

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—not well lately
- ♦ Lisa Mashburn—back problems
- ♦ Jim Ward—undergoing treatment for healthier bones; PET scan 2/27

Others in Need

- ♦ Families of the school shooting victims in southern Florida
- ♦ Thomas Bush—11, cancer
- ♦ Jennifer Cook—cancer
- ♦ Tim Dixon—lymphoma; chemo
- ♦ Mike Hall's 8 month old daughter (Jenna) passed away
- ♦ Eloise Hoffman—sick lately
- ♦ Elizabeth Johnson (A. Hilburn's grandmother)—critical condition
- ♦ Marie Johnson—seizures
- ♦ Michael Lasater—migraines
- ♦ Larry Laux—improving after fall
- ♦ Diane Lawrence (J. Hilburn's aunt) stage 3 lymphoma; treatments helping
- ♦ David Lee—broken hip
- ♦ Melanie Marsh—Lyme disease
- ♦ Jason Rickmon—stage 3 cancer
- ♦ Luis Sanchez—brain cancer
- ♦ Crystal Scaggs—heart problems

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- ♦ Wade Wilkerson—not doing well
- ♦ Pray also for those who have lost loved ones, government leaders, military, those traveling, alien sinners, those fallen away, the church at Baker and worldwide.

Events



- ♦ Feb. 18-22
26th Annual Northwest Florida School of Biblical Studies Lectureship
- ♦ Feb. 28—4th Wed. Singing
- ♦ March 4-9
Gospel meeting at Jay with various speakers
- ♦ 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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Benefits of Bible Baptism

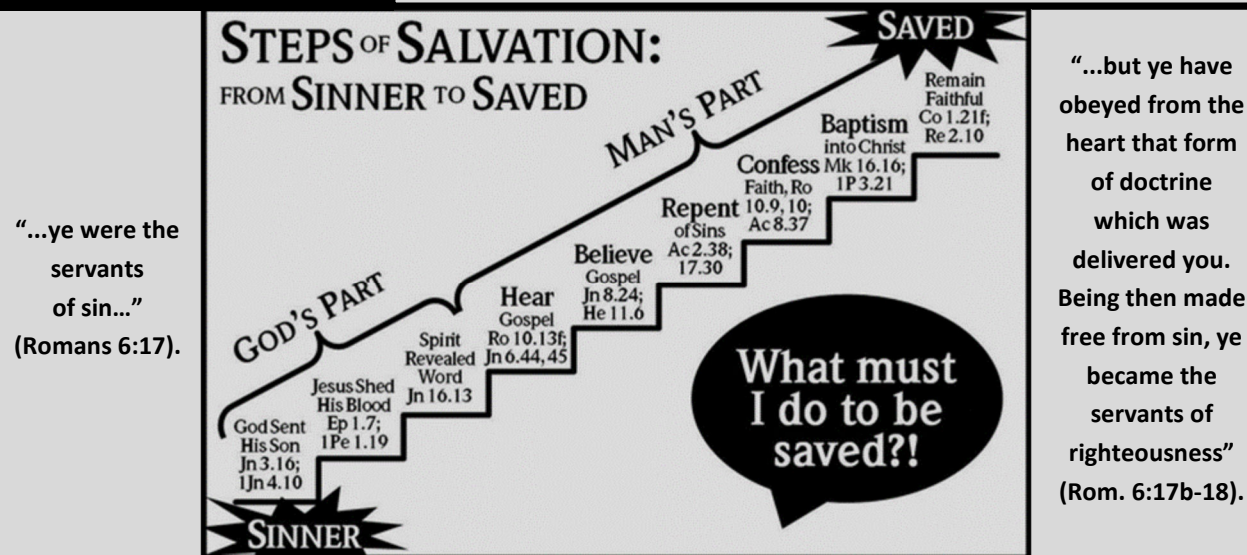
Gary McDade

Before returning to heaven, the Lord commanded his disciples to bring the good news of salvation to the lost world. Baptism was tied in with the good news. Both Matthew and Mark mention baptism where Luke called attention to the purpose of baptism being "remission of sins" (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:16; Luke 24:46-47). Bible baptism is preceded by hearing the gospel (Rom. 10:17), believing the gospel (Rom. 10:9-10), repenting of the love and practice of sin (Rom. 2:1-4), and confessing Christ (Rom. 10:9-10).

