

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Several have been sick
- ◆ Janice Carnley—health problems
- ◆ Eloise Hoffman—lung cancer
- ◆ Florene Howze—improving
- ◆ Jim Ward—scans on Jan. 29th

Others in Need

- ◆ Travis Barrow—dog attack
- ◆ Susie Burke (Laura Laux' mother)—surgery in March
- ◆ Thomas Bush—11, cancer
- ◆ Chloe Fleming (Jason's niece)—non-alcoholic fatty liver disease
- ◆ Teresa Hammonds' family
- ◆ Wanda Hunter—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Vernie Mann (Chris Wynn's mother)—health problems
- ◆ Brenda Mateer—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Gail Robbins—health problems
- ◆ Tom Snyder—chemo for pancreatic cancer
- ◆ Family of Don Walker

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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



Feb. 22nd
Faith and Fellowship

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.)
 Mark Howze (Wed.)
Serving the Lord's Supper
 Head: Mark Howze; Helpers: Justin Derrick, Braden Hilburn, Chris Wynn
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Leo Derrick
 Helper: Caleb Howze
Scripture Reading—Justin Derrick

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).

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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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What Kind of People Might Accept And Obey the Gospel?

Roger D. Campbell

We hear a lot today about how experts in crime detection and prevention make use of past cases, past experiences, and statistics to develop a "profile" for the type of person who is most likely to commit a particular crime. What about the profile of one who is a "likely candidate" to become a Christian?

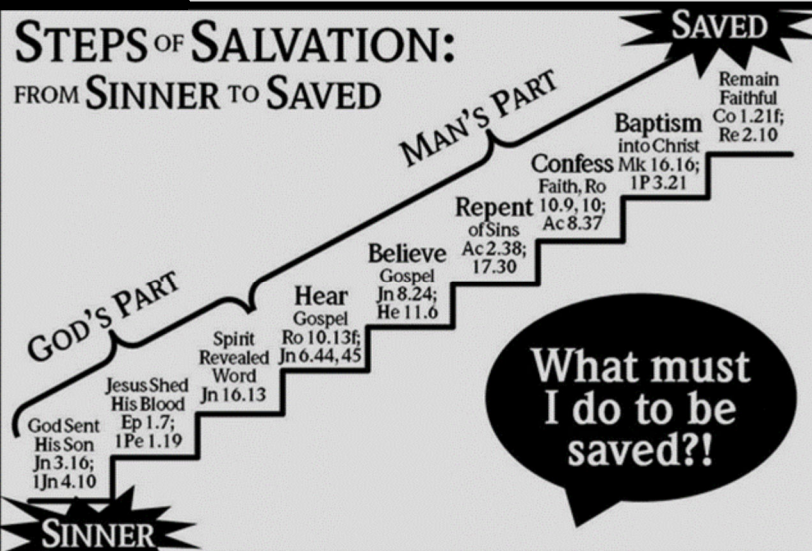
The Lord wants His followers to preach the gospel to every person of every ethnic group under heaven (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15). As we go about the task of trying to reach the lost, are there certain physical characteristics or social backgrounds of people which help us profile them as prime candidates to submit to the gospel?

When we read the Bible, we see that people from a wide variety of *religious* backgrounds became followers of Jesus. Some Samaritans, who believed in the God of heaven but accepted only a small portion of the Old Testament scriptures, believed on Jesus (John 4:39-41). A great number of devout Jews, including some who were priests, gave up Judaism to become Christians (Acts 2:5,41; 4:4; 6:7). Crispus, who was the chief ruler of a synagogue, believed on the Lord, as did his family (Acts 18:8). Saul of Tarsus, the great persecutor of God's people, surely shocked the saints when he obeyed the gospel (Acts 9,22,26).

