

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek Rehabilitation Center
- ♦ Eloise Hoffman—lung cancer
- ♦ Florene Howze—health problems
- ♦ Donna Parish—injured ankle

Others in Need

- ♦ Belinda Crawford—eye issues
- ♦ Emma Derrick—test
- ♦ Bob Duke—health problems
- ♦ Freddie English—kidney issues
- ♦ Emory Harless—health issues
- ♦ Lynn Johnson—health problems
- ♦ Brenda Mateer—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Mildred Matthews—hospice care
- ♦ Joann Medford—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Thad McCall—health problems
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Merle Moss—heart bypass
- ♦ Donald Sampler—neck surgery
- ♦ Roy Wooten—skin cancer

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- ♦ Pray for those overseas the church has been helping
- ♦ Pray also for those who have lost loved ones, public servants, government leaders, military, those traveling, alien sinners, those fallen away, our enemies, the church here and worldwide.

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).

Events



January 22
4th Wednesday Singing

Ladies Class and Men's Class resume in February

Privileged to Serve



Announcements—Leo Derrick
Song Leading—David Howze (Sun.)
Caleb Howze (Wed.)

Serving the Lord's Supper
Head: Glenn Howze
Helpers: Caleb Howze, Ethan Howze, Josh Lawson

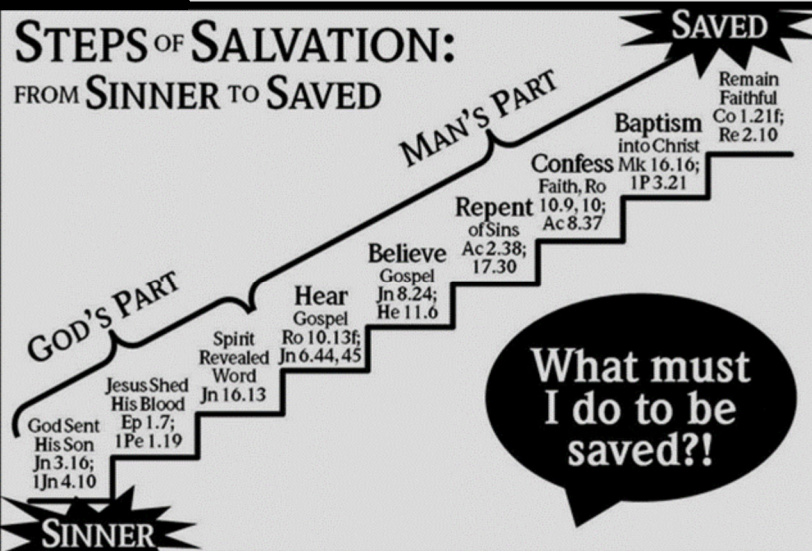
Lord's Supper PM
Head: Mark Howze
Helper: Justin Derrick

Scripture Reading—Logan Holt

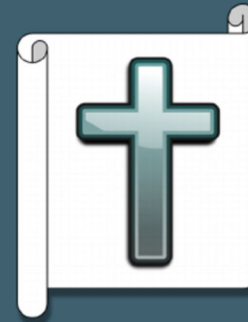
Faithful Worship — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Phil. 4:6); **2) Singing** without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); **3) Preaching** God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); **4) Giving** 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).

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).



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Meeting Times

Sundays:

- 10AM Bible Class
- 11AM Worship
- 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

- 7PM Bible Class

Other Information

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The Hypocrisy of "Faith Only Salvation"

Jason Patrick Hilburn

Many say that man is saved by faith alone, without any acts of obedience. Is it not ironic that these who put so much emphasis on belief do not actually believe what God said? Those who teach "faith only" salvation are the very ones who do not have faith in what God said!

- They don't believe God, who said that "by works a man is justified, and not by faith only" (James 2:24).
- They don't believe God, who said that "faith without works is dead" (James 2:20).
- They don't believe God, who said that "ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth" (1 Peter 1:22).
- They don't believe we have any role in our salvation, even though God said, "Save yourselves" (Acts 2:38-40).
- They don't believe God, who said that baptism is "for the forgiveness of sins" (Acts 2:38).
- They don't believe God, who said that baptism is to "wash away thy sins" (Acts 22:16).

- They don't believe Jesus, who requires both belief and baptism for salvation: *"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved"* (Mark 16:16).
- They don't believe God, who said that *"water...baptism doth also now save us"* (1 Peter 3:20, 21).
- They don't believe God, who said man is not in Christ until he is *"baptized into Christ"* (Romans 6:3-5; Galatians 3:26, 27; cf. 2 Timothy 2:10).
- They don't believe God, who said that man becomes *"free from sin"* after he has *"obeyed that form of doctrine"* (Romans 6:16-18).
- They don't believe God, who said that *"he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him"* (Acts 10:35).
- They don't believe God, who said to obey Him and *"work out your own salvation with fear and trembling"* (Philippians 2:12).
- They don't believe Jesus, who taught that belief in Him alone is not enough, and that only those who obey God will go to Heaven (Matthew 7:21-23).
- They don't believe God, who said there are many other things involved in our salvation than just faith.

Those who put so much emphasis on belief inconsistently accept verses about the necessity of grace, repentance, and confession (going beyond "faith alone"), but amazingly reject verses that speak just as plainly about the necessity of water baptism! One cannot really be a person of faith if he does not believe everything God said (Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:6), so it seems hypocritical or inconsistent to preach about faith and lack faith at the same time. People of true faith believe every word of the Holy Scriptures, not just a few verses that talk about faith or grace. May we all study and "rightly divide God's Word" with honest and good hearts, finding the harmony that exists in the totality of the Scriptures (Psalm 119:160; 1 Thessalonians 5:21).

God Knows Your Potential

Travis Main

The first time the Bible speaks of Gideon is in Judges 6:11. Gideon is hiding in a winepress beating out wheat so the Midianite oppressors will not find it. An angel of the Lord appears and calls him a "Mighty man of valor". The Lord then tells Gideon to "Go in this might of yours and save Israel from Midian". Gideon appears to be oblivious to any might that he had within himself. His work was being done in hiding! He declared he was of the weakest clan of Israel and weakest of his own house. When he is finally convinced to follow God's direction, he does so at night due to fear.

Timid Gideon proceeded to break down the altar of Baal and cut down the Asherah (sacred pole). He stood against fear and anger of his own people. He went to battle against the Amalekites and the Midianites though outnumbered. He conquered by the hand of God.

Many people go through life without seeing what they could be. James 2 speaks of the vision of man. We are not to look with partiality upon one man or another based upon their appearance. God knows the great price of the heart hidden in man (1 Peter 3:4). God called upon Moses who was fearful. He strengthened Samson who made one bad decision after another. He chose a shepherd boy to be a king! He called Peter though He knew he would reject Christ at one point. He chose Paul who fought against the Gospel to see Christians to their death. God, through His Son, made new creatures of those once lost in the hopelessness of sin. God sees beyond the eyes of carnal man.

Why does God choose the poor of the world as heirs to His Kingdom (James 2:5)? Why does God choose the weak and not the mighty? Why did he choose lowly Gideon? Consider the words spoken to Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:9, "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness". God's might demonstrates itself by taking what the world thinks of as weak or undesirable and then transforms it into victory. Christ came as a lowly Nazarene of Galilee and became the Savior of the World. Certainly, God could show his might through timid Gideon and make him a mighty man of valor.

Imagine what God can do with you! You have great potential in the hands of our almighty God.

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