

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ **Eloise Hoffman**—sick; improving
- ◆ **Florene Howze**—hip and back problems
- ◆ **Hannah Lawson**—test results
- ◆ **Lisa Mashburn**—surg. postponed
- ◆ **Jim Ward**—health problems

Others in Need

- ◆ **Travis Barrow**—dog attack
- ◆ **Charlie Bush**—pacemaker
- ◆ **Thomas Bush**—11, cancer
- ◆ **Kenneth Cook**—health issues
- ◆ **Anna Erickson**—recovering from tonsils/adenoids removal
- ◆ **Keith Grimes**—doctor in Oct.
- ◆ **Briana Howze**—pancreatitis
- ◆ **Wanda Hunter**—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ **Vandan Kumar** (Jason's weekly translator)—breathing issues
- ◆ **Patsy Luke**—doing well after stints on 9/6
- ◆ **Otis Qualls**—shingles
- ◆ **Donald Simon**—surgery 10/3

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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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Answering the Best "Arguments" for Miracles

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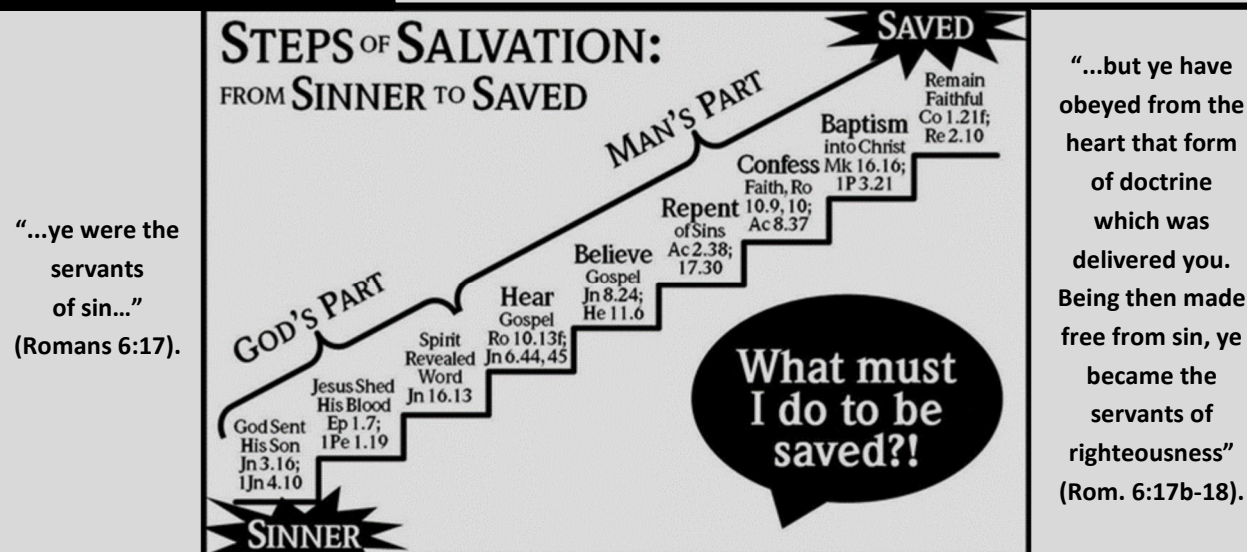
1. Those who deny miracles deny the Bible.

All believe in a flood (Genesis 6), but we do not believe it is happening today. We don't deny Bible miracles; we just deny that miracles happen today.

2. Miraculous power was included in the atonement. The argument is made from Isaiah 53:5 and 1 Peter 2:24: "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed."

Yet we would first notice that redeemed persons of the Bible suffered sickness (1 Timothy 5:23; 2 Timothy 4:20; 2 Corinthians 12:7-9). Too, the atonement has been made, but death will continue until Christ's coming (1 Corinthians 15:24-25; Hebrews 9:27). The body is to be prey for death and disease for as long as man lives. Notice that Matthew 8:17 quotes from Isaiah 53:4, "Himself took our infirmities and bare our diseases." The prediction was fulfilled in the life of Christ, according to Matthew 8:16-17. In that passage sins are not mentioned. He refers only to sickness. So Isaiah 53:4 speaks of Christ's work before the atonement. Really, what Isaiah 53:5 talks of is the healing of the sin-sick soul (Isaiah 6:10; 19:22; 30:26; 57:17-19; 58:8). Never was physical healing preached as part of the atonement, but remission of sins was (Acts 2:38;

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Mark 16:16). If healing were part of the atonement, why were there gifts of healing? (1 Corinthians 12:29–30).

3. In Matthew 10:1 Jesus gave power to heal sickness. When did He ever retract it? In a similar way it is argued that in 1 Corinthians 12:28 God set miracles in the church. Where did he ever take them out?

God made man out of dust. Where does the Bible say He ever quit? God started mankind by miracles and then continued by natural means. God started the church by miracles, but now wants it to spread by faith not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7). Also, as clearly as he could, Paul said prophecy, tongues, and miraculous knowledge were to cease (1 Corinthians 13:8).

4. Miraculous power is part of the great commission. Regarding miracles, “shall” is mentioned nine times, like saying one “shall” lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. They say we only accept part of the teaching, the part about baptism saving.

Miraculous power was not in the great commission; it followed the believing of that commission. Mark 16:20 shows why they did miraculous signs. It says, “And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word by the signs that followed.” They did not do miracles just to be doing them. They did them to confirm the word, and Hebrews 2:3 says the word has been confirmed. So miracles are no longer needed.

5. There is no salvation without signs and wonders. John 4:48 says, “Except ye see signs and wonders ye will in no wise believe.”

John 4:48 is a rebuke. Jesus reproveth the heart, which, though He wrought miracles enough, yet unless they continually saw signs, would not believe. The truth is, miracles were written for the same reason they were wrought—to produce faith (John 20:30–31). So today, since miracles are written down, we no longer need to witness them in order to believe.

6. Timothy did not get his miraculous gift by the laying on of the hands of an apostle, but rather through the laying on of the hands of the presbytery (1 Timothy 4:14).

If you look closely, Timothy got his gift “with the hands of the presbytery” not by the hands of the presbytery. Second Timothy 1:6 says he got his spiritual gift through the laying on of Paul’s hands. Paul was an apostle. When you put the two passages together you find that Timothy received his spiritual gift through the laying on of the hands of Paul, and it was accompanied by the laying on of the hands of the elders to appoint him to the work, as in Acts 13. — Moffitt, Jerry. *Denominational Doctrines*. Firm Foundation Publishing House, Inc. 1996. pp. 372–377.

A Successful Meeting Predicted

Winfred Clark

When you stop to read some passages of the Bible, they have a way of causing you to stop and take a second look. Acts 10:33 is surely one of those passages.

Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

You must know that these are the words of Cornelius to Peter after Peter has entered his home to preach the gospel. Isn't it safe to say that you could predict the outcome of such a meeting? Wouldn't you think it would be successful? Doesn't it have all the ingredients to make it a total success? Wouldn't you like to see such ingredients to every meeting in which you have a part? I think most preachers would surely want to see such a meeting and be a part of the same.

What are those ingredients found within these verses that will enable us to predict in all likelihood, a successful meeting?

I. ONE THING WOULD SURELY BE THE ATTENDANCE

You will note that [Cornelius] said, “*We are all here present.*” Yes, I know this has to do with why they were present. But remember that He has called together His kinsmen and near friends (Acts 10:24). These are among those who are present.

One thing needs to be noted at this point, and it is that these folks were there because they have been invited. They would not have known of the meeting with Peter unless Cornelius had told them. This was an opportunity that would have been known only to Cornelius and his family and Peter. The efforts of Cornelius increased the attendance at that meeting.

Wouldn't you say Cornelius used his influence to try and increase the attendance? He went to those who are most likely to listen to what he has to say. He went to those who would most likely be interested in the same things he was interested in. Yes, he used his influence to encourage the attendance, and so should we.

II. ANOTHER THING WOULD BE THE ATTITUDE

Notice that they are present to “*hear all things commanded of God.*” This shows an attitude of reverence and respect. They know they are not just listening to a preacher, but they are listening to a message from God. They are not interested in hearing jokes or human experiences, but that which is commanded of God.

III. ANOTHER THING WOULD BE THE APPROACH OF THE PREACHER

You will note that Peter opens his mouth and begins to talk about God. They wanted to hear what God had commanded, and that is exactly where Peter will begin. He points out that God is no respecter of persons, that God sent the Word, that God anointed Jesus, and that God was with Him, that God raised Him from the dead, and God chose the apostles, and that God ordained Christ to judge men. You would have to say His lesson was God-centered and Christ-centered. What would you expect the result of such a meeting to be? You would say a success, and that it was...BUT ANY MEETING CAN BE A SUCCESS THAT HAS WITHIN IT THE SAME KIND OF INGREDIENTS. *Slightly adapted*