

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ◆ Florene Howze—health problems
- ◆ Hannah Lawson—undergoing tests
- ◆ Brenda Ray—eye problems
- ◆ Jim Ward—much better lately

Others in Need

- ◆ Janet Andrews—cancer
- ◆ Kallie Autmann—severe burns
- ◆ Belinda Crawford—eye issues
- ◆ Bob Duke—health problems
- ◆ Randy Emerson—broken leg
- ◆ Brenda Mateer—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Thad McCall—health problems
- ◆ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ◆ Bobby Williams—brain tumor surgery 2/26
- ◆ Roy Wooten—skin cancer

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- ◆ Please pray for the world as people react to the coronavirus, in hope that they will seek God.
- ◆ Those mourning, public servants, gov. leaders, military, those traveling, alien sinners, those fallen away, our enemies, and the church worldwide.

Events



May 3-8
Our Gospel Meeting with Joel Wheeler preaching

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

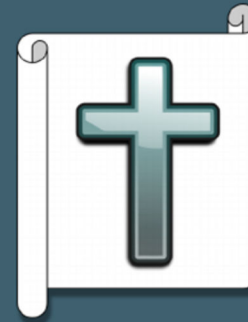


Announcements—Glenn Howze
Song Leading—David Howze (Sun.)
Mark Howze (Wed.)

Serving the Lord's Supper
Head: Mark Howze
Helpers: Justin Derrick, Wilfred Derrick, Caleb Howze

Lord's Supper PM
Head: Leo Derrick
Helper: Ethan Howze

Scripture Reading—Braden Hilburn



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Meeting Times

Sundays:

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

Wednesdays:

- 7PM Bible Class

Other Information

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If Repentance is Necessary, So is Baptism

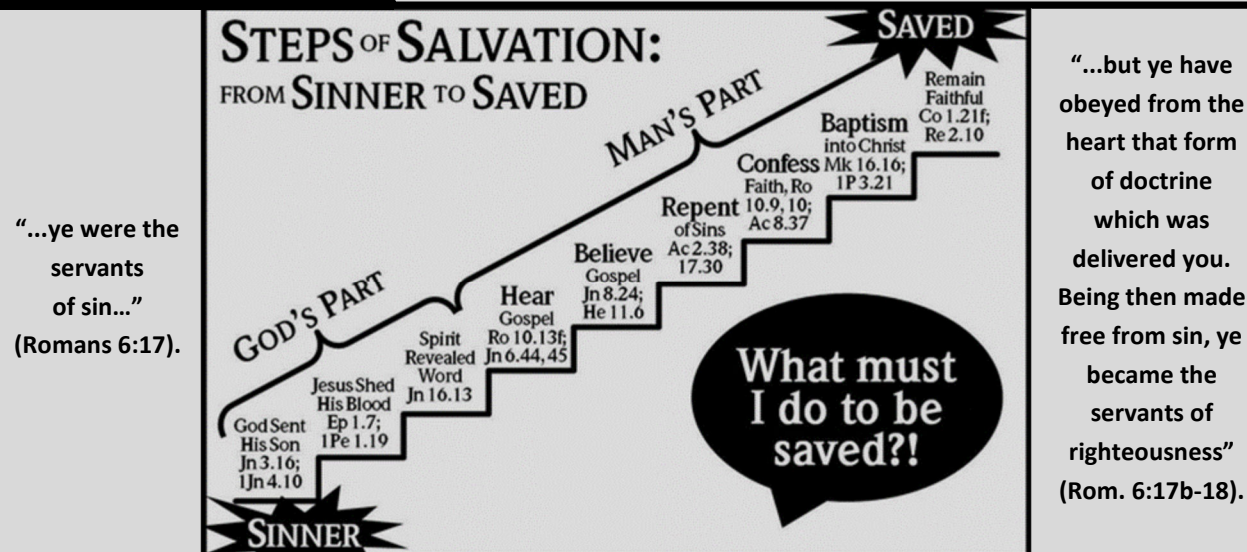
Jason Patrick Hilburn

The honest person will concede that repentance is necessary for salvation; however, when he does, he simultaneously concedes that John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9, and Romans 10 do not explicitly state everything a person must do to be saved (because repentance is not mentioned in any of those passages). In fact, neither "repent" nor "repentance" is found in the Gospel of John or Ephesians at all, and repentance is only mentioned twice in the 16 chapters of Romans, though it is absolutely necessary for salvation.

