

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Covid-19 gone!
- ◆ 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—pnuemonia
- ◆ Elise Davis—hip replacement; in rehabilitation
- ◆ Jamison Harris—skin problems
- ◆ Josh Holloway family—Covid-19
- ◆ Wayne and Marie Johnson—improved, but Wayne back in ICU
- ◆ Jeff Mashburn—stage 4 kidney failure
- ◆ Taylor Mashburn—expecting
- ◆ Brenda Mateer—stage 4 cancer

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- ◆ Michael McCaleb—upcoming tests
- ◆ Thad McCall—health problems
- ◆ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ◆ Patty Ryan—immunotherapy
- ◆ Judy Whitehead—heart issues
- ◆ Brenda Wooten—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Pray for others who are sick, mourning, public servants, gov. leaders, military, those traveling, those lost in sin, our enemies, and the church

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

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

Other Information

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Should Babies Be Baptized?

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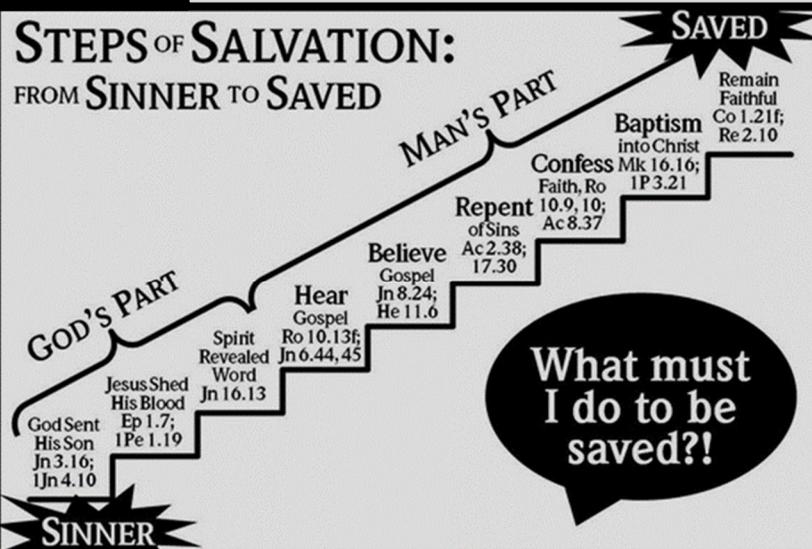
I spoke with a young man briefly over the weekend. He was a Presbyterian. He knew I was a minister. He was curious about how to know who is right when differences arise between religious groups. He used the example of infant baptism. His church practices it. The church with which I am associated, the church of Christ, does not. He wondered how do we determine which group is right since both claim to believe the Scriptures. I told him we have to go into the Scriptures and see who is interpreting the Scriptures correctly.

Let's consider the question for a moment.

1. The New Testament teaches that the purpose of salvation is the forgiveness of sins (Matt. 26:28; Luke 19:10; Luke 24:47; John 1:29; Eph. 1:7). Babies do not have sin. The Bible teaches that God forms the spirit of man that is in him (Eccl. 12:7; Zech. 12:1; Heb. 12:7). God is holy (Rev. 15:4). If God is holy and has no sin, He would not place a sinful spirit into a little baby at conception.
2. We are told children inherit the sin of their fathers, especially the sin of Adam. This idea, however, is refuted by the prophet

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).

Ezekiel. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous will be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him" (Ezek. 18:20).

3. In order to be saved, a person must possess faith. "But without faith it is impossible to please him.." (Heb. 11:6). An infant does not have the mental ability to possess faith. Too, he does not have the mental ability to acquire faith. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). A infant cannot hear and understand the Word of God. Therefore, he cannot possess faith.

4. There is not one example of an infant being baptized in the New Testament. Those who heard and obeyed the gospel were men and men. "And the believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women" (Acts 5:14). Some will argue that there were times when households were converted (e.g., the Philippian jailor, Acts 16:34). Households do not have to have infants in them. One has to assume an infant was in the jailor's household. One should NEVER base a doctrine on an assumption. Too, he should NEVER base a doctrine on an an assumption that may not be true.

These are four arguments against infant baptism that come from an understanding of the Word of God. One would need to show where these arguments are false in order for them to be rejected in the study of infant baptism.

The key to agreement upon the Scriptures involves diligent study. Paul exhorted Timothy, saying: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15). The words "rightly dividing" can be translated "handling aright." God's Word must be divided correctly. It must be handled properly to come to true conclusions.

A Few Words from Jason

On Friday, August 7, God blessed me with an opportunity to teach people in India online. There were over 150 in attendance through various computers, including 28 preachers. 13 preachers from various denominations attended, who had their beliefs challenged in a loving way. As usual, we had a one hour class, then opened it up for any questions. Questions were answered from the Scriptures.

On Friday, August 28, we had another class with about 67 people connected. 25 of those were preachers, and 15 of those preachers are in denominations. There were 5 denominational families who connected. I taught about understanding Isaiah's prophecies as they relate to the New Testament, focusing on Isaiah 2, Daniel 2, and Acts 2. There were no questions asked at the end this time. We plan to do this again next Friday, Lord willing. I'm thankful for this technology and the opportunities God provides. All glory to Him always. I'm thankful to my brother Vandan Kumar for setting these events up, translating, and doing other work behind the scenes.

