

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ◆ Florene Howze—health problems
- ◆ Jim Ward—health problems

Others in Need

- ◆ Janet Andrews—had surgery; now chemotherapy
- ◆ Greg Bryant—evacuated from fires
- ◆ Annette Cates—hip surg. recovery
- ◆ Elise Davis—hip replacement; in rehabilitation
- ◆ Wayne and Marie Johnson—improved, but Wayne back in ICU
- ◆ Jeff Mashburn—stage 2 kidney failure
- ◆ Taylor Mashburn—expecting
- ◆ Brenda Mateer—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Thad McCall—health problems
- ◆ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ◆ Don Nagle—chemotherapy
- ◆ Gordon Porter—shoulder surgery
- ◆ Patty Ryan—immunotherapy
- ◆ Melvin Sapp—double lung

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transplant

- ◆ Sarah Sasser—Covid-19
- ◆ Amanda Tyler—surgery recovery
- ◆ 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,
Jason Hilburn preaching
Sunday 10AM, 11AM, 2PM
Mon-Wed. 7PM

Privileged to Serve



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

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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