What is my point? Let me lovingly encourage everyone reading this to listen to EVERYTHING God said about salvation and believe it. Don't just hold on to a handful of passages for dear life, like John 3:16 and others, without studying and obeying ALL of what God said to be saved and doing it exactly the way He said. If God said repentance is necessary, believe it, even though it is not in John 3:16, Ephesians 2, or Romans 10. By the same token, if God said water baptism is necessary for salvation, believe it, even if it is not mentioned explicitly in those same three passages. If you are truly a person of faith, you will believe everything God said and study to find the harmony throughout all of God's Word (Psa. 119:160,172; Acts 17:11; Rom. 10:17; 1 Thess. 5:21; 2 Tim. 2:15-18; 3:16,17).

Some Scriptures for the necessity of repentance: Mt. 4:17; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 11:18; 17:30; 2 Pet. 3:9; cf. Lk. 13:3; 2 Cor. 7:10, etc. Some Scriptures for the necessity of obedience: Mt. 7:21-27; Jn. 14:15; Gal. 5:6; Heb. 5:9; James 2:14-26; 1 Pet. 1:22; 1 Jn. 2:3-6; 5:3; Rev. 2:10; 22:14, etc. Some Scriptures for the necessity of water baptism: Mt. 28:19-20; Mk. 16:15-16; Jn. 3:5; Acts 2:38,40,41,47; 10:35,48; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-5,16-18; 1 Cor. 6:11; Gal. 3:27; Eph. 5:26; Col. 2:11-13; Titus 3:5; Heb. 10:22; 1 Pet. 3:20, 21, etc.

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).

Interested, or Committed?

Are you interested or committed? What is the difference between interest and commitment? If you are only interested, you do it only when you are in the mood. When you are committed, you are determined to do what should be done when and how it should be done, and make no excuses.

Psalms 17:3 - David said, *"I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress."*

Daniel 1:8 - *"Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself..."*

Acts 19:21 - Paul was purposed in his spirit.

Which describes your attitude and the way you live?

BIBLE STUDY... Are you interested, or committed?

KINDNESS... Are you interested, or committed?

ATTENDANCE... Are you interested, or committed?

GIVING CHEERFULLY WEEKLY... Are you interested, or committed?

PRAYING OFTEN... Are you interested, or committed?

PURE ACTIONS... Are you interested, or committed?

PURE SPEECH... Are you interested, or committed?

PURE THOUGHTS... Are you interested, or committed?

HELPING OTHERS... Are you interested, or committed?

EVANGELISM... Are you interested, or committed?

What if God was only slightly interested in saving us, but not really committed? After all, it's not like we deserve to be saved from our wretched sins (Rom. 5:8-10). Shouldn't God's overwhelming commitment to saving us inspire us to give Him our wholehearted commitment?

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The Septuagint (LXX) Helps Establish the Bible's Inspiration and Jesus' Deity

Victor M. Eskew

The Septuagint version, also called the LXX, is the Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament. This work was completed about 150 to 200 years before Christ.

Since the books were translated before Jesus was born, it means that the books of the Old Testament were definitely written before the birth of Jesus Christ. This is very important when it comes to messianic prophecy. So many would have us to believe Bible prophecy was written after the events had already transpired. Such, however, CANNOT be the case with messianic prophecy.

Messianic prophecy involves portions of the Old Testament that make predictions about the coming messiah. Most Bible scholars tell us that there are over 300 messianic prophecies found in the Old Testament. Remember, we know all of these were written before the birth of Jesus.

When Jesus came to earth, He fulfilled everyone of the prophecies regarding the coming messiah. This leads to two questions:

1. How were the prophets able to prophesy with minute accuracy about the Christ? Remember, it is not just one prophecy. There are over three hundred prophecies. Man can't even predict the winner of a ballgame or an election much less intricate details about a person who is going to be living hundreds of years from now. The prophets, however, did that very thing. In order for them to do it, there had to be someone of a higher intellect guiding them. This being was the Holy Spirit (II Pet. 1:20-21). These prophecies are a clear witness to the inspiration of the Bible.

2. If Jesus fulfilled all of the prophecies, isn't He the Messiah? The answer to that question is a resounding: "Yes!" No other individual has fulfilled the prophecies, but Jesus did. He is the one that the Jews were anticipating. He is the Christ. Only someone divine could have fulfilled every prophecy written about the Messiah in the Old Testament.

Yes, the Septuagint is proof that the OT was written before Christ was born. This means the messianic prophecies were written before Jesus was born. Intricate details about the messiah were published long before He was born. When Jesus came, he fulfilled every one of the prophecies to the letter. Inspiration accounts for the prophecies. Deity accounts for the fulfillment of the prophecies.