giving** as prospered, cheerfully (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 9:7); **5) The Lord's Supper** on the first day of every week (Matt. 26:26-28; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20-34; 16:2; Heb. 10:23-31).

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## Meeting Times

### Sundays:

- 10AM Bible Class
- 11AM Worship
- 5:30PM Pew Packers
- 6PM Worship

### Wednesdays:

- 7PM Bible Class

## Other Information

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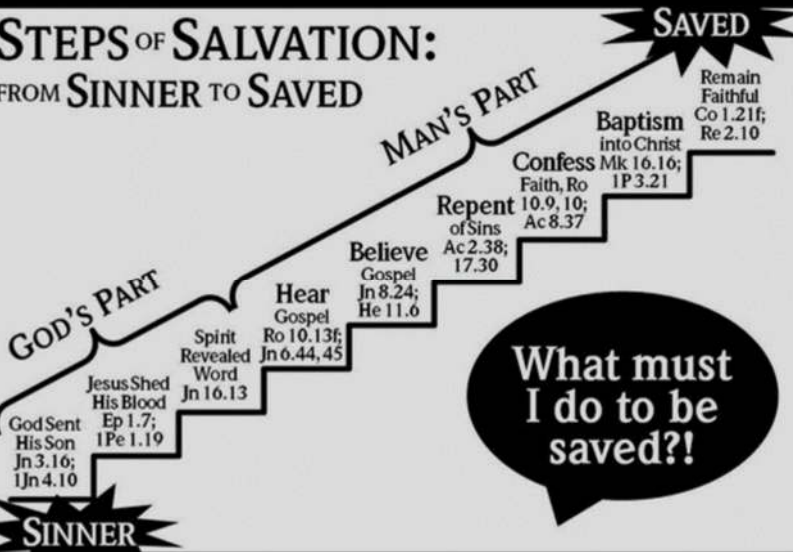
## Practical Advice Regarding Memorizing Scriptures

Jason Hilburn

The Bible says, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psa. 119:11). Memorizing the Word of God will help us fight against temptations, and it will also comfort us, give us hope, and make us more equipped to carry out our greatest responsibility, which is to teach others (Matt. 28:19-20). Recently someone wrote and asked how I recommended memorizing Scriptures. As I typed the reply, I thought this would be good information to share with others also. With that said, I do not claim to be the world's top expert on this subject. There are many others who have memorized more Scriptures than I have, and others may have different ideas that have worked for them. The following advice is merely my opinion, based on what I have found to be the best way to memorize Scriptures.

First of all, get one Bible that you like the best. When choosing a Bible, my top priority is that it must be a reliable translation. I memorize from the King James translation. If the Bible comes with commentary added, be very careful, because many have been led astray by the uninspired writings of men. I look for genuine leather Bibles, because they should last longer. I also look for text that is easy to see when

## STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED



"...ye were the servants of sin..."  
 (Romans 6:17).

What must I do to be saved?!

"...but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17b-18).

reading, so I don't have to strain my eyes too much.

Whichever Bible you choose, always use that one Bible for all your reading, studying, memorizing, and teaching if at all possible. After a while, you will "see" the pages in your mind to a certain degree, reminding you where certain passages are, and solidifying the Text in your mind. Again, always use that Bible for memorization—not a computer or phone, and not some printed out copy of verses. Some people write verses to memorize them, and that is OK if that works for them; but that opens up the door for copyist errors, and if you memorize a verse the wrong way, it can be very difficult to correct that in your mind in the future.

Choose a passage you want to learn (perhaps a favorite passage or something pertinent to a lesson you will be teaching). If you are not sure where to start, try Psalm 23. With only six verses with which you are probably already familiar, you can memorize it relatively quickly (and you will have memorized a whole chapter of the Bible!).

Whichever passage you choose, begin with the first few words of the first verse only. Repeatedly say the first few words aloud until you can say them perfectly several times without looking at the Bible. Remember that every word of the Bible is inspired, and it is important to get every word exactly right when memorizing. Critical doctrines can be changed by simply changing one word ("not" – Gen. 3:4); changing the tense of a verb ("am" vs. "was" – Matt. 22:32); or even changing one letter ("seed" vs. "seeds" – Gal. 3:16). It is also important to actually speak the words aloud (not just saying them within your mind), because the audio adds another layer (along with visual input) to help solidify this in your brain's memory.

After you have memorized the first small section of the Text, move on to the next phrase or set of words. Say those words aloud, adding the previous part that you already memorized. Continue adding more and more until you reach your goal. Then have someone "test" you, because you may have been saying something slightly wrong without even realizing it. That is the best way I have found.

I also listen to the Bible in audio format, and will sometimes set it to repeat only the chapter or verses I am studying or memorizing. I do this while I am driving and doing other "mundane" tasks. There are audio CD versions of the Bible, and there are Bible apps available for smartphones with audio, such as *YouVersion* and *Bible.is*. There is also a website called *ScriptureTyper.com* which you may find helpful.

Do not doubt yourself or underestimate your abilities. Set high goals for yourself. You can memorize entire chapters, or even books of the Bible, if you set your mind to it. That may not be your goal, but it can be done with enough effort. I hope this has helped you!

## Out of Tune

Jason Hilburn

I have enjoyed playing the guitar since I was about fourteen years old. I do not use the guitar in worship, because God has specified singing as the type of music He wants in New Testament worship, but I have noticed that there are some lessons we can learn by comparing making music to Christianity.

When I first began playing guitar, I had to learn how to tune the instrument. At first, it was difficult for me to know when the instrument was out of tune, but with time and experience, I could later quickly tell when the instrument was even the least bit out of tune. The tuning process itself also got a lot quicker with time and experience. I would often play with other people, and one of the most challenging parts of playing with other musicians is making sure that your instrument is in tune with theirs. The music will not sound good if even one person is out of tune. We would often use a tuning device that was the standard everybody would use for tuning. By all following the same standard, we would all be able to play together in perfect harmony.

Later in life I tried playing the fiddle/violin, and found it much more difficult, because there were no frets on the neck. Placing a finger between the right frets on a well-tuned guitar basically guarantees that if you pluck the right string, you will be playing the correct note. With a violin, your finger can be just the tiniest bit off of the right spot, and it will sound terrible. The funny thing is that when I thought I was doing fairly well playing the violin, my family still thought it was terrible!

When singing in worship, we should try to sing in tune with one another, as best as we can. The song leader may use a pitch pipe to get the standard pitch, and then with the first note he sings, he sets the "standard" pitch for the rest of the church to follow. The church follows orderly and harmoniously to make beautiful music offered up to God (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:17; Hebrews 2:12).

### **When it comes to the Word of God:**

**If we don't know what we are doing, we will be living out of tune with God's Word without realizing it.** We may think the way we are living sounds pretty good, but it may actually sound terrible to God and those who really know His Word. *"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death"* (Prov. 14:12).

**If we are off in just one area of our lives, it is enough to make our lives out of tune with God.** The Bible says that being overtaken in just one type of sin will cause us to lose fellowship with God and faithful Christians: *"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted"* (Galatians 6:1).

**We must tune our lives to God's standard (the Bible) to be in tune with one another.** *"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"* (Amos 3:3). *"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them"* (Ephesians 5:11; cf. 2 Cor. 6:14-18; 2 John 9-11).

As "instruments" of God, God wants us all to be in tune with the standard, which is His Word (John 12:48). If we are out of tune, let's get tuned up as soon as possible, so we may offer up living sacrifices that are pleasing to Him! (Romans 12:1-2).