

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Covid-19
- ◆ Jennifer Derrick—good scans!
- ◆ Florene Howze—health problems
- ◆ Hanna Lawson—surgery Sept. 10
- ◆ Kynlie Lawson—G.I. issues; dental procedure Aug. 27
- ◆ Ann Moss—back pain
- ◆ Jim Ward—health problems

Others in Need

- ◆ Janet Andrews—treatments done; biopsy results soon
- ◆ Joyce Arnett—son passed away
- ◆ Conner Booker—pneumonia
- ◆ Elise Davis—hip replacement; in rehabilitation
- ◆ Bob Duke (Jason Hilburn's uncle)—passed away Aug. 14th
- ◆ Josh Holloway family—Covid-19
- ◆ Wayne and Marie Johnson—improved, but Wayne back in ICU
- ◆ Jeff Mashburn—stage 4 kidney failure

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- ◆ Taylor Mashburn—expecting
- ◆ Brenda Mateer—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Michael McCaleb—upcoming tests
- ◆ Thad McCall—health problems
- ◆ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ◆ Patty Ryan (Stanley Ryan's wife)—immunotherapy
- ◆ Judy Whitehead—heart issues
- ◆ Brenda Wooten—stage 4 cancer

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



August 26
4th Wednesday Singing

October 18-22
Our Gospel Meeting with Joel Wheeler preaching

Privileged to Serve



Announcements—Leo Derrick
Song Leading—Sunday—David Howze; Wednesday—Mark Howze
Serving the Lord's Supper
 Head: Glenn Howze; Helpers: Wilfred Derrick, Caleb Howze, Josh Lawson
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Leo Derrick
 Helper: Ethan 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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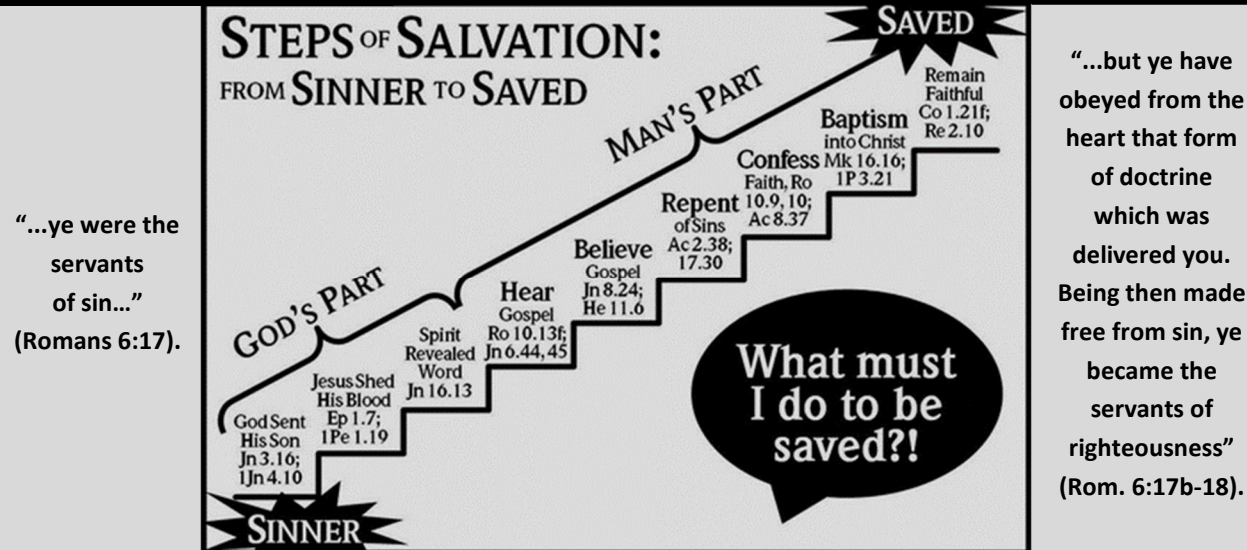
Maybe You Don't Really Know God

Jason Patrick Hilburn

Just because someone thinks he knows God, that does not mean he really does. God can be known through His Word (Jn. 17:3; 1 Cor. 2:9-13; 1 Jn. 2:3-6), but God is who He says He is, not who someone may imagine He is. God said, "...Thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee..." (Psa. 50:21). Let us not be quick to assume anything about God, based on our own feelings or experiences, for God says, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isa. 55:8-9). With that in mind, please consider the following regarding some controversial topics:

- If you think God will usher homosexuals into Heaven without penitent obedience, you do not know God (Acts 2:38; 17:30, 31; 26:20; Rom. 1:26-32; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Jude 7).
- If you think God approves of people staying in unauthorized marriages because "they love one another," you do not know God (Mt. 19:3-12; cf. Ezz. 10:11, 19, 44; Neh. 13:27).
- If you think God approves women preaching with authority over men or serving as "pastors," you do not know God (1 Tim. 2:11-15; 3:1-12).
- If you think God is simply love and does not have a severe aspect to His nature, you do not know God (Mt. 23; Lk. 12:5; Rom. 11:22; Heb. 10:23-31; 12:28, 29).
- If you think God is pleased by all the religious divisions known as denominations, you do not know God (John 17:17-23; Rom. 16:17;

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"...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).

