

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—health problems
- ♦ Florene Howze—health problems
- ♦ Brenda Ray—sick lately
- ♦ Jim Ward—cancer

Others in Need

- ♦ Thomas Bush—11, cancer
- ♦ Jennifer Cook—cancer
- ♦ Tim Dixon—lymphoma; chemo
- ♦ Mike Hall's 8 month old daughter (Jenna) passed away
- ♦ Eloise Hoffman—improved lately
- ♦ Marie Johnson—seizures
- ♦ David Lee—broken hip
- ♦ Jason Rickmon—stage 3 cancer
- ♦ Luis Sanchez—brain cancer and pneumonia
- ♦ Crystal Scaggs—heart problems

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♦ 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

- ♦ **March 28**
4th Wed. Singing
- ♦ **March 30, 7PM**
"Faith and Fellowship"-singing, Bible lesson, food, and a Christian evidences video
- ♦ **May 6-11**
Our Homecoming Meeting with Jason Holladay speaking

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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Easter and the Resurrection?

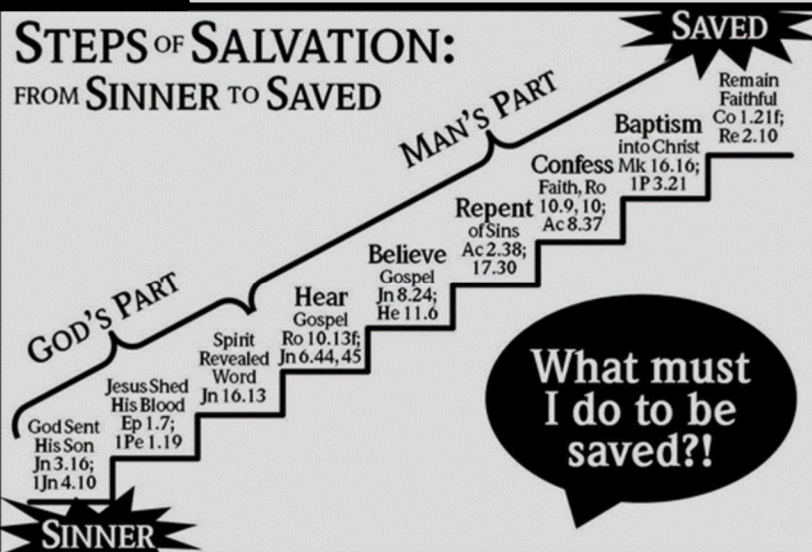
Doug Dingley

I was not "born and raised" in the Lord's church. I was, growing up, one of those Gentiles who was without Christ, having no hope and without God in the world (Eph. 2:11). But during our mid-twenties, someone cared enough to share the truth of the written word of God with my wife and I, and we obeyed the gospel, being born again of the water and the Spirit, and arose to walk in newness of life; learning, loving, believing and seeking to live the word of the living God. And even though I was one of them at one time, it still amazes me when I walk into a department store and see people purchasing products exhibited, which seek to imply that "Easter" has anything whatsoever to do with a biblical and God-pleasing celebration of Christ's resurrection. It doesn't!

As we all know, the celebration of, or even the word "Easter" itself, is not found anywhere in the Bible – except as a translation error in the King James Version in Acts 12:4, where the Greek word "pascha," meaning "Passover," is used. As history tells us, Easter was actually a pagan celebration of the false goddess of fertility, "Eastre," which the apostate Roman Catholic Church sought to somehow re-shape into a "Christian" holiday, some number of centuries after the last apostle died and the Bible was completed. This, plus the fact that we know how God has always felt about the worship of false gods (or the practice of idolatry), makes the celebration of the fertility goddess, or "Eastre," a very scary deception and proposition for New Testament Christians

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).

indeed! Especially in light of the fact that God has told us precisely how and how often we are to celebrate Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, until He comes (every week — Luke 22:14-20; Acts 20:7).

And so, I am now so very grateful to finally know the truth of God's Word, which sets me free from such dangerous and idolatrous error and ignorance. But even for those like I used to be, who claim to want to know God but may not know their Bibles very well, this year's calendar ought to speak volumes about the fact that something is not quite right or matching up to the Biblical record. The Biblical Gospel record reveals to us that 1) Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples on Thursday evening; 2) was later arrested and then crucified on Friday morning — eventually breathing His last at about 3:00 on Friday afternoon, and then, 3) after spending "three days" (or parts of Friday, all day Saturday, and part of Sunday morning in the tomb), He arose.

