

## Prayer List



### Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ◆ Jennifer Derrick—bleed spot has shrunk; more scans around August
- ◆ Florene Howze—health problems
- ◆ Jim Ward—health problems

### Others in Need

- ◆ Janet Andrews—cancer
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Patty Ryan (Stanley Ryan's wife)-upcoming PET scan
- ◆ Saffder—close friend of Sikander in Pakistan; has COVID-19
- ◆ Bobby Williams—brain tumor surgery recovery
- ◆ Brenda Wooten—stage 4 cancer

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- ◆ Beyond COVID-19 itself, many are suffering all over the world because of lockdowns causing job-loss and poverty.
- ◆ Those mourning, public servants, gov. leaders, military, those traveling, alien sinners, those fallen away, our enemies, and the church 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



**Children's Bible classes have now resumed.**

**October 18-22**

*Our Gospel Meeting with Joel Wheeler preaching*

## Privileged to Serve



**Announcements**—Mark Howze

**Song Leading**—David Howze

**Serving the Lord's Supper**

Head: Leo Derrick

Helper: Josh Lawson

**Lord's Supper PM**

Head: Leo Derrick

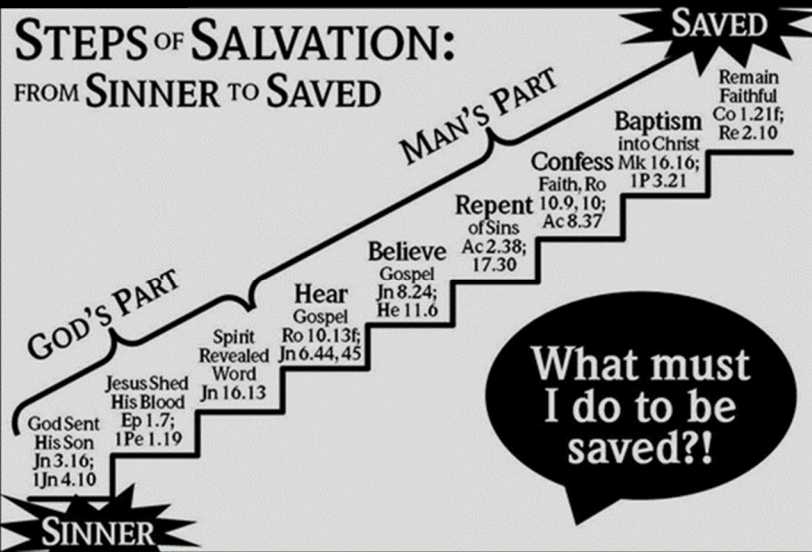
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**Scripture Reading**—Ethan Howze

**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).

# THE BAKER BULLETIN

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## Meeting Times

### Sundays:

10AM Bible Class

11AM Worship

6PM Worship

### Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

## Other Information

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## 20 Things to Understand About Romans 10:9, 10

(Part 2 of 2)

By Jason Patrick Hilburn

- One must confess his belief before he is baptized into Christ, because Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved..." (Mk. 16:16). Others do not know you believe unless you "confess with thy mouth" (Rom. 10:9). That is surely why Philip required a confession of faith from the Ethiopian before baptism in Acts 8, and that confession was not a prayer. Please note that Jesus did **not** say, "He that believeth and prays the sinner's prayer shall be saved..." He said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved..." (Mk. 16:16).
- Romans 10:10 is elaborating on 10:9, thus the "for" at the beginning of the verse. The phrases "unto righteousness" and "unto salvation" in Romans 10:10 are synonymous, meaning "towards salvation." This is not translated correctly in translations such as the ESV, NIV, or NLT. The first phrase in 10:10 cannot literally mean that one is saved at the point he believes, because that would contradict the second phrase about "confession unto salvation." Is he declared righteous (saved) at the point of belief, or at the point of confession? They are both "towards" salvation, but salvation is not actually obtained until one "calls on the name of the Lord" by being baptized in the name of the Lord (10:13; cf. Acts 2:21, 38; 22:16). The Romans 10 confession is made before one "appeals to

the authority of the Lord” by being baptized in the name of the Lord (Rom. 10:13; cf. Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21, 38; 8:37; 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21). Strong’s Greek Lexicon says that “*calling on*” means “appeal,” and “*name*” means “authority” (cf. Acts 4:7; 25:11, 12, 21, 25; 26:32; 28:19). This pattern of confession before baptism is exemplified in the conversion of the Ethiopian (Acts 8:35-39; cf. Rom. 10:9-13).

