

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ *Many sick, many improved*
- ◆ Florene Howze—better lately
- ◆ Lisa Mashburn—back problems
- ◆ Jim Ward—undergoing treatment for healthier bones; PET scan 2/27
- ◆ Brenda Ray—back pain improved

Others in Need

- ◆ Thomas Bush—11, cancer
- ◆ Jennifer Cook—cancer
- ◆ Tim Dixon—lymphoma; chemo
- ◆ “Bud” Erickson—tubes in, adenoids out 2/12; fluid on lungs
- ◆ Eloise Hoffman—sick lately
- ◆ Elizabeth Johnson (A. Hilburn’s grandmother)—not well lately
- ◆ Marie Johnson—seizures
- ◆ Dalton Kitzan—hunting injury
- ◆ Milo Lasater—fever
- ◆ Larry Laux—fell from tree stand
- ◆ Diane Lawrence (J. Hilburn’s aunt) at Sacred Heart awaiting test results
- ◆ Harold Moore—broken back and ribs
- ◆ Melanie Marsh—health problems
- ◆ Bobby Parker—bypass surgery

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- ◆ Jason Rickmon—stage 3 cancer
- ◆ Luis Sanchez—brain cancer
- ◆ Crystal Scaggs—heart problems
- ◆ Wade Wilkerson—fell, broke several bones; not doing well
- ◆ Pray also for those who have lost loved ones, gov. leaders, military, alien sinners, those fallen away, the church at Baker and worldwide.

Events



- ◆ Feb. 11
Andy Cates speaking PM
- ◆ Feb. 18-22
26th Annual Northwest Florida School of Biblical Studies Lectureship
- ◆ Feb. 28—4th Wed. Singing
- ◆ May 6-11
Our Homecoming Meeting with Jason Holladay

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).

To Our Visitors



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**—Mark Howze (Wed.)
David Howze (Sun.)
- Serving the Lord’s Supper**
Head: Glenn Howze; Helpers: Justin Derrick, Rick Laux, Josh Lawson
- Lord’s Supper PM**
Head: Glenn Howze
Helper: Braden Hilburn
- Scripture Reading**—Justin Derrick

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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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A Few Words from the Preacher

We are excited to have brother Andy Cates coming to speak during evening worship! Andy plans to bring his whole family with him. I have had the privilege of knowing Andy for almost 15 years. I met him when he was preaching in the Tuscaloosa, AL area. Andy was working with a congregation who was supporting me financially to go to preaching school. Like his father Curtis Cates was, Andy is a great encourager and a talented Gospel preacher.

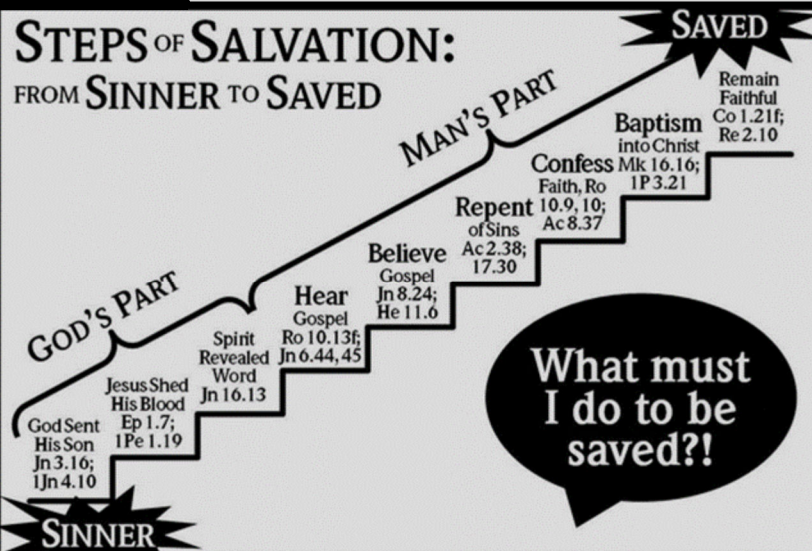
Living Like an Animal

Jason P. Hilburn

There was a time in my life when I was basically living like an animal, rather than a spirit created in the image of God. I was only seeking to fulfill my selfish desires. I understand now that we are created for greater things—eternal things, and we should live our lives according to the will of the One who gave us life and offers us eternal life in bliss (Eccl. 12:13-14; Acts 17:28; Rev. 4:11). *“So foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a beast before thee”* (Psa. 73:22). *“Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee. Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about”* (Psa. 32:9-10).

