

## Prayer List



### Of Our Number

- ◆ Jennifer Derrick—sinus surgery Nov. 6th
- ◆ Florene Howze—hip, back pain
- ◆ Kynlie Lawson—epilepsy; more tests; trying meds for 2 years
- ◆ Jim Ward—health problems

### Others in Need

- ◆ Storm victims
- ◆ Travis Barrow—dog attack
- ◆ Thomas Bush—11, cancer
- ◆ Albert Davis—kidney stones
- ◆ Chloe Fleming (Jason's niece)—tests for stomach pain
- ◆ Keith Grimes—doctor in Oct.
- ◆ Briana Howze—pancreatitis
- ◆ Wanda Hunter—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Vandan Kumar (Jason's weekly translator)—nasal surgery recov.
- ◆ Vernie Mann (Chris Wynne's mother)—health problems
- ◆ Brenda Mateer—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Donald Simon—surgery recovery

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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



**Nov. 4**  
*First Sunday Fellowship Meal after Morning Worship*

**Nov. 28th**  
*Fourth Wednesday Singing*

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



# THE BAKER BULLETIN

The weekly bulletin of

The church of Christ in Baker, FL

November 4, 2018

## 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 Few Words from Jason

We had a great Gospel Meeting on Oct. 14-18! The Word of God was planted into many hearts, and door knocking beforehand has led to some Bible studies, for which we are very thankful. Prayers are appreciated regarding these on-going studies that the Word will be presented with love, patience, and wisdom, and we hope that hearts will be receptive to the Truth of God's eternal Word.

We have not had a bulletin for a couple of weeks, because I took a week off and then went to a lectureship in New Orleans.

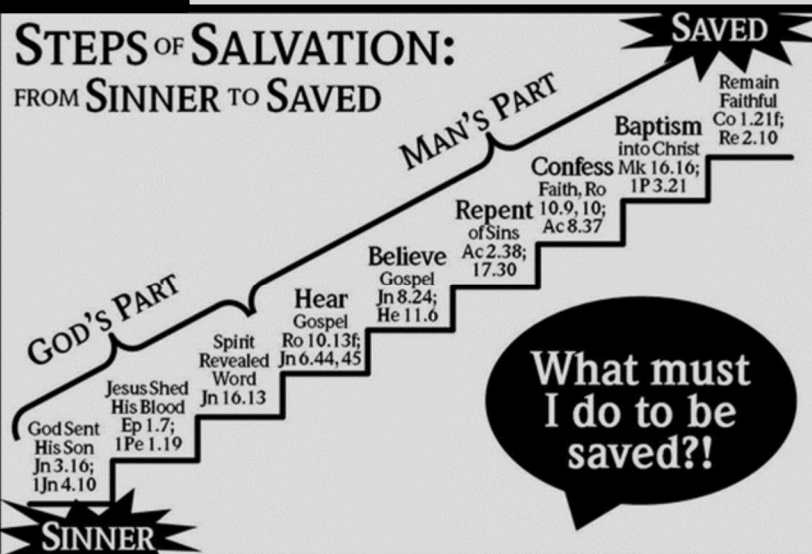
## Was Water Baptism Only Required For Jews?

Jason Patrick Hilburn

When Jews in Jerusalem on Pentecost asked what they should do to be saved, Peter commanded them to "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..." (Acts 2:38). In efforts to explain away the necessity of baptism for all men to be saved, some have claimed that water baptism was only for Jews, and was not required for Gentiles. They say that Gentiles today should listen to Paul instead of what Peter said in Acts 2. Is that true? Did Peter and Paul preach two different Gospels, two different ways to be saved?

## 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).

Acts 2 marks the beginning of the Great Commission that Jesus said was for all nations (Jews and Gentiles), beginning at Jerusalem: *“And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem”* (Luke 24:47). The similarities between Luke 24:47 and Acts 2:38 are undeniable. In other accounts of the Great Commission, water baptism is found together with preaching to all nations—not just Israel (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16). In fact, Matthew’s account teaches that baptism is necessary to make disciples in all nations (Jews or Gentiles); and Mark’s account implies that going into all the world and preaching the Gospel to every creature (Jew or Gentile) includes preaching water baptism for salvation.

The *“promise”* of Acts 2:38-39 was not just for the Jews (who were required to be in Jerusalem for Pentecost), but for *“all them that are afar off,”* which means Gentiles (cf. Eph. 2:13, 17). Acts 1:8 gives an outline for the book of Acts, with the same Gospel message and plan of salvation going into all the world for all men: *“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth”* (Acts 1:8). When reading the Book of Acts, the inspired account of the Gospel going into the whole world includes much about Paul’s travels and conversions among both Jews and Gentiles, as he was preaching the same message to all.

Acts 10 records the first Gentiles being converted by the same Peter who preached in Acts 2. Peter commanded the Gentiles to do the same thing as the Jews—*“he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord”* (Acts 10:48; cf. 2:38). Peter said he now realized that in every nation, whether Israel or otherwise, people must do two things to be accepted by God: *“...Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him”* (Act 10:34-35). They all *“worked righteousness”* to be accepted by being baptized (Acts 10:6, 48; cf. 2:40-41; 8:12, 35-39; 9:6, 18-19; 10:6, 34-35, 48; 16:15, 32-33; 18:8; 19:5; 22:16). When recounting the conversions of the first Gentiles, Peter said God had made *“no difference”* between Jews and Gentiles (Acts 15:9). That is because there is one Gospel system of faith that was once for all delivered (Jude 3)—not two Gospels, as in one for Jews and one for Gentiles (Rom. 1:5, 16; 16:26; Eph. 2:11-18; 4:4-5).

Also, Paul was not preaching a different Gospel than Peter. Paul himself (a Jew) had been commanded to be baptized to wash away his sins, and he did so before getting a bite to eat after fasting three days (Acts 22:16; 9:18-19). Paul, in writing to Galatians who were apparently mostly Gentiles, wrote that people are baptized into Christ, where there is no distinction between Jew and Gentile: *“For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus”* (Gal. 3:27-28; cf. Rom. 6:3-5, 16-18).

## Conversation with a Lutheran Preacher

Jason Patrick Hilburn

A Lutheran church had a tent set up outside of a Wal-Mart in Mississippi when my son and I were returning from a camp not long ago. I began talking with "the pastor," and some of the church members were standing nearby listening to us. He said it would be fine for me to ask him some Bible questions.

I asked him if he was familiar with 1 Cor. 1:10-13. He asked me to elaborate, so I did. I also asked if he knew that Martin Luther forbade people to wear his name religiously, and insisted that they call themselves Christians. He said he did know all of that, and agreed that we should just be Christians. I said, "Sir, you have Luther's name on your T-shirt, on your tent, and on all these materials." He said, "Well, we are part of a synod, and if we dropped the name 'Lutheran,' we would lose our support and affiliation with them." (incredible!)

I also asked him where in the Bible is one man called "the pastor" of a church. He said it was in there somewhere, and again I asked, "Where?" He did not know, but gave some strange explanation from the German word *seelsorge*. I then gave him the three Greek words for that office - *episkopos, poimano, and presbuteros*, and explained that there was always a plurality of men in that office, most commonly referred to as elders (Acts 14:23, etc.).

We also discussed other matters, such as how to be saved. I asked what he would tell a sinner off the street to do to be saved. He said he would say, "There is nothing you can do to be saved. In fact, you are already saved--you just don't know it!" I asked him to explain passages like Acts 2:36-41, which he could not. He said, "Well, there are a lot of people smarter than me." I said, "This is not about me versus you; this is about you versus God. You should be willing to change when you realize the truth contradicts what you are doing. What about all these people you are leading?" I hope they were listening closely. I said loudly enough for them to hear, "Please investigate the church of Christ." I gave him my card, we ended the conversation very cordially, and he said he would contact me for further study. He never did. All glory to God, but friends, this is just one example of many others I could share. I am tired of false teachers taking advantage of people!