15. A study of the following three passages proves that one calls on **the name of the Lord** when he is baptized in **the name of the Lord**: Acts 2:21, 2:38, and 22:16. Acts 2:38 explains what Peter meant in Acts 2:21—call on His name by being baptized in His name (His authority, Acts 4:7). In Acts 22:16, the phrase “*calling on the name of the Lord*” is a participial phrase describing what Saul was doing when he arose, was baptized, and washed away his sins in the name of the Lord. Men do not have the power (authority) to save themselves, so they must appeal to the authority of Jesus by doing what the Author of salvation authorized for salvation (Mt. 4:17; 10:32; 28:18-20; Mk. 16:16; Heb. 5:9). Water baptism is how the penitent believer calls on (appeals to) the Lord to be saved, because that is what Jesus commanded for man’s salvation (Mk. 16:16). First Peter 3:21 also says water baptism is how one appeals to God for a good conscience, salvation.
16. When the whole book of Romans is examined, it is clear that one believes **unto** (towards) righteousness, confesses **unto** (towards) salvation, and is finally “*baptized into Jesus Christ*” to be “*made free from sin*” (Rom. 6:3, 17, 18; 10:10, 13). Note that repentance is also “unto” eternal life (Acts 11:18), and baptism is “unto” the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). The Greek preposition *eis* is the same word used in all these passages, translated as “unto” in Romans 10:10, so if belief and confession are unto salvation, so are repentance and baptism, with baptism being the final step “*into Christ*” (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27).
17. What is being discussed in Romans 10 is summarized by this statement: “*But they have not all obeyed the Gospel...*” (10:16). The basic facts of the Gospel are the death, burial, and resurrection (1 Cor. 15:1-4), so how does one obey that? Paul already told us in Romans 6 – a penitent believer must be baptized into His **death, buried** with Him in baptism, and **raised** to walk in new life (6:3-5). When we “*obey from the heart that form of doctrine*” we have “*obeyed the Gospel*” and are “*then made free from sin*” (6:16-18; 10:16). The Christians in Rome would have understood that “obeying the Gospel” was just another way to describe being baptized into the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. Those who do not obey the Gospel will be separated from God eternally (2 Thess. 1:7-9; 1 Pet. 4:17).
18. In Romans 10:17 Paul says, “*faith cometh by hearing...the Word of God,*” so those who do not believe what God said about the necessity of repentance and water baptism cannot be people of true faith. A person of faith will believe everything God said (Psa. 119:172).
19. In Romans 10:18 Paul goes on to say, “*But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the*

*world.*” This is obviously referring to the Great Commission, in which Jesus commanded baptism for the salvation of all people and **did not mention confession** (Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15, 16; Lk. 24:47; Acts 2:38-40). In fact, there are many more verses in the New Testament stating the necessity of water baptism than there are for confession, but God only has to say something once for it to be eternally binding.

20. A primary rule of Biblical interpretation is that any interpretation of a passage that contradicts other passages is incorrect (Psa. 119:160; 172). Immediate and remote contexts must be considered for a proper understanding. When discussing something as important as Heaven and Hell, it is the height of irresponsibility to take one or two verses as “proof texts” while ignoring or trying to explain away the rest of the Bible. It is extremely dangerous to precious souls when one wields God’s Powerful Sword so recklessly (Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12; Jam. 3:1). Peter warned it is quite possible to take more difficult Scriptures, like those written by Paul, and twist them to our own destruction. He thus commanded growth in knowledge (2 Pet. 3:15-18). Love for others and our own souls would demand that we be honest with God’s Word, being careful with it, studying it diligently, knowing that the way we use it can save or condemn.

Conclusion: In Romans 10, Paul had expressed his desire for Israel to be saved. Even though they had a zeal for God, it was without proper knowledge: “*Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God*” (Rom. 10:1-3). Many today could be described in the same way: they love God and are very zealous, but they lack knowledge of how God’s Word harmonizes regarding salvation, or they refuse to acknowledge the Truth. Because of this, they have created their own system of righteousness that is different from God’s. May we lovingly encourage them to reconsider and submit to the righteousness of God, “*that they might be saved*” (Rom. 10:1; cf. Acts 19:1-5; Rom. 6:16-18; 16:17; Gal. 1:6-9; 1 Tim. 4:16).

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## A Few Words from Jason

13 more baptisms in Pakistan! 24 souls have been saved in Pakistan since February 19th when Sikander was converted out of Pentecostalism! God is doing great things in Pakistan, in the very midst of the Muslims, who deny His Son! All glory to God, whose powerful Word prevails (Heb. 4:12). Please pray for these who are literally risking their lives every day, just by being Christians.