What must I do to be saved?!

1 Cor. 1:10-13; 2 John 9-11).

- If you think God would never require you to choose Him first before family, you do not know God (Mt. 8:21, 22; 10:34-39; 12:47-50).
- If you think God would not condemn anyone for refusing to assemble faithfully with a local congregation of Christians, you do not know God (Heb. 10:23-31; cf. Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2).
- If you think God would not condemn anyone for breaking the civil law, you do not know God (Rom. 13:1, 2).
- If you think God would not condemn someone for just one sin, you do not know God (Gen. 3; Mt. 26:14, 15; Acts 5:1-11; 8:18-24; Gal. 5:2-4; 2 Tim. 2:15-18).
- If you think God will accept worship from everyone in every way, if they are sincere, you do not know God (Lev. 10:1-3; Prov. 28:9; Mt. 15:9; Jn. 4:23, 24; Heb. 11:4; 1 Jn. 3:12).
- If you think God would not require water baptism for salvation, you do not know God (Mk. 16:15, 16; Jn. 3:5; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-6; 16-18; Col. 2:11-13; 1 Pet. 3:20, 21, etc.).
- If you think God will allow you to enter Heaven just because you “feel saved,” you do not know God (Prov. 14:12; 16:25; Mt. 7:21-23; Gal. 6:7; Col. 3:25; Jam. 1:22; 1 Jn. 2:3-6).
- If you think God would never command withdrawal of fellowship from erring children of God, you do not know God (Mt. 18:17; 1 Cor. 5; 2 Thess. 3:6, 14, 15).
- If you think God would never send anyone to Hell, you do not know God (Mt. 25:41, 46; 2 Thess. 1:7-9; 1 Pet. 4:17).
- If you think God will allow most people to go to Heaven, when most are not faithful to Him, you do not know God (Mt. 7:13, 14, 21-27; Heb. 5:9; 1 Pet. 3:20).
- If you think God could never forgive you, even if you repented and obeyed Him, you do not know God (1 Tim. 1:12-16; 2:3, 4).
- If you think God wants you to go to Hell, you do not know God (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8-10; 1 Tim. 2:3, 4; Heb. 2:9; 2 Pet. 3:9; 1 John 4:9, 10).

God does love us, even more than we can understand, but the same God who loves us so dearly also absolutely abhors sin (Heb. 1:9; cf. Ps. 7:11; 119:104, 128; Rev. 2:6, 15). The same Jesus who healed the sick also wielded a whip, overturned tables, and gave scathing rebukes! (Mt. 23; Jn. 2:13-17; Rev. 3:19). If one cannot understand or relate to this side of Jesus, spiritual growth is desperately needed before kneeling before Him on Judgment Day. Man must allow God’s Word to shape his understanding of God, taking heed when God explains Himself or His Law. Man must allow his mind to be changed by God’s Word, rather than changing God’s Word to match man’s mind (Rom. 10:17; 12:1, 2), and man should certainly listen with great care when God has given His conditions to enter Heaven and avoid Hell. Friends, do not simply assume that you know God—study His Word to make sure you know Him and are accepted by Him! (Acts 10:34, 35; Rom. 8:16; 2 Cor. 13:5; 1 Thess. 5:21; 2 Pet. 1:10; 1 Jn. 1:6—2:6).

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Nobody Will “Smooth Talk” His Way into Heaven

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Some people seem to think they can smooth talk their way out of any situation. They take pride in their ability to weave words in such a way that allows them to “get away” with whatever they have done or may want to do. Surely some of their confidence comes from a prideful assumption that they are smarter or craftier than the individual to whom they are speaking. Sometimes that may be the case, but true wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord (Psa. 111:10). In any case, it is sad that many have taken the intelligence God gave them and have foolishly used it to serve Satan, the father of lies (Gen. 3:1-5; Jn. 8:44; Rom. 16:18).

To those who assume they can “outsmart” anyone or talk their way out of anything, beware that there is a Being vastly more intelligent than any other, and there is no way to deceive or outsmart Him. He is called “GOD,” and He literally knows everything: “*Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite*” (Psa. 147:5; cf. Isa. 55:8, 9).

There will be no smooth talking one’s way into Heaven on the great Day of Judgment! Can anyone fool God? “*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting*” (Gal. 6:7-8; cf. Hos. 8:7). “*But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons*” (Col. 3:25). God basically says, “It does not matter who you are, you will be judged by the way you lived your life, and you will reap what you have sown...”

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men... (2 Cor. 5:10-11).

Jesus actually told us that there will be sinners trying to reason with Him on the Day of Judgment, to no avail:

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity (Mt. 7:21-23).

Friends, on that day every person who has ever lived will bow down in awe of the majesty of Almighty God—even the greatest of deceivers and blasphemers! “*...As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God*” (Rom. 14:11-12; cf. Php. 2:9-11). Prepare for that great day now—not by preparing a great speech, but by preparing your soul! Men will not be judged by how well they use their words to plead for mercy, but by how well they followed the Words of Christ (Jn. 12:48; cf. Mt. 25:23; Lk. 6:46).