

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—health problems
- ◆ Eloise Hoffman—lung cancer
- ◆ Florene Howze—improving
- ◆ Ann Moss—surgery recovery
- ◆ Jim Ward—good scan results

Others in Need

- ◆ Ken Blackford—health issues
- ◆ Susie Burke (Laura Laux' mother)—surgery in March
- ◆ Eugene Crow—car wreck recovery (Martha W.'s grandfather)
- ◆ Whitney Derrick—expecting
- ◆ Chloe Fleming (Jason's niece)—liver disease
- ◆ Wanda Hunter—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Vernie Mann (Chris Wynn's mother)—health problems
- ◆ Brenda Mateer—stage 4 cancer; surgery soon
- ◆ Patricia Pierce—bronchitis

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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



We had a great Faith and Fellowship! Thanks to all who helped and came.

Feb. 27
4th Wednesday Singing

May 5-10
Our Gospel Meeting with various speakers

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

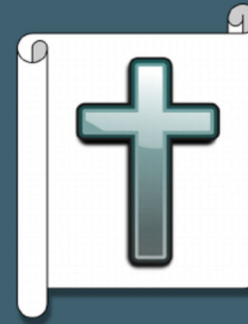


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

Privileged to Serve



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



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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 Judgment Seat of Christ: Looking for Loopholes

One of the most popular entertainers of the Vaudeville era was W.C. Fields (1880-1946). While Fields could make audiences roar with laughter, he was certainly not a Christian and made no pretense of his disdain for the Bible. Thus, it came as a great shock when one of Fields' friends, visiting him in the hospital near the end of his life, found him reading the Bible one day. When asked what he was doing, Fields, ever the comedian, replied, "Just looking for loopholes."

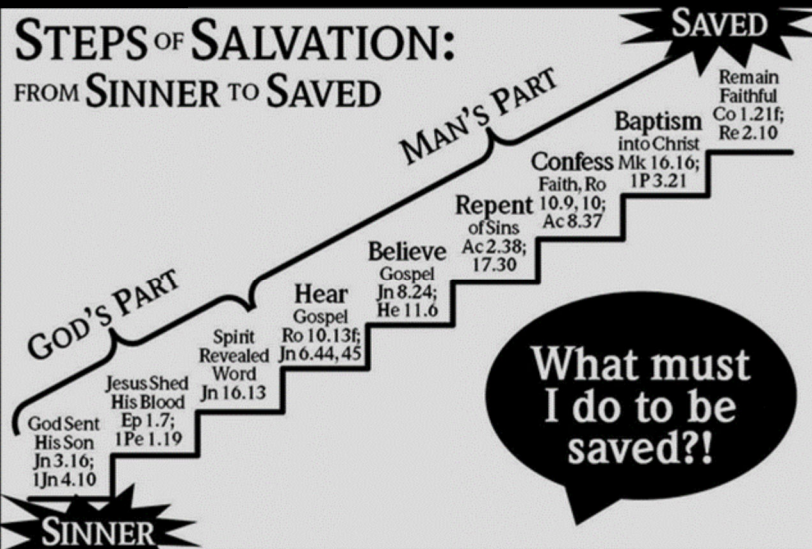
Friends, one day we will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. In 2 Corinthians 5:10, we read, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." On that great day, we will be judged by the word of God. Jesus Christ said, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48).

God's law, unlike man's, has no loopholes. No lawyer will be able to fool the Judge of all men or be able to negotiate a plea bargain. Hebrews 9:27 reminds us, "...it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment..." If the Judgment Day were today, where would you spend eternity, in heaven or hell?

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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).

Are Christians and Non-Christians Equal Before God?

The Bible seems pretty clear about this question. We can read for ourselves the answer. The real question is: Do we accept the answer? The world doesn't see the difference at times. Sadly, there are some within the church who can't tell the difference either.

Let me start with a scripture. Galatians 6:10 reads, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Can we not see a subtle difference? We are to prefer one another. Why? Because our Savior sees a difference!

In Matthew 12:47-50, we read, "Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." Jesus is plain, isn't He? How about this one? "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

Back to the question that makes our title, DO NON-CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANS STAND ON EQUAL FOOTING WITH GOD? Yes and no. Yes, if you are asking about the love of God. He loves all people (John 3:16). No, if you are speaking of salvation and being an eternal heir. The bottom line is this: If you can know you are saved (and you can know [1John 5:13]), then you can also know what saves or doesn't save others. If not, how do you know who to evangelize? The very act of sharing the gospel with someone is to admit you believe they need to hear it. When we can't tell the difference between the world and Christians, we must be closer to the world than we would care to admit!

Am I putting myself in the position of God when I know that someone needs the gospel? How about the need to repent? To be baptized? No, because God has already told us about these things so that we may discern between those who are Christians and those who need to become Christians. If a person refuses to comply with God's commands, are we to accept them as blood-washed brothers and sisters in Christ? Are we to see them as something different than God sees them? I hope we study and understand this subject, as so much depends on it.

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A Traveler's Guide to Heaven

Arthur Pigman

Accommodations: Arrangements for accommodations must be made in advance (John 14:2,6).

Passports: Persons seeking entry will not be permitted past the gates without having proper credentials and having their names registered with the ruling authority (Revelation 21:27).

Departure Time: The exact date of departure has not been announced. Travelers are advised to be prepared to leave on short notice (I Corinthians 15:52).

Tickets: Your ticket was purchased by a Friend named Jesus. It should be claimed by learning the gospel, believing in Christ, repenting of sins, confessing Jesus, and having sins washed away in baptism (Rom. 10:17; Acts 2:38; Matt. 10:32; Acts 22:16). Hold fast to your ticket-- don't let it slip away (Heb. 2:1-3; 10:23-31).

Luggage: No luggage whatsoever is needed or allowed (I Tim. 6:7).

Immigration: All passengers are classified as immigrants, since they are taking up permanent residence in a new country. There is no maximum quota, so all are invited to come (Heb. 11:16; Rev. 22:17).

Air Passage: Travelers going directly by air (I Thess. 4:17).

Vaccinations: Not needed, as there are no diseases there (Rev. 21:4).

Currency: Deposits may be forwarded to await passenger's arrival. Make deposits as large as possible (Matt. 6:20-21).

Clothing: A complete and appropriate new wardrobe is provided for each traveler (Isaiah 61:10).

Reservations: Booking is now open. Since departure time is unknown you should apply at once. If you wait, it may be too late (II Cor. 6:2).