

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—health problems
- ◆ Eloise Hoffman—lung cancer
- ◆ Florene Howze—improving
- ◆ Pray for Rick Laux and family after his aunt Sue Johnson passed
- ◆ Hannah Lawson—pneumonia
- ◆ Kynlie Lawson—RSV
- ◆ Jim Ward—hip surgery soon
- ◆ Ella Wynn—flu

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—liver disease
- ◆ Mrs. Foster—broken leg, surgery
- ◆ Wanda Hunter—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Vernie Mann (Chris Wynn's mother) —health problems
- ◆ Brenda Mateer—surgery recovery

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◆ Patricia Pierce—bronchitis

◆ 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



March 10
Monthly Men's Meeting

March 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

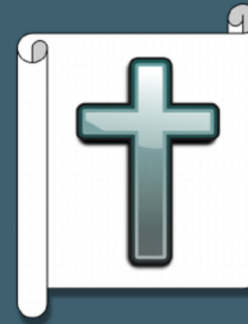


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

Privileged to Serve



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



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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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We Are In Need of Salvation

Garland Robinson

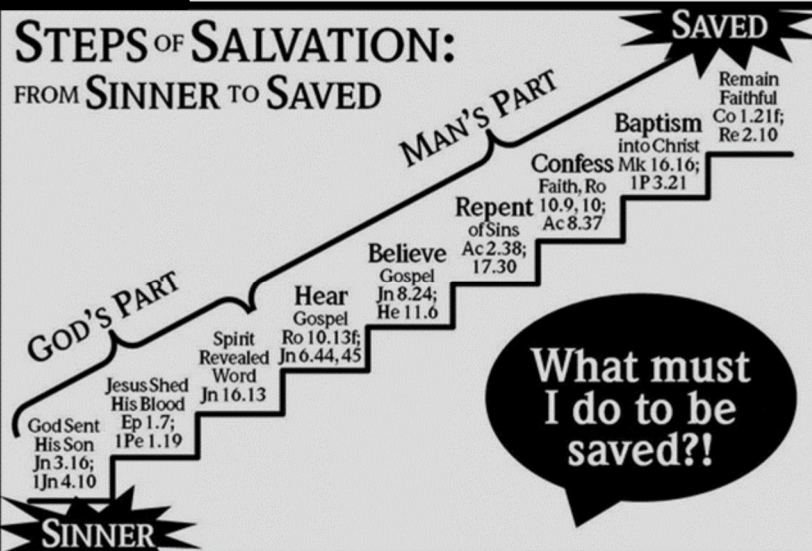
Everyone stands in need of the forgiveness of sins because all have sinned (Romans 3:10,23). Our *sins* and *iniquities* have separated us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2). Only the humbleness and attitude of little children characterize heaven (Matthew 18:1-4).

Sin is a violation of God's will. It bars us from His presence and keeps us out of heaven. If we are not godly, then we are ungodly. Peter said, "...the heavens and the earth are...reserved unto fire against the day of judgement and perdition of ungodly men" (2 Peter 3:7). That same destruction belongs to all those who reject God's will. Knowing this, Peter writes, "...what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation [living] and godliness" (2 Peter 3:11).

Sin cannot exist in his presence. Those guilty of fornication, adultery, covetousness, filthiness, foolish talking, idolatry, homosexuality, and "such like," have no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God (Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:3-6). All must stop these things because they bring the wrath of God (Colossians 3:5-6; Revelation 21:8). Sin destroys! Men are therefore lost and undone — doomed because of it. Will you be saved from your sins? God does not want anyone to perish. He wants all to repent and obey His will (2 Peter 3:9). He wants all "...to come unto the knowledge of

STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED

"...ye were the servants of sin..."
(Romans 6:17).



What must I do to be saved?!

"...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).

the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4).

There are two parts in man’s salvation: **God’s part** and **man’s part**. No one will be saved without both parts. God has accomplished his part. Jesus the Christ went to the cross and died for every man to make the forgiveness of sins possible (Hebrews 2:9). Jesus fulfilled all prophecy concerning himself and completed God’s part of the redemptive plan (Luke 24:44). The only part lacking is **OUR** part! Man must respond to God’s offer of salvation in order to be saved.

Those who are sinners need to understand that Christ’s delay in coming again has given them another day to obey God and be saved (2 Peter 3:15). There is no promise of tomorrow (Proverbs 27:1). You can and must do something about your soul’s lost condition because *“NOW is the accepted time; behold, NOW is the day of salvation”* (2 Corinthians 6:2).

What **MUST** you do to be saved, to have your sins washed away, to be able to stand before God pure and holy, covered by the blood of Jesus? There are five essential things that sinners **MUST DO** to be saved: **1) Hear** the Gospel (Acts 2:37; 4:4; Romans 10:17), **2) Believe** Jesus is the Son of God, the savior (Acts 8:12,37), **3) Repent** of their sins (Acts 2:38; 17:30), **4) Confess** Jesus as the Son of God (Acts 8:37), and **5) Be baptized** in water for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). In the ten examples of conversion in the books of Acts, they heard the Gospel, believed and were baptized!

No one of these five things is any more important than the others, and certainly no one of them can be left out. People must **hear** (Romans 10:17) the word of God to have a deep abiding **faith** (Hebrews 11:6) that leads them to **repent** (a change of attitude and action of life, Acts 17:30). That being done, they must then **confess** (Romans 10:10) they believe in Jesus as the Son of God and be **baptized** (immersed, Acts 2:38) into water for the forgiveness of sins. As these things are completed in baptism, the individual is raised up from the water to walk a “newness of life” (Romans 6:4). In water baptism, one becomes a “new creature” (2 Corinthians 5:17) — all things become “new.”

Water baptism puts one **INTO** Christ (Romans 6:3; Galatians 3:27). Salvation is **IN** Christ (2 Tim. 2:10). How do we get **INTO** Christ? The Bible answer is by “water baptism.” The only two verses that state this are Romans 6:3 and Galatians 3:27. Both say **one is baptized INTO Christ**. Baptism is the act that completes one’s obedience in the salvation of his soul.

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Where in the Bible Will I Find... No Personal Vengeance, but National Defense?

Gary Colley

Many wonder what is right and what is wrong about us taking a stand for our nation and the Lord’s church. It is important to follow the teaching of Jesus at all times, as it is revealed in the New Testament (II Pet. 1:3). To be right in the sight of God, we must follow the authority of Christ (Matt. 28:18-20; Col. 3:16-17). For sure, we are commanded to pray for our President and our nation. Paul by inspiration wrote, “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty” (I Tim. 2:1-2). We are now, in our nation, in a struggle with the forces of evil. The church is to “fight the good fight of faith” and put on the whole armor of God (I Tim. 6:10-12). But the warfare of the Lord’s church is a spiritual warfare, while the warfare of our nation is a physical battle. Concerning the spiritual warfare Paul wrote, “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” (Eph. 6:12). Christians are not to take personal vengeance toward our enemies, but our government is to protect the innocent and uphold the freedom of those doing good. In the letter to the Roman Christians this is explained, “Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep . . . Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God . . . For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil . . . For he is a minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; FOR HE BEARETH NOT THE SWORD IN VAIN; FOR HE IS A MINISTER OF GOD, A REVENGER TO EXECUTE WRATH UPON HIM THAT DOETH EVIL” (Rom. 12:9-13:4). Capital punishment is God’s will, and so is the defense of our nation against wrong doers.

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