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).

A Penitent Spirit

By Darrell Powell (adapted)

Penitence is a sad and humble realization and regret of sin. It is the gut-wrenching feeling you that you get inside when you want to do right, but you know you've done wrong. It was a penitent spirit that caused David, after his sin with Bathsheba, to say, "Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me" (Psalm 51:2-3). It was Paul's penitent spirit which motivated him to say, "For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God" (I Corinthians 15:9).

Anyone who has a fervent desire to do what's right surely mourns his or her sin. It is this remorse which brings about repentance. Now, it is possible to realize and regret sin without true repentance. Paul said in II Corinthians 7:10, "For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death." So, true, godly sorrow brings about true repentance, and true repentance bears fruit worthy of repentance (Matthew 3:8). *True* repentance doesn't stop at mere sorrow and regret, it moves in the opposite direction of sin.

When we maintain our penitent spirits, the Lord will remain ready and willing to forgive us. However, if we allow sin to remain in our lives, it can harden our consciences and snuff out any trace of godly sorrow. Sin that is tolerated in one's life can scar the conscience, as if it had been seared with a hot iron, taking from the heart its ability to mourn (I Timothy 4:2). It then leaves a fleshly body that "cannot cease from sin," and that is bound for an eternity in hell (II Peter 2:14).

Anywhere there is a desire to get to Heaven, there must also be a penitent spirit—a spirit which drives us to do what we should, refrain from doing what we shouldn't, and return to the sheepfold when we go astray.

Regarding Romans 8:1-3

Jason P. Hilburn

In Romans 8:1, Paul wrote: "*There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*" He had already mentioned how they got into Christ in Romans 6:3 (baptism), and he explains what it means to "*walk after the Spirit*" in 8:7--being "*subject to the law of God,*" which he called "*the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus*" that made him free (8:2; cf. 6:17, 18; Jn. 6:63; 8:32). To briefly summarize regarding Romans 8:1: We are initially saved by grace from condemnation when baptized into Christ (cf. "*Save yourselves,*" Acts 2:37-41), and we must continue to be "*subject to*" (*walk after, be led by*) the Law the Spirit revealed to avoid condemnation (1 Jn. 1:6-10; 2:3-6; 1 Pet. 1:22; 2 Pet. 2:20-22; Heb. 4:11; 10:23-31; 12:14-17; Rev. 2:10, etc.).

There are three laws found in Romans 8:2-3:

- 1) "***The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus***" (8:2)—This is the New Testament Law of Christ that the Holy Spirit revealed in the first century A.D. It is also referred to as "*the law of God*" in 8:7 (cf. "*Spirit*" and "*life*" vs. "*flesh*" and "*death*" in 8:1, 4-8, 12-14).
- 2) "***The law of sin and death***" (8:2)—this is the general law that preceded both the Law of Moses and the Law of Christ, which basically means that all who sin (transgress God's Law) deserve death (cf. Gen. 2:17; Isa. 59:1, 2; Rom. 6:23, etc.).
- 3) "***The law***" of Moses (8:3)—Most of the time when the apostle Paul simply says, "*the law,*" he is referring to the Law of Moses. Context bears this out in 8:3 also, and in any passage, words like "*law*" must be defined by context. The use of "*the law*" in 8:3 is also the same phraseology used in previous chapters (compare Paul simply saying, "*the law*" in 7:1, 4-9, 12, etc., when referring to the Law of Moses).

The main point of Romans 7 was that "*the law*" of Moses could not deliver anyone from the penalty for sin, which is death (7:24), and that is also what Paul is saying in 8:2-3. "*The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus*" did what "*the law*" of Moses could not do—deliver Paul from "*the law of sin and death*" (save him from condemnation, 8:1).