Simon of Samaria, who had been a sorcerer/magician, believed and was baptized (Acts 8:9-13). Some Gentiles who already believed in God, like Cornelius, received the gospel when

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).

they heard it (Acts 10,11). There also were Gentiles who formerly worshipped idols, but cast aside their man-made “gods” to serve the true God (1 Thessalonians 1:9). We also read of those who, though they previously had been immersed, were baptized again when they heard God’s truth (Acts 19:1-7). In addition, there were converts like Timothy who were blessed to be raised in a family in which some older family members possessed genuine faith (2 Timothy 1:5).

From the above considerations, it is obvious that those who became disciples of our Lord in the first century were not all from the same religious background. While we recognize that in many cases today those who have been “brought up” with vigorous training in false religions may be totally uninterested in God’s truth, it still is our duty to try and teach them the gospel.

Jesus’ first-century disciples certainly had a great variety of *occupational* backgrounds. Some of His earliest followers were fishermen (Mark 1:16-20). Some were tax collectors (Mark 2:14,15; Luke 19:1-10). Others were business people like Lydia (Acts 16:14,15), soldiers like Cornelius (Acts 10:1), or government officials like Sergius Paulus (Acts 13:7,12). One was a prison-keeper (Acts 16:25-33). Dionysius was one of the rulers of the Areopagus/Mars Hill in Athens (Acts 17:34), Luke was a doctor (Colossians 4:14), Zenas was a lawyer (Titus 3:13), and Onesimus was a runaway slave (Philemon 10-17). Brothers and sisters, regardless of our personal occupation, our co-workers/colleagues need the gospel and are prospects for conversion!

What about the *educational* background of members of the church in the days of the apostles? Some were highly-educated, like Luke the beloved physician and Zenas the lawyer. On the other hand, the Jewish leaders looked on Peter and John as being “*uneducated and untrained*” (Acts 4:13).

What about the *financial* background of those converted to the Christ? Some were wealthy (1 Timothy 6:17). Others were poor (James 2:5). Yet others lived in deep poverty (2 Corinthians 8:2).

Throughout history, not many folks who have been noble, wise, or mighty by worldly standards have humbled themselves and obeyed the gospel (1 Corinthians 1:25-31). Yet, some have, including some great Christians of our generation. We understand also that being less educated or less wealthy is no guarantee that one will be interested in doing God’s will.

So, what is the profile of the person who is most likely to obey the gospel? Sinners of all religious backgrounds, all educational backgrounds, all social backgrounds, and all financial backgrounds *need* the gospel. And, some sinners from all backgrounds *obey* it when they hear it. You and I, brothers and sisters, have been given the charge to teach them God’s truth. Let us be busy doing so, always seeking for those who have a noble and good heart (Luke 8:15).

A Person, or Just a Part?

Victor M. Eskew

The abortion issue seems to center upon whether the fetus is a living person or just a part of the mother? If it is a person, aborting the fetus is murder. If it is just a part of the mother, aborting the fetus is just a procedure.

There is a broad gap between the two ideas.

Questions:

- Does a body part resemble an entire human being?
- Does a body part have a heart?
- Does a body part have a brain?
- Does a body part have a tiny little face?
- Does a body part cry out when it is cut out?
- Does a body part live after it is removed?
- Does a body part have a soul?
- Does a body part have a spirit?
- Does a body part get a name before it is removed?
- Does a body part kick its "mother" in the womb?
- Does a body part look like a human in an ultrasound?
- Does a body part leave the body and cry for "Momma"?
- Does a body part leave the body with mom wanting to hold it?
- Does a body part being removed cause guilt and shame?
- Does a body part have millions fighting for its right to live?

Who can honestly answer these questions and say that a fetus (child) removed from the mother’s womb through abortion is just a body part? That is a lie and everyone knows it.

The baby in the womb is as much a child as an eagle is an eagle while still in the egg. Yet we make laws to protect eagle eggs and make other laws to allow the murder of our children. Our elected officials who make the laws and those who support them ought to be ashamed. The doctors and nurses who carry out the abortion procedures should be ashamed. Any mother who aborts her child should be ashamed.

We are a confused and evil nation. We need to repent of this national disgrace and fight for the lives of those tiny, unborn human beings.