

Prayer List



Of Our Number

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

Others in Need

- ♦ Belinda Crawford—eye issues
- ♦ Emma Derrick—tests
- ♦ Bob Duke—health problems
- ♦ Freddie English—kidney issues
- ♦ Anna Erickson—improving; undergoing tests
- ♦ 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

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- ♦ Roy Wooten—skin cancer
- ♦ 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



No fellowship meal today

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

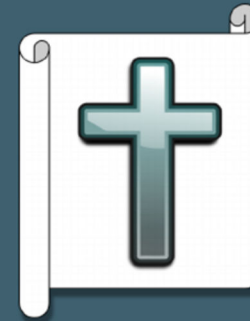
Head: Glenn Howze
 Helpers: Caleb Howze, Ethan Howze, Josh Lawson

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).



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Meeting Times

Sundays:

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

Wednesdays:

- 7PM Bible Class

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Cornelius Does Not Help "Faith Only" Advocates

The account of Cornelius' conversion in Acts 10 does not support the false doctrine of "faith only salvation." If one actually reads the entire book of Acts, by the time he gets to chapter 10 he has already read of thousands of people who were required to be baptized for their sins to be forgiven. In Acts 10 and subsequent chapters the reader will find even more people who were required to do the same. In fact, Luke had already recorded the purpose of baptism in Acts 2:38, 40 (for the forgiveness of sins, to be saved).

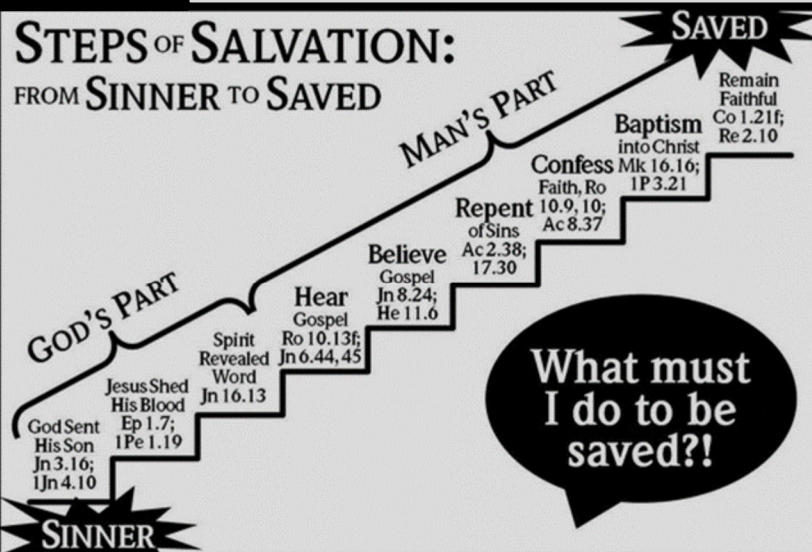
SAME PLAN OF SALVATION FOR JEWS (Acts 2) AND GENTILES (10,11)

	Acts 2:38,40	Acts 10:43	Acts 10:48	Acts 11:18
COMMAND	Repent and be baptized	believeth	be baptized	repentance
TO WHOM?	every one of you	whosoever	them	the Gentiles also
BY WHAT AUTHORITY ?	in the name of Jesus Christ	through his name	in the name of the Lord	
FOR WHAT PURPOSE?	remission of sins...Save yourselves	shall receive remission of sins		unto life

"Peter...shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do...in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is accepted with him...believeth...be baptized" (Acts 10:5,6,35,43,48).

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).

The same pattern is seen clearly throughout Acts:

