

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
- ♦ Brenda Mateer—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Thad McCall—health problems
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Patty Ryan (Stanley Ryan's wife)- 2 new lesions; biopsy May 27th
- ♦ Judy Whitehead—heart problems
- ♦ Brenda Wooten—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Pray for our nation, as chaos and division are rampant in some areas.

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♦ Pray for others who are sick, those mourning, public servants, government 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



October 18-22

Our Gospel Meeting with Joel Wheeler preaching

Privileged to Serve



Announcements—Glenn Howze
Song Leading—Sunday—David Howze; Wednesday—Caleb Howze
Serving the Lord's Supper
 Head: Leo Derrick; Helpers: Caleb Howze, Ethan Howze, Josh Lawson
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Mark Howze
 Helper: Caleb Howze
Scripture Reading—Braden Hilburn

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** weekly 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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Without the Bible (Part 1)

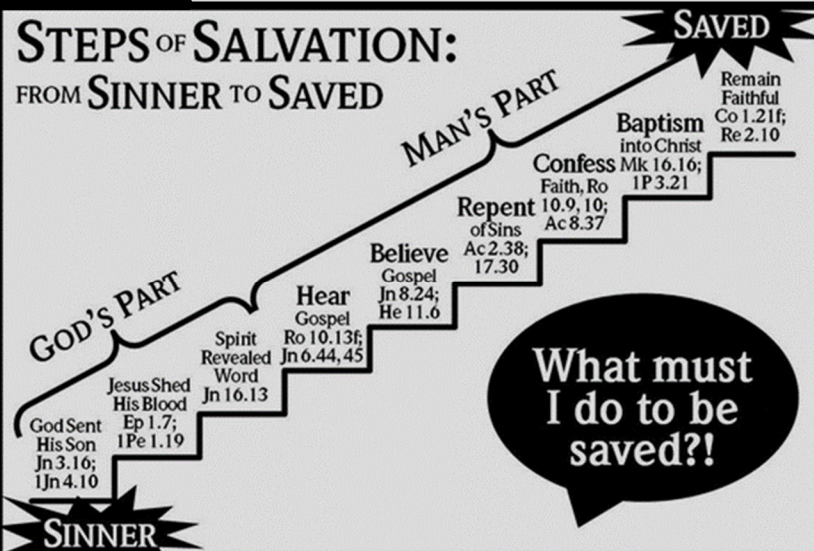
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The Bible is a gift from God that is often taken for granted in our nation. Bibles are readily available for anyone who desires to own one. Many nations are not so blessed. In our country the complete Bible can still be purchased for one dollar at many dollar stores, and the Bible is now accessible through all kinds of media sources, including cell phones, the Internet, PC software, cassette tapes, audio CD's, and DVD's. Perhaps the Bible has become so commonly seen that it is now considered to be of only common value to many people. People often think that the most valuable things are the most difficult to find. One may wonder if we have lost sight of how blessed we are! The truth is that no matter what the price tag says on the Bible in the dollar store, the Bible is surely the most valuable physical object on the face of the earth! No matter how easily accessible the Word of God becomes, it is still the most precious and unique literature that man has ever known. It is the only book in the world that came to us by the inspiration of God, and the only book which shows us the way to Heaven. There was a time when the Bible was not available to the public at all. We should be thankful that we are moving to the opposite end of that spectrum. There are so many subjects about which we would not have a clue if God had not revealed them to us in His Word! Please consider a few things we would not know without the Bible:

We would not know how the universe was created. By

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).

merely observing our surroundings in nature we should deduce that we have a Creator: *"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork"* (Psalm 19:1). Just as a person knows that a house does not randomly pop into existence, we know that this universe, with all its order, complexity, vastness, and beauty, did not merely pop into existence: *"For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God"* (Hebrews 3:4). God has told us that if we deny His existence, we are without excuse: *"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse"* (Romans 1:20). However, even though we know that we have been created by a Creator, without the Word of God, we would neither know how this took place, or how long the process took. The Bible reveals that God spoke the universe into existence: *"And God said, Let there be light: and there was light"* (Genesis 1:3); *"For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast"* (Psalm 33:9). This entire process took six days: *"For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day..."* (Exodus 20:11). Without the Bible, we would have no idea how the universe came into existence!

We would not know the age of the universe. The Word of God was not meant to be a science textbook, but the scientific facts found therein are always accurate. Even if the "popular science" of the day teaches something that contradicts what the Bible says, the Bible will always be proven true. This is the case with the age of the universe. The theory of evolution rests upon the assumption that the universe is billions of years old - not because there is sufficient evidence for this, but because evolutionists foolishly believe that the impossible can become possible if given enough time. However, the Bible reveals that the universe is only a few thousand years old. Jesus taught that Adam and Eve existed at the beginning of the creation: *"But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female"* (Mark 10:6). Luke gave us a genealogical record that goes all the way from Jesus back to Adam (Luke 3:23-38). The Bible reveals the ages of many of those people, and if we plug those ages in with estimated ages for the others, we arrive at a universe that is about 6,000 to 10,000 years old! Without the Bible, we might fall for the evolutionists' lie regarding the age of the universe.

We would not know the history of God's people and plan. Not long after the global flood, there was one man who stood out as being different from others. His name was Abram, and God chose him to help accomplish His mission to save men from their sins. God promised Abram a special land, a great nation, and that the Messiah would come through his lineage: *"Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will*

shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:1-3). The Old Testament reveals how God constantly took care of his "peculiar" people (Exodus 19:5, 6) to bring the Savior into the world, and the New Testament reveals how God brought the Messianic promises to fruition in Jesus Christ. Now those who have obeyed the Gospel of Christ are God's "peculiar people," (1 Peter 2:9), and they are Abraham's seed according to the promise that God made to Abraham thousands of years ago! *"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise"* (Galatians 3:26-29). Without the Bible, we would not be able to see how God brought His plan to fruition for our salvation.

We would not know the nature of God. By merely looking at the creation, we can know God exists, but how could we know the nature of God without His Word? We know from the Bible that God is love (1 John 4:8), and He desires to have His love reciprocated! When Jesus was asked, *"Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment"* (Matthew 22:36-38). Christians are the children of God, and our loving Father takes care of us: *"Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you"* (Matthew 6:30-33). The love of God has been shown countless times throughout history, but the greatest display of God's love was the sending of His only begotten Son to die for our salvation: *"In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son [to be] the propitiation for our sins"* (1 John 4:9, 10). We also know from the Word of God that God is holy (1 Peter 1:16), faithful to His Word (Hebrews 10:23), merciful (Psalm 106:1), eternal (Romans 16:26), omnipotent (Revelation 19:6), omniscient (Jeremiah 1:5), impartial (1 Peter 1:17), longsuffering (2 Peter 3:9), and He is both good and severe (Romans 11:22). There are many other ways to describe God's nature, and we rely on the Bible for this precious information. *Continued next week, Lord willing...*