

Prayer List



Bdays/Anniv.



To Our Visitors



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—flu
- ◆ Lisa Mashburn—neurosurgeon
- ◆ Jim Ward—cancer recovery
- ◆ Brenda Ray—back pain

Others in Need

- ◆ Thomas Bush—11, cancer
- ◆ Jennifer Cook—cancer
- ◆ Tim Dixon—lymphoma; chemo
- ◆ Dalton Kitzan—hunting injury
- ◆ Madison McCall—results soon
- ◆ Harold Moore—fell from tree, broken back and ribs
- ◆ Jason Rickmon—stage 3 esophageal cancer and in lymph nodes
- ◆ Scott Sweeney—broken 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.

January

- ◆ Kynlie Lawson, Jan. 17

Events



- ◆ **January 24th**
4th Wednesday Singing
- ◆ **February 18-22**
26th Annual Northwest Florida School of Biblical Studies Lectureship

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).

Privileged to Serve



Announcements—Leo Derrick
Song Leading—Caleb Howze (Wed.)
 David Howze (Sun.)
Serving the Lord's Supper
 Head: Andrew Mashburn; Helpers: Wilfred Derrick, Ethan Howze, Mark Howze
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Leo Derrick
 Helper: Ethan Howze
Scripture Reading—Rick Laux

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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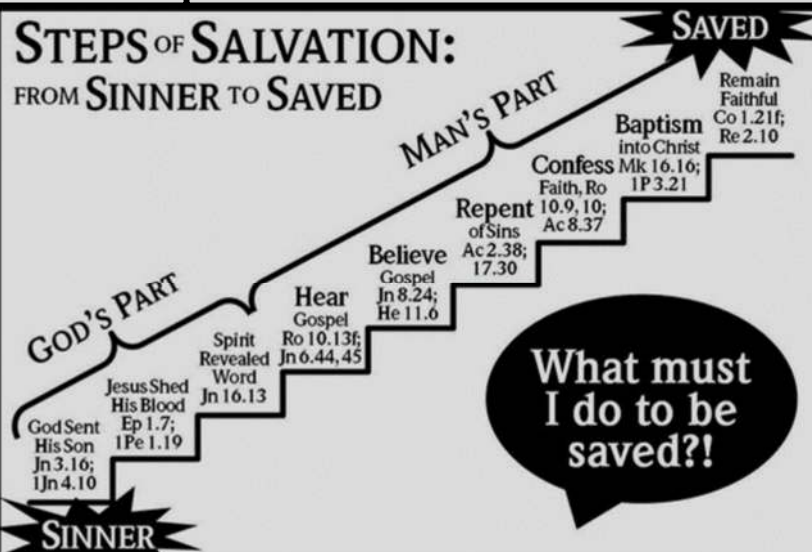
The Incomparable Book

Guy N. Woods

It is said that Lardner, a professor of physics in Oxford University, in 1837 wrote an elaborate treatise "proving" that no vessel could ever cross the Atlantic under its own steam, since to generate that steam would require coal enough to sink the vessel before it could ever leave the wharf! By a strange irony of fate, the Great Western Steamship on its first trip across the Atlantic, brought copies of Lardner's book. The Scientists who had reviewed it were in somewhat of a quandary. They had said that Lardner's argument was irrefutable and amounted to a demonstration, yet there was the steamship and the passengers affirmed it had crossed on its own steam! What should they do about it? However plausible their theory, the presence of the ship was a fact, and theories must always give way before facts. Again and again, men have appeared on the scene with the avowed purpose of destroying the Book of God. Two hundred years ago (almost 300 now, JPH), the noted French infidel, Voltaire declared that in a hundred years after his day, the Bible would be forgotten or would only be drawn from

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).

the dusty shelves of a museum as a relic of superstitions which once oppressed the human mind. Mr. Voltaire went the way of all the earth: and, when the century was up, the very house in which he wrote that prophecy was packed full of Bibles — the depository of the Geneva Bible Society. It is interesting to note that not so long ago, at an auction of a famous library, Voltaire's ninety-one volumes sold in England for eight shilling, approximately \$2. In 1926, a copy of the Gutenberg Bible sold for \$106,000. The highest price every paid for a book before that was \$60,000, and that was for another Bible. Mr. Voltaire's boast that: "It took twelve men to found the Christian religion; I will show the world that one man can overcome it" has become, like Mr. Lardner's treatise on steamships, an exploded theory, and the Bible continues to influence the world more powerfully than any other book.

Men have died gladly, rather than relinquish their faith in its holy teachings, and the noble efforts of translators to give us an uncorrupted and pure translation, make us eternally indebted to them. From the days of Wycliffe to the King James revisers, efforts to put the word of God into the language of the people, read like a romance. Wycliffe, himself escaped martyrdom only because he had a paralytic attack which resulted in his death but even then the priests of Rome would not let his body rest, for forty years thereafter the Council of Constance decreed that his bone should be taken up and burned. In 1427, the Pope ordered his body and bones to be exhumed, "cast far from ecclesiastical burial and publicly burned and the ashes to be so disposed of that no trace of him shall be seen again." In the spring of 1428 the Bishop of London executed the order and threw Wycliff's ashes into the river, to "the damnation and destruction of his memory," for the unspeakable crime (in the eyes of Rome) of trying to give the word of God to the common people.

A little over a hundred years later, William Tyndale appeared with another translation, differing little from that of the King James Version of today. He encountered a royal decree forbidding any person to translate the Scriptures without permission. He sought for this permission and was refused. He said to the

Bishop of London, "If God spares my life, ere many years I will cause the boy that driveth the plow to know more of the Scriptures than thou dost." In a few years, his "prophecy" was fulfilled, but at terrible cost. First, the Catholics gathered his testaments which had been smuggled into London by tens of thousands and burned them in Saint Paul's Churchyard. Ten years later, they strangled him, and burned his body at the stake. Thus, did men suffer for their efforts to bring knowledge of life and salvation to the benighted and oppressed peoples of Roman Catholicism. Three hundred years ago, reading the Bible was a privilege denied all except the dupes of the church of Rome. Hidden in a dead language, the common people were forbidden on pain of imprisonment to read it, and all Bibles discovered in the language of the people, were ordered burned.

Do we appreciate this incomparable book as much as we should? Do we read its holy pages as often as we might? Men in other times have been willing to die for the joy of reading its blessed pages. In the darkness of caves and catacombs, men have risked their lives for the privilege of gleaning some light from its profound depths. May the Lord help us to appreciate it as we should and from it derive the help we so much need.

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"...And the common people heard him gladly" (Mark 12:37).