

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—better lately
- ♦ Florene Howze—not well lately
- ♦ Lisa Mashburn—back problems
- ♦ Ann Moss—pain from dental work
- ♦ Jim Ward—undergoing treatment for healthier bones; PET scan 2/27

Others in Need

- ♦ Liliana Arnett—possible pneumonia
- ♦ 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
- ♦ Marie Johnson—seizures
- ♦ Larry Laux—in pain after fall
- ♦ 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



- ♦ **March 4**
Meal after morning worship
- ♦ **March 4-9**
Gospel meeting at Jay with various speakers
- ♦ **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).

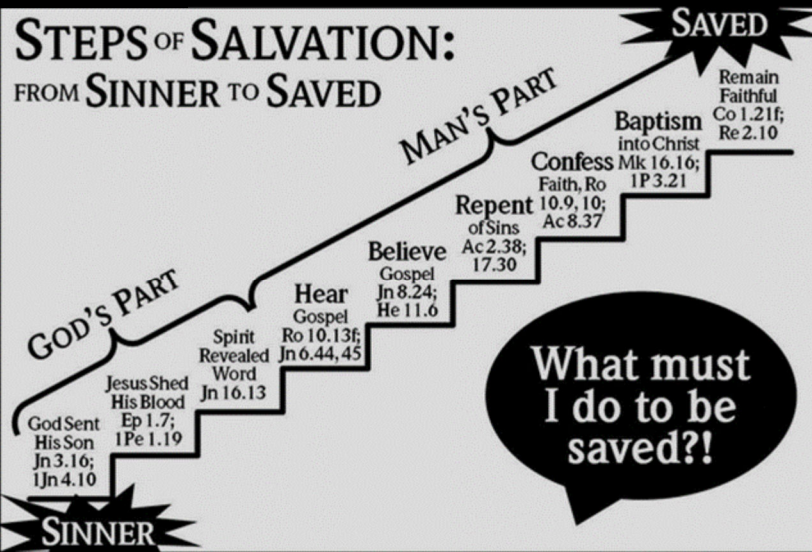
Privileged to Serve



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

STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED

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



"...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).

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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 Lord's Day Ben Vick

John the apostle of love had been banished to the isle of Patmos, a small, lonely, rocky and barren island of about twenty miles in circumference, located in the Archipelago, twenty-four miles west of Asia Minor, and about seventy miles southwest of Ephesus. There, by the Holy Spirit, he penned these words, "I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day..." (Rev. 1:9-10).

The expression "the Lord's day" surely must have been fraught with many sacred memories for John, even though he was absent from fellow Christians and separated from society in general. Perhaps his mind harked back to busy days and pleasant associations in the earlier years of the church. Some very important events transpired on the Lord's day. Perhaps some of these things were in John's mind as he was so far removed from the assemblies of the saints. For our benefit we shall mention them.

The first day of the week is the Lord's day. It was on this day that Jesus was raised from the dead (Mark 16:9). Maybe while on the isle of Patmos, John remembered that resurrection morning. John and Peter were together on that first day of the week. Perhaps they were discussing the events that had transpired. Their Lord had been crucified on Friday. It had been three days. But Mary Magdalene came running to them, breathlessly telling of the Lord's body having been taken away. Peter and John ran to the tomb. The latter outran the former and stood outside the sepulchre. The Bible says of John, "And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in" (John 20:5). As soon as Peter arrived at the sepulchre, he went into it, looking around at the items neatly left by the Lord. John followed him into the tomb. It was empty, but neither Peter nor John remembered the Scripture that said Christ must rise again

from the dead. They went home. But later that same day, Jesus appeared unto ten of the apostles, Judas having hanged himself and Thomas being absent (John 10:19-23). Many other appearances followed in the forty days that preceded the Lord's ascension (Acts 1:1-3). These, too, may have entered John's mind while exiled.

The Lord's day was the day in which the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles. Before Jesus' death he told them that he would send the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, upon them. Jesus said, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 16:7). On the Mount of Olives, right before he ascended into heaven, Jesus said to his apostles, "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). This promise was fulfilled on the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Christ (Acts 2:1-4). Pentecost, or the Feast of Weeks (Ex. 34:22; Deut. 16:10), always came on the first day of the week (Lev. 23:15-16).

The Lord's day, the first day of the week, was inauguration day for the kingdom of heaven. Isaiah had prophesied it to begin in Jerusalem (Isa. 2:2-3); Jesus promised to build it in the lifetime of his generation (Matt. 16:18-19; Mark 9:1). This was done. The gospel in fact was preached for the first time. Penitent believers were baptized for the remission of their sins, and the Lord added them to his church (Acts 2:37-47). That must have been a memorable day for John. Perhaps very few Lord's days passed but that John did not look back on the beginning of the Lord's church.

The Lord's day was also the day on which the early Christians assembled to partake of the Lord's supper. It was a regular practice (Acts 2:42). It was taken on the first day of the week. Luke records, "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight" (Acts 20:7). The so-called "Church Fathers," Justin Martyr, Pliny, and Tertullian, attest to the fact that the Lord's supper was taken on the first day of the week by the early church. It must have been difficult for John to have missed the assemblies in which the memorial supper was taken.

The Lord's day was also the day set aside by God for the saints to give financially as they had prospered. Paul wrote, "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come" (I Cor. 16:1-2). The Lord's day should be a joyful day for Christians, because on that day we have the duty and privilege to give as we have been blessed. Paul said that God loves a cheerful giver.

As to exactly what John was contemplating on those Lord's days of his banishment, I do not know. The Scriptures do not reveal it. However, there are many members of the church who have not been exiled for the word of God, but who give little, if any, thought to their duty on the first day of the week to blessings they receive on the Lord's day. A stern warning is given in the book of Hebrews: "And let us consider one another to provoke love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace" (Heb. 10:24-29). [The Informer, May 8, 1994.]

Mock Miracles and Synthetic Serpents

Dalton Key

My son, Benjamin, was but five years old. He had just finished watching a movie video. His question was honest and understandable. "Daddy, can God do everything Superman can do?"

Ten years have come and gone since that day and that question, but the climate which prompted the inquiry still frustrates me. I doubt Abraham ever fielded such a question from Isaac. Isaac was forced to face his childhood without the many technological advances {?} of our day. Isaac never played video games. He never emptied countless bags of quarters at Beersheba's local arcade. He never saw Star Trek or the Ninja Turtles. Poor Isaac.

Yet Isaac received a spiritual heritage which many of our children are being denied. This young man knew nothing about video, but he did know about God. He was reared to stand in reverential awe of the God of heaven and earth. And he was able to distinguish between the real and the imaginary, something which many of our more "enlightened" youngsters have difficulty doing.

There is no doubt about it. Our natural sense of awe and wonder for God is currently challenged by the slick, synthetic, ultra-sophisticated imitations of divine power displayed on movie, television, and video screens around the world. The Genesis account of creation is fact, and should amaze and astound us. The mighty miracles of scripture are fact, and should impress the heart and fuel a deeper faith in our all-powerful God.

But now, thanks to modern technology, our children (and many of us older children) can gaze upon the screen and witness entire galaxies being pulverized by make-believe laser beams and nuclear blasts. Divine fact is given a back seat to human fiction. The real, actual miracles of the Bible, without the promotional push of multi-million dollar advertising campaigns, are made to appear lifeless against the backdrop of the media's imaginary, mock miracles.

This brings to mind a contest of sorts conducted in an Egyptian court back in the days of Moses. Pharaoh's sorcerers feebly attempted to imitate God's miracle of transforming a rod into a serpent. By some means the magicians were able to mimic the marvel. No doubt the Egyptians, for the moment, looked upon the powers of Pharaoh as mightier than the power of God. But they were soon to receive a liberal education. Aaron's rod swallowed the rods of the sorcerers, thus proving for all times who possessed (and still possesses) the greater power. God's might has always had the power to overcome the pseudo, synthetic serpents of men.

We are living in the best of times and the worst of times. Our modern world is both a challenge and a threat. May we not be duped into confusing fact and fiction. And above all, may we not allow Hollywood's "hype" to steal from us our godly, God-directed awe.

Man may mimic the God of heaven but they will never match Him.

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