Born Again

Before a person can enter into the kingdom of heaven, he must be born again: "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again" (John 3:3-7). Believers are begotten by the gospel truth (1 Cor. 4:15; Jas. 1:18). Baptized believers are born into the family of God (Matt. 28:19-20; Eph. 3:15).

STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED



Blood of Christ

Blood has always been connected with atonement for sin (Lev. 17:11). Before the foundation of the world the precious blood of Christ was foreordained for redeeming man out of sin (I Pet. 1:18-20). Baptism is the point at which the blood of Christ is applied against the sinful soul and remission of sins occurs (Rom. 6:3, 7, 11-12, 18; Col. 2:12-13). Bold is the comparison between the washing of baptism and the blood of Christ washing away sins in the book of Revelation: "Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Rev. 1 :5b). "By the washing of regeneration" salvation comes as an expression of the mercy of God (Titus 3:5).

Brand New Life

Burial with Christ in baptism brings about a whole new life: "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). Based on being buried with Christ, the body of sin is destroyed, and the new life with Christ begins (Rom. 6:6-11).

Brought Into Christ

Both Bible passages that tell how to get "into Christ" are connected with baptism. Baptism is the point at which a believer is brought into Christ: "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?" (Rom. 6:3), and "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal. 3:27). Being brought into Christ means that all spiritual blessings in heavenly places are bestowed on the Christian (Eph. 1:3).

Brought Into the Body

By the instrumentality of the words of the Holy Spirit, baptized believers are brought into the body or church of Christ: "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit" (I Cor. 12:13). Blessings abound in Christ, even as Paul emphatically stated, "For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us" (II Cor. 1:20). Benefits of Bible baptism beckon believers to obey the beautiful gospel of Christ.

"And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16).

"...eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us..." (1 Pet. 3:20-21).

As A Man Thinketh

Tom Wacaster

Attitude plays such an important part in life. The Proverb writer said, "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he." The set of the mind, like the set of the sails on a sailboat, will determine success or failure. If we THINK we cannot live righteously, we won't! If we think sin has the better of us, we will throw in the towel, and wallow in self pity. Beloved, God has promised us the victory. He has promised us strength to overcome. Unless we trust in His promises, and claim the victory that has been promised, we will continue to be in bondage to what some have called, "Stink'n Think'n."

Harry Houdini, the famed escape artist, issued a challenge everywhere he went. He could be locked in any jail in the country, he claimed, and set himself free in short order. Always he kept his promise. Well, almost always! On this particular occasion, Houdini entered the jail in his city street clothes. The heavy metal doors clanged shut behind him. He took from his belt a concealed piece of metal, strong and flexible. He set to work immediately, but something seemed to be unusual about this lock. For thirty minutes he worked and got nowhere. An hour passed, and still he had not opened the door. By now he was bathed in sweat and panting in exasperation, but he still could not pick the lock. Finally, after laboring for two hours, Harry Houdini collapsed in frustration and failure against the door he could not unlock. But when he fell against the door, it swung open! It had never been locked at all. But in his mind it was locked, and that was all it took to keep from opening the door and walking out of the jail cell.

More than three thousand years ago twelve men left their families behind for an "expedition" to a land that flowed with milk and honey; a land of abundance promised by God to a nation that had experienced three centuries of bondage and deprivation. All twelve men saw the same things, traveled the same path, and had the same opportunities. Ten of those men were convinced that the giants in the land were an obstacle to their taking possession; two of those men, Joshua and Caleb, saw God rather than the giants and concluded that a great opportunity lay before them. The difference between what the ten envisioned and what the two envisioned was a difference in attitude; and the rest is history.

The question to each of us is this: Whose attitude will we imitate? And don't forget: "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."