

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Emma Derrick—better
- ◆ Lisa Mashburn--surgery postponed
- ◆ Florene Howze—hip and back problems
- ◆ Hannah Lawson—test results
- ◆ Jim Ward—health problems

Others in Need

- ◆ Storm victims-USA, Philippines
- ◆ Thomas Bush—11, cancer
- ◆ Tim Dixon—sciatica
- ◆ Keith Grimes—doctor in Oct.
- ◆ Briana Howze—pancreatitis; MRI on 9/17
- ◆ Wanda Hunter—kidney, gall bladder removed; PET scan soon
- ◆ Vandan Kumar (Jason's weekly translator)—breathing issues
- ◆ Patsy Luke—doing well after stints on 9/6
- ◆ Jason Rickmon—home health
- ◆ Donald Simon—surgery on 9/13 was postponed

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◆ Pray also for those who have lost loved ones, first responders, police officers, government leaders, military, those traveling, alien sinners, those fallen away, the church at Baker and worldwide.

Events



Oct. 7-10
Gospel Meeting,
Leonard St. (see flyer)

Oct. 14-18
Our Gospel Meeting
with various speakers
Theme: *Practical Principles from Proverbs* (see flyer)

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

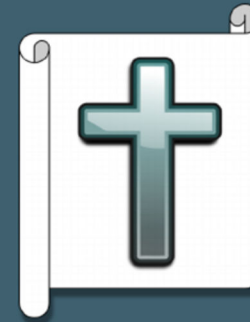


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

Privileged to Serve



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



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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 Good Christian?

Dalton Key

I have a good friend. She doesn't drink alcohol or abuse her body with tobacco. She doesn't destroy her mind and life through illicit drugs. I've never heard her gossip or tell a single lie. She doesn't waste her time in night clubs or dance halls. I can't recall ever hearing her speak with profanity or vulgarity. And she's never cheated a soul in a business deal. Many people would call my friend a "good Christian." And yet, you ought to know that I have been describing my dog, Paisley.

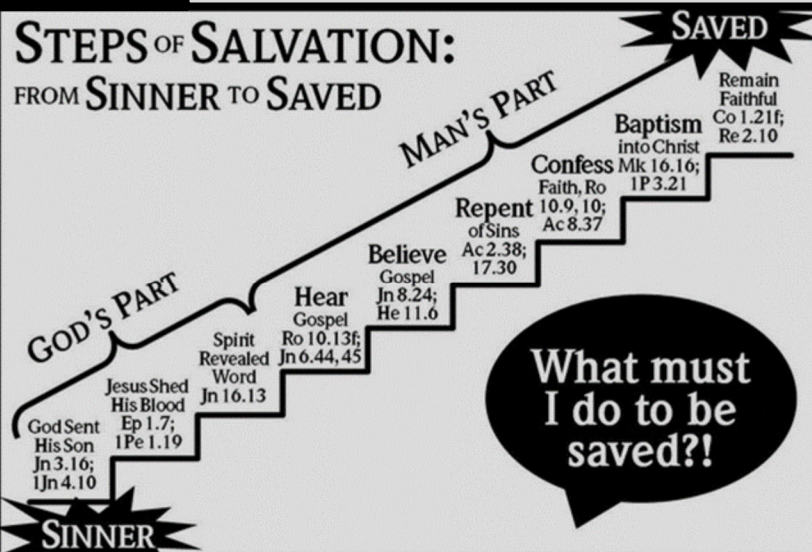
We must learn that being a Christian involves more than merely not doing evil. Being a Christian concerns submission to Christ, living by faith, and doing good as well. Christ taught, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23). Complete and total submission to Christ is essential if we would be called by His name.

The world holds many good and honest souls who are not maliciously engaged in the blackest of evils. Many of these good, moral citizens are our neighbors, our friends, our relatives. They may, in some cases, be more moral than some nominal members of the church. They are not, however, by virtue of their upstanding life-styles, to be confused with "good Christians." Not until one comes to Christ and obeys the Gospel is he a Christian. No man can live a pure enough life to save himself, and there is still no other name to save us but the name of Christ (Acts 4:12).

Remember, there is a world of difference between my dog and a "good Christian."

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).

Why Were the Bereans Noble?

Mark Lindley

There is an interesting statement in the book of Acts about certain Jews who lived in the city of Berea. It is written, "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Therefore many of them believed; also of honorable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few." (Acts 17:11-12, KJV.)

Notice first that these Jews were "more noble" than the Jews of Thessalonica. Then, reasons are given which indicate why they were considered such noble people.

1. They were noble because they were Bible students. The passage says that they searched the "scriptures." This is a reference to the Old Testament scriptures. The New Testament had not yet been completed. The Bereans understood that the scriptures are the proper standard of authority in all religious matters, and that the scriptures are inspired of God. (2 Timothy 3:16-17.)

2. They were noble because they were "diligent" Bible students. The passage says that they "searched" the scriptures. The Berean's were not content to be vaguely familiar with the scriptures. This indicates that they searched God's Word with interest, intensity, diligence, and with perseverance.

3. They were noble because they were "honest" Bible students. The passage says that they searched the scriptures to see "whether those things were so." This implies that they went to the scriptures to "get" their doctrine, instead of going to the scriptures to "prove" their doctrine. The Berean's based their beliefs on the teachings of the scriptures, not on what any man said.

4. They were noble because they were "regular" Bible students. The passage says that they searched the scriptures "daily." They did not study only on the Sabbath. Rather, they studied "daily."

What a difference it would make in our lives if we would apply these principles to ourselves! If we all were diligent, honest, and daily students of God's Word, this would certainly make a positive impact on our lives. Let us determine to spend time with God's Word, searching the scriptures, that we might know, believe, and obey the truth of God.

Treasure!

Joe Slater

Maybe you should vacation in the Rockies this summer. Back in 2010, Mr. Forest Fenn, a New Mexico art dealer, hid a chest of gold nuggets and precious jewels worth about \$2-million somewhere in the Rockies. He even published a map and poem he said contained all the hints you need to find the treasure. Some 350,000 people have tried to locate it, all to no avail. A few people have died in accidents while searching. Mr. Fenn said he hid the cache to promote fishing and other outdoor activities involving families pursuing the riches. "I wanted to give kids something to do. They spend too much time in the game room or playing with their little handheld texting machines." No doubt our children would be better served by hiking and fishing than by endlessly playing video games! And I understand the attraction of a \$2 million stash of gold and jewels! I'm disturbed, however, by the preoccupation with "uncertain riches" (1 Timothy 6:17), contrasted with the evident lack of interest in eternal, spiritual matters. Jesus spoke of a treasure hidden in a field; the man who found it sold everything he had to buy the field. It wasn't money, but God's kingdom. (Matthew 13:44.) I'd love to see 350,000 people seeking the kingdom with the intensity they show toward gold and jewels.

What about us? What are we telling our children when we will move heaven and earth to attend every practice and every game for sports, but casually miss Bible classes and church? We say God is most important, but is He? Really? Think about it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field" (Matthew 13:44).

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also . . . But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:19-21, 33).