

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
- ◆ Elise Davis—hip replacement; not doing well
- ◆ Bob Duke—health problems
- ◆ Wayne and Marie Johnson—health problems
- ◆ Taylor Mashburn—expecting, also back pain
- ◆ Brenda Mateer—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Thad McCall—health problems
- ◆ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ◆ Robbie Oliver—virus, very sick
- ◆ Patty Ryan (Stanley Ryan's wife)- 2 new lesions
- ◆ Judy Whitehead—heart problems

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- ◆ Brenda Wooten—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Pray for our nation, as chaos and division are rampant in some areas.
- ◆ 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



July 26-29
Gospel Meeting at Union Hill

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 2 of 2)

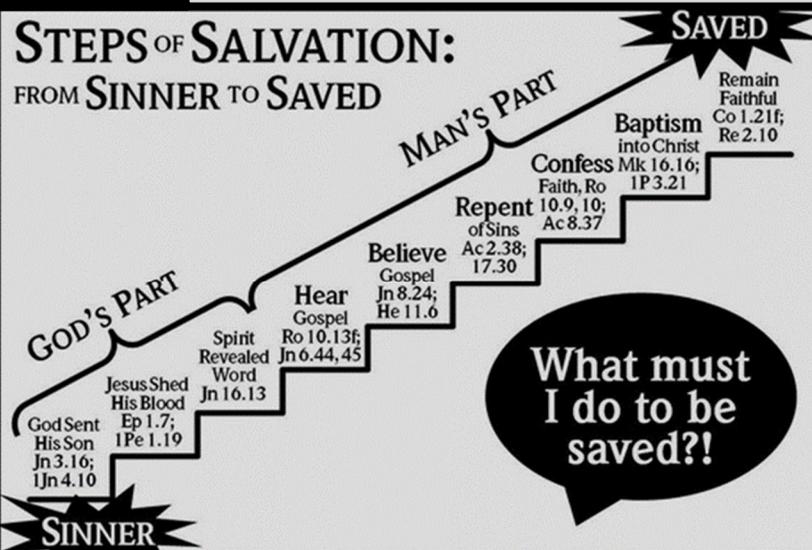
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We would not know who Jesus Christ is. Because we have the Word of God, we know that Jesus is the Messiah, who fulfilled hundreds of prophecies: *"Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow"* (1 Peter 1:9-11). We know that *"...he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth"* (Isaiah 53:5-7). Jesus, the sinless Lamb of God, shed His blood for the remission of our sins (Hebrews 4:15; John 1:29; Matthew 26:28). He was raised from the dead and ascended to Heaven, thus giving faithful children of God the guarantee of being raised up to Heaven (1 Corinthians 15:1ff). We could not have faith in the Son of God without the Word, and we also would not be warned about His second coming! (Romans 10:17; Matthew 24:36-44).

We would not know what sin is. John revealed to us that *"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law"* (1 John 3:4). If we did not know God's Law, we would not know what a violation of that Law would be! We also would not know what the punishment for sin would be: *"For the*

STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED

"...ye were the servants of sin..."
(Romans 6:17).



What must I do to be saved?!

"...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).

wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23); "...when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 1:14, 15). We would therefore be unaware of our need for salvation from God's wrath because of our sins: "Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him" (Romans 5:9).

We would not know how to be saved from God's wrath through Christ. By merely observing God's creation, one would never conclude that he should be immersed in water for the remission of his sins! The Gospel of Christ is "...the power of God unto salvation..." (Romans 1:16), and the Bible reveals that there are certain commands we must obey to be saved through Christ: We must hear the Gospel of Christ (Romans 10:17); believe in Christ (John 8:24); repent of our sins (Acts 17:30); confess faith in Christ as the Son of God before men (Matthew 10:32); be baptized into Christ (Romans 6:3-5); and be faithful in Christ (Revelation 2:10).

We would not know the will of God on any subject. The only way to know God's will for our lives is to know God's Word. For example, how would we know the "true" way to worship God if He had not told us? (John 4:23, 24). The Jews had been blessed to know God's will because they had God's law: "Behold, thou art called a Jew, and restest in the law, and makest thy boast of God, And knowest his will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law" (Romans 2:17, 18). We now rely on the New Testament Scriptures to learn what God would have us to do: "For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God..." (1 Thessalonians 4:2, 3).

We would not know what happens when we die. The dictionary may simply tell us that death is "the end of life." If we did not have the Bible, that is the only thing we would know about death! Secular education can tell us nothing about what happens when we die. We rely on God for that information - we rely on the Bible. Our Lord gave us a priceless look into the realm of Hades when he spoke of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31). He told us what happens to a righteous person when he dies (comfort), and what happens to an unrighteous person (torment). We also have passages like Matthew 25:31-46, which warn us about the impending judgment of all men. Because we have the Bible, we know about the glorious treasures of eternal Heaven for the faithful, and the horrific torment of eternal Hell for those outside of Christ.

Where would we be without the Bible? We would be uninformed, misinformed, confused, hopeless, miserable, and lost! That is the state in which the Ephesians had been: "That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world" (Ephesians 2:12). After they had received and obeyed the Gospel, Paul could then say, "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Ephesians 2:13). May we never take the Bible for granted, and may we remember how important it is to spread the Truth to those who are without it!

Which Comes First - Salvation, or Baptism?

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Can alien sinners be saved before water baptism, or without water baptism?

Notice the Biblical order:

- *Believeth...baptized...saved* (Mark 16:16).
- *Born of water and of the spirit...enter the kingdom* (John 3:5).
- *Repent...be baptized...remission of sins* (Acts 2:38).
- *Gladly received his word...baptized...added to the church* (Acts 2:41, 47).
- *Be baptized...wash away thy sins* (Acts 22:16).
- *Baptized into Jesus Christ...raised to newness of life...made free from sin* (Romans 6:3-18).
- *Baptized into one body [of the saved]* (1 Corinthians 12:13; cf. Ephesians 1:22, 23; 4:4; 5:23, 26).
- *Faith...baptized into Christ...put on Christ...heirs* (Galatians 3:26-29).
- *Washing of water...sanctified and cleansed* (Ephesians 5:26).
- *Baptism...forgiven you all trespasses* (Colossians 2:11-13).
- *Washing of regeneration...saved according to his mercy* (Titus 3:5).
- *Bodies washed with pure water...full assurance of faith* (Hebrews 10:22).
- *Souls saved by water...baptism doth also now save us...good conscience* (1 Peter 3:20, 21).

God repeatedly and consistently said that water baptism precedes salvation, thus making it necessary for salvation. How sad that most religious groups teach just the opposite!