However, according to this year's calendar and its man-made origins and calculations, this is how the record reads: Friday, March 30th is so-called "Good Friday," or the day Christ died for our sins. And then, a day later and after His death, on Saturday, March 31st, is the Passover (according to our 2018 calendars)... or, when Christ celebrated with His disciples the night before he died for our sins... (?) So... He died on Friday... to then arise to celebrate the Passover on the next day — Saturday — with His disciples... (?) the night before He was crucified... which He had already been the previous day...? So... He wasn't in the tomb three days then? Because according to the same 2018 calendar account, He then arose on "Easter" Sunday...? How exactly does that all work again? And folks say God's word is confusing? Really?

I am so grateful, that by the grace of God, I am now blessed to rely completely on the perfect, pure, and totally inerrant wisdom of the Word of the living God, and that alone, for everything relating to both earthly as well as eternal life (Psalms 19 & 119). I am so very grateful, that by the grace of God, I now know the truth, and the truth has set me free; free from man-made, clerical, calendrical, and denominational error and doctrine that affects my eternal soul, health, and well-being. Because I now know and believe God's Word, I know that no one will ever be saved by simply saying a prayer and welcoming Jesus into their heart (and all other such man-made error and doctrine), because the bible never once, anywhere, teaches that either — this false doctrine, which I also used to believe before knowing the truth and being set free from it as well.

However, perhaps the calendar this year isn't completely erroneous in all of its computations and insinuations. After all, the celebration of the false goddess of spring and fertility which we commonly refer to as "Easter" in English, actually also falls directly on April first, or, "April Fool's Day," as we all also commonly refer to it. Hmmm. Now, how about that?

—slightly adapted

Is All of Life Worship?

Jimmy Ferguson

There is much disagreement in the religious world regarding the subject of worship. Most of the disagreement stems from a lack of knowledge or an unwillingness to accept what the Bible teaches about worship. While it is true that the denominational world practices error with regard to worship, over the years some in the church have adopted erroneous views. One such view advocates that all of life is worship.

Arndt and Gingrich's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament defines worship as "reverence, and homage, respect and veneration paid to God." Worship involves a specific act. It is not continuous. The specific acts of worship stated in the New Testament include the breaking of bread [partaking of the Lord's Supper] (Acts 2:42); the singing of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Eph. 5:19); prayer (Acts 2:42); the giving of our means (I Cor. 16:1-2); and the preaching/teaching of the word of God [continue in the apostles' doctrine] (Acts 2:42).

Proponents of the "all of life is worship" view fail to make a distinction between worship and service. However, the Bible often makes such a distinction. In 2 Kings 17:35, a distinction is made between bowing down (worshiping) to false gods and serving them (see also Deut. 4:19; 8:19; 11:16; I Kings 9:6,9; 16:31; 2 Kings 21:3,21 et. al.). In the New Testament there is also a distinction made between service and worship. One example can be seen in Matthew 4:9,10. Satan said to Jesus, "All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then Jesus said to him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve." Other New Testament passages which made a distinction between worship and service include Acts 24:11 and 26:7: Paul made a trip to Jerusalem to worship but was serving God night and day.

Some use Romans 12:1 to promote the "all of life is worship" view. In the June 1982 issue of the Firm Foundation, Hugo McCord addressed this argument: "Men confuse worship and service. Worship is service to God, and it is right to say that we go to worship services, but all service is not worship...Some apparently have been misled by some new translations that have removed the word "service" from Romans 12:1 and have inserted the word "worship" (RSV, NASV, NIV). It is true that in certain contexts the Greek word in Romans 12:1 (latreuo) is properly rendered as worship (as in Romans 9:4). But in itself the word only means serve, whether the service is toward God or men. Sometimes the word refers to a lifetime of service to God (Acts 24:14; Heb. 12:28) and the context of Romans 12:1 shows that one's offering his body as a living sacrifice is a lifetime of service."

There is a distinction between worship and service. All of life is not worship.