EXAMPLES OF CONVERSION IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

CONVERSION ACCOUNT	BELIEVE	REPENT	CONFESS	BE BAPTIZED	AFTER BAPTISM
3000 saved (Acts 2)	Believed (v37, 41)	Repented (v38)		Baptized (v38-41)	Remission of sins; Saved; Added to church (38-41,47)
Samaritans (Acts 8)	Believed (v12)			Baptized (v12)	
Simon (Acts 8)	Believed (v13)			Baptized (v13)	
Ethiopian (Acts 8)	Believed (v37)		Confessed (v37)	Baptized (v38)	Rejoiced (v39)
Saul (Acts 9, 22)	Believed (9:6)			Baptized (9:18)	Sins washed away (22:16)
Cornelius (Acts 10, 11)	Believed (10:43)	Repented (11:18)		Baptized (10:48)	Accepted by God (10:35)
Lydia (Acts 16)	Believed (v14)			Baptized (v15)	Was judged to be faithful (v15)
Jailer (Acts 16)	Believed (v31, 34)			Baptized (v33)	Rejoiced (v34)
Corinthians (Acts 18)	Believed (v8)			Baptized (v8)	
Ephesians (Acts 19)	Believed (v4)	Repented (v4)		Baptized (v5)	

One must hear the Word of God (Romans 10:17)	One must believe in Christ (John 8:24)	One must repent of sins (Acts 17:30)	One must confess Christ (Matthew 10:32)	One must be baptized into Christ (Galatians 3:27)	In order to be saved (Hebrews 5:9)
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The Great Commission "...make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them..." (Matthew 28:19 ASV)
 "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved..." (Mark 16:16)

The context of Acts 10 shows that more than belief was necessary:

- Luke already recorded how to be saved earlier in the book! (Acts 2:37-41; 8:12-13, 35-39; 9:18)
- 10:6 – "what thou oughtest to do" (must do); compare 9:6; 11:14; 22:16
- 10:35 – fear God and work righteousness
- 10:47-48 – commanded to be baptized (for same reason as Acts 2:38; 22:16; cf. 10:43)
- 11:18 – They understood that repentance was implied in this (more than mere belief)

We know belief alone does not save:

- If a living faith (with works) is required (James 2)
- If salvation is only in Christ, and one must be baptized into Christ (2 Tim. 2:10; Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27)
- If any believers were still lost (Jn. 8, 12; Acts 2, 9)
- If a figure of speech can be used in which a part is put for the whole (Num. 20:12; Jn. 3:36; Acts 10:35; 11:18; 19:2-3; Jas. 1:27). (Look up "synecdoche")
- If other passages state that more than belief is necessary for salvation (Mt. 7:21; 1 Pet. 1:22; 3:20,21; Heb. 5:9; Jas. 2; 1 Jn. 2:3-6)

We know belief alone does not save:

If believing in Jesus includes believing what He said! Jesus said people must:

- Believe (Jn. 8:24)
- Repent (Mt. 4:17)
- Confess Him before men (Mt. 10:32)
- Be baptized to be saved (Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16)
- Be faithful (Rev. 2:10)

Regarding these Gentiles receiving miraculous power before water baptism:

- See Balaam's donkey (Num. 22:28); Wicked King Saul (1 Sam. 19:15, 23); and Caiaphas (Jn. 11:49-53)
- Miraculous power was separate from salvation in Acts 8:12-18; 19:1-6
- 1 Cor. 14:22 says tongues are a sign for unbelievers (in this case, any Jews who might not believe that Gentiles should receive water baptism for salvation; cf. Acts 10:47; 11:1-18)
- Today miraculous gifts are no longer available or needed (Zech. 13:1-4; 1 Cor. 13; Eph. 4; Heb. 2:3-4)

If a person really wants to know what God requires of Him, he will diligently search the Scriptures and find the harmony in all that God revealed (Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:21; 2 Timothy 2:15). It would be terrible negligence to ignore what one has already read in Acts and come to some conclusion in Acts 10 that does not harmonize with the rest of Acts, nor the entirety of the Scriptures. God requires more than faith alone, and any honest person who examines the evidence should be able to see that (Luke 8:15).

Passages emphasizing faith or grace in the New Testament were usually written with the purpose of convincing unbelievers that Jesus is the Son of God or teaching people not to keep works of the Law of Moses to be justified under this New Covenant. Context must always be considered! Nobody today has to obey Moses (Matthew 17:1-4; Romans 7:1-4,7; Galatians 5:4; Colossians 2:14-17), but nobody today will become saved until he believes in and obeys Christ (Matthew 7:21-27; Acts 10:35; Romans 6:16-18; Colossians 2:11-13; Hebrews 5:9; 1 Peter 1:22).

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