

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—health problems
- ◆ Eloise Hoffman—lung cancer
- ◆ Florene Howze—health problems
- ◆ Hannah Lawson—expecting
- ◆ Brenda Ray—problems with eye

Others in Need

- ◆ Al Aplin—radiation and chemo going well
- ◆ Serobia Chandler (Jason Hilburn's grandmother)—critical
- ◆ Belinda Crawford and family
- ◆ Whitney Derrick—heart issues; induced soon
- ◆ Bob Duke—health problems
- ◆ Monica Elam—rehabilitation
- ◆ Freddie English—kidney problems
- ◆ Jessie Garnes' sister—critical
- ◆ Wanda Hunter—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Joann Medford—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Thad McCall—health problems
- ◆ Mary Milsted—lung cancer

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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, our enemies, the church at Baker 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



October 12
Door knocking

October 13-17
Our Gospel Meeting with Garland Robinson preaching

Privileged to Serve



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

Serving the Lord's Supper
Head: Leo Derrick
Helpers: Wilfred Derrick, Josh Lawson, Johnny Moss

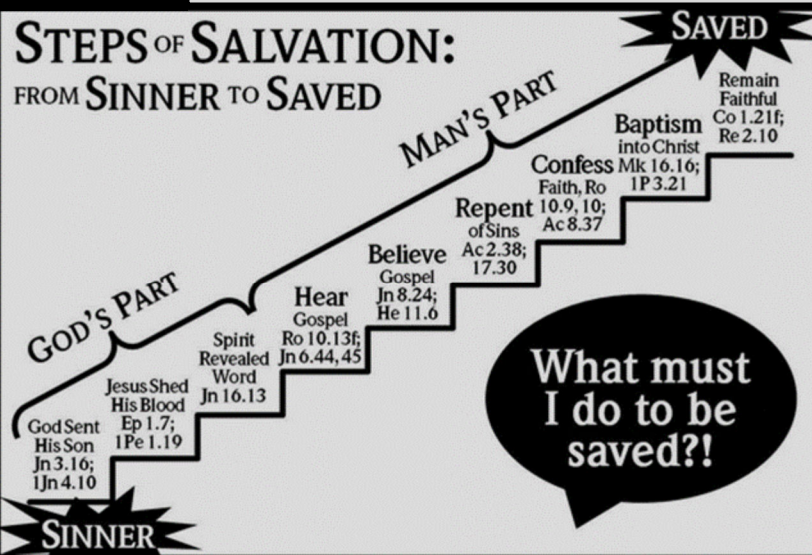
Lord's Supper PM
Head: Mark Howze
Helper: Caleb Howze

Scripture Reading—Ethan Howze

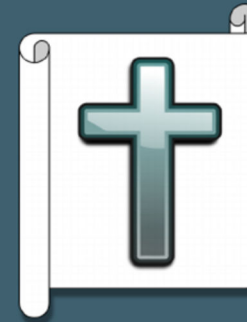
Faithful Worship — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Phil. 4:6); **2) Singing** without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); **3) Preaching** God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); **4) Giving**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

Wednesdays:

- 7PM Bible Class

Other Information

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Is One as Good as the Other?

David James Stafford

We live in a society that celebrates personal preferences. Baskin Robbins boasts 31 different flavors of ice cream to suit the preferences of its customers. Automobiles are equipped with various trims to accommodate the personal preferences and budget of the purchaser. Our society says, "One flavor is as good as the other," or "one trim is as good as the other." Mistakenly, some think this is just as applicable to God's Word, but God's Word informs us that it is not about our personal preferences; it is about God's preferences. Let us notice three examples in which this is demonstrated.

Is One Wood as Good As the Other?

Noah was a man who lived by faith (Heb. 11:7). His faith was demonstrated in doing all the Lord commanded him (Gen. 6:22; 7:5). God commanded Noah to build an ark of gopher wood (Gen. 6:14). Did God have to explicitly say, "Do not use oak, pine, or fig?" No! Naming a type of wood eliminated all other possibilities. This is about the law of silence, and Noah respected God's law and used the wood God instructed him to use. Any wood was not as good as gopher.

Is One River as Good As the Other?

Naaman was captain of the host of the king of Syria. He was an honorable man and a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper (2

Kin. 5:1). He was informed that his leprosy could be healed. Elisha sent a messenger to Naaman telling him what he must do. He said, "...Go wash in the Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean" (2 Kin. 5:10). Instead of reacting with pleasure, Naaman reacted in anger and wanted to wash in the Abana or Pharpar Rivers (2 Kin. 5:11-12). These rivers were allegedly cleaner than the Jordan. These rivers were Naaman's preference, but they were not God's preference. Eventually, Naaman adopted the river of God's choice, and he dipped himself seven times in the Jordan. His flesh was restored, and he was clean as a result of obeying God (2 Kin. 5:14). The river itself was not magical, but it was the river God designated. Any river was not as good as the Jordan.

Is One Church as Good As the Other?

The world in which we live says, "one church is as good as the other." This statement is said in favor of personal preferences. Someone may say, "I enjoy hearing worship songs performed by a band, so this is the church of my choice. I enjoy attending where my friends worship, so this is the church of my choice." What about God's preferences? The statement "one church is as good as the other" denies Jesus' promise to build a singular church (Mat. 16:18); the unity of the body (Eph. 1:22-23; Eph. 4:4); Jesus' foundation is the only one which will stand (1 Cor. 3:11); Jesus is the Savior of the body (Eph. 5:23); and the way unto salvation is narrow (Mat. 7:13-14). One church is not as good as the other, because Jesus did not die to build multiple churches. He died for one! When a penitent believer (John 8:24; 2 Cor. 7:10) confesses Christ (Mat. 16:16) and is baptized into Christ (Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:27), he is added to the church (Acts 2:47). He is added to the church Jesus promised to build (Mat. 16:18); the church He purchased with His blood (Acts 20:28); the church whose head is Christ (Eph. 1:22-23); and the church whose foundation will stand (1 Cor. 3:11)!

Slightly adapted

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:10).

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them" (Romans 16:17; cf. 2 John 9-11).

If You Treated Your Job Like You Treat the Church

Victor M. Eskew

Our jobs are extremely valuable to us. They help to feed us, and they pay the bills. Too, they provide us with some of the luxuries of life that we enjoy. Our jobs enable us to take a vacation or two each year. They also enable us to save for a rainy day. Our jobs often provide us with benefits that we desperately need.

Most, however, treat their jobs with more respect than they do the church. This writer wonders what would happen if individuals treated their work like they do the church???

1. Could you constantly come in late to work?
2. Could you choose not to show up because you are tired?
3. Could you choose to be absent when family visits?
4. Could you miss for several days in a row and have a job?
5. Could you show up and just sit doing nothing at work?
6. Could you refuse to use your talents at work?
7. Could you constantly make others do your work?

Honestly, could you do any of these things at work very long and not be called to the carpet? Here's the deal. Most would NEVER think of doing these things to their employer. Yet, those same people do not show the same respect for the church.

1. They come in late to worship week in and week out.
2. If they are a little tired or feel bad, they just do not show up.
3. When family is in town, they skip worship and Bible class.
4. Some are not present for several Sundays in a row.
5. Some sit on the pew each week, but they do nothing else.
6. Many have talents they will not use for the church.
7. They are not concerned that others do their work for them.

My friends, if people treated their work like they do the church, they would not have a job very long.

I wonder how the Lord feels about this? We noted that our jobs are extremely valuable to us. Isn't the church for which Jesus shed His blood even more valuable?

Do you treat the church worse than you do your job?

If so, you need to ask yourself: "Why?"