

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ◆ Florene Howze—health problems
- ◆ Hanna Lawson—surgery Sept. 10
- ◆ Kynlie Lawson—surgery recovery
- ◆ Lisa Mashburn—tests
- ◆ Jim Ward—health problems

Others in Need

- ◆ Janet Andrews—treatments done; biopsy results soon
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Thad McCall—health problems
- ◆ Mary Milsted—lung cancer

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- ◆ Patty Ryan—immunotherapy
- ◆ Judy Whitehead—heart issues
- ◆ Brenda Wooten—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Pray for our nation
- ◆ Pray for others who are sick, mourning, public servants, gov. leaders, military, those traveling, those lost in sin, 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 18-21
Our Gospel Meeting

Privileged to Serve



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

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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Sincere, But Sincerely Lost

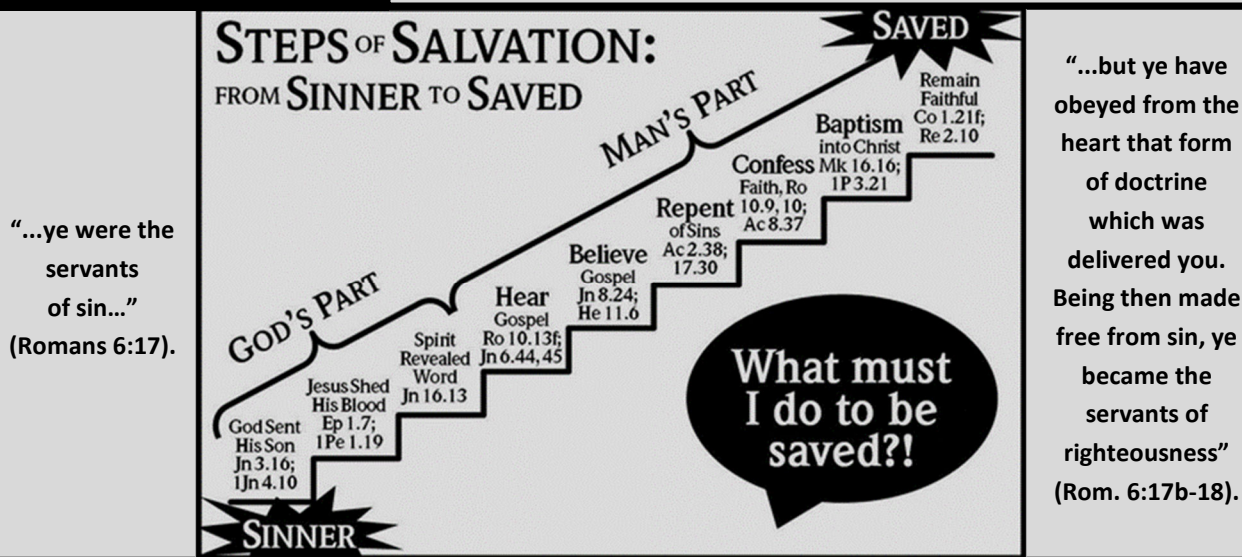
Jason Patrick Hilburn

Just because someone is sincere and religious, that does not mean that he is a saved child of God. Even if he believes in Christ, that does not automatically make him saved. There were sincere religious people in the Bible who were lost, and even people who believed in Jesus were still lost until they were "baptized into Christ" (Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3; cf. Acts 2:36-41; 1 Pet. 3:20, 21).

The Ethiopian was sincere, but sincerely lost until baptism (Acts 8:26-39). When Philip "preached unto him Jesus," the eunuch wanted to be baptized immediately, because preaching Jesus equals preaching the necessity of water baptism for salvation (Acts 8:35-36; Mk. 16:15-16). The Ethiopian did not rejoice at the point of belief in Jesus, or at the point of confession, but after obeying Jesus' command to be immersed for salvation (Acts 8:39; Mk. 16:15-16; cf. Acts 2:38; 22:16).

Saul of Tarsus was sincere, but sincerely lost until baptism (Acts 9:6,18-19; 22:16). Although Saul had been praying, fasting, and believing in Jesus after Jesus spoke to him, none of these things washed away his sins (Acts 9:9-11). Jesus told Saul that he would be told what he "must do" (Acts 9:6). Saul was not told to keep praying. He was not told, "You are already saved by God's grace, because belief alone is enough." Here is what he was told: "And now

STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED



why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). Did you know that although Saul had gone three days without food or water, he did not even get a bite to eat before he was baptized? (Acts 9:9,18-19). He wanted his sins washed away as soon as possible! This same urgency regarding baptism is found in other passages also (Acts 2:41; 8:36; 16:33). Why were 3,000 souls baptized on the same day they heard the Gospel? They all understood that it was "for the remission of sins"! (Acts 2:38-41).

Cornelius was sincere, but sincerely lost until baptism (Acts 10:6,35,48; 11:14). Cornelius' prayers did not save him. Like Saul, Cornelius was told that someone would tell him what he "ought" to do (same Greek word as "must" in Acts 9:6). Peter told Cornelius that to be accepted by God, he had to fear God and work righteousness (Acts 10:35). Cornelius did what he "ought" to do and "worked righteousness" when he obeyed Peter's command to "be baptized in the name of the Lord" (Acts 10:48; cf. 2:38). Then Cornelius was truly accepted by God (Acts 10:35; Heb. 5:9).

Lydia was sincere, but sincerely lost until baptism (Acts 16:13-15). After her baptism, she was "judged...to be faithful" (Acts 16:15; cf. Gal. 3:26-27).

The Ephesians who had been "baptized" were sincere, but sincerely lost until they were taught correctly and baptized with a proper understanding (Acts 19:1-5; cf. Jn. 8:32; Rom. 6:16-18). Being sincere and immersed for religious reasons is not enough, according to the Bible. Today, one cannot be properly baptized without understanding that immersion in the name of Jesus Christ is for salvation, for forgiveness of sins, to wash away sins (Mk. 16:16; Jn. 3:5; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-5; Gal. 3:26-29; Eph. 5:25-26; Heb. 10:22; 1 Pet. 3:20-21).

What about you? Are you sincere? Do you believe in God and His resurrected Son, Jesus Christ? (Jn. 8:24). Will you repent of all past sins, deciding to live for God? (Acts 2:38; 17:30). Will you confess to other people that you believe in Jesus as the resurrected Son of God? (Mt. 10:32; Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:10). Will you be immersed for the purpose of washing away your sins? (Acts 22:16). Will you try your best to be faithful in every way, following the New Testament pattern for worship and every aspect of life? (Jn. 4:23-24; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 10:23-31; 1 Jn. 1:6—2:6; Rev. 2:10).

A Few Words from Jason

It was great to hear that sister Janice Carnley no longer has COVID-19! We thank God for hearing our prayers, and we will continue to pray for others on our prayer list.

This past Friday, September 4, we had an online class from Florida to India, with about 89 people connected through 38 computers and phones. 12 of those 38 connections were denominational preachers with their families, and the rest were members of the Lord's church. We studied Isaiah 11 and explained that this was a prophecy of the church/kingdom age in which we live now, not some future age that has not arrived. We also have been studying Daniel 2 and Isaiah 2 and how they are related to the New Testament. There were no questions asked at the end of class this time. If the Lord wills, I will also be teaching a class through mid-November with Four Seas College of the Bible and Missions in Singapore, starting this month.

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Daniel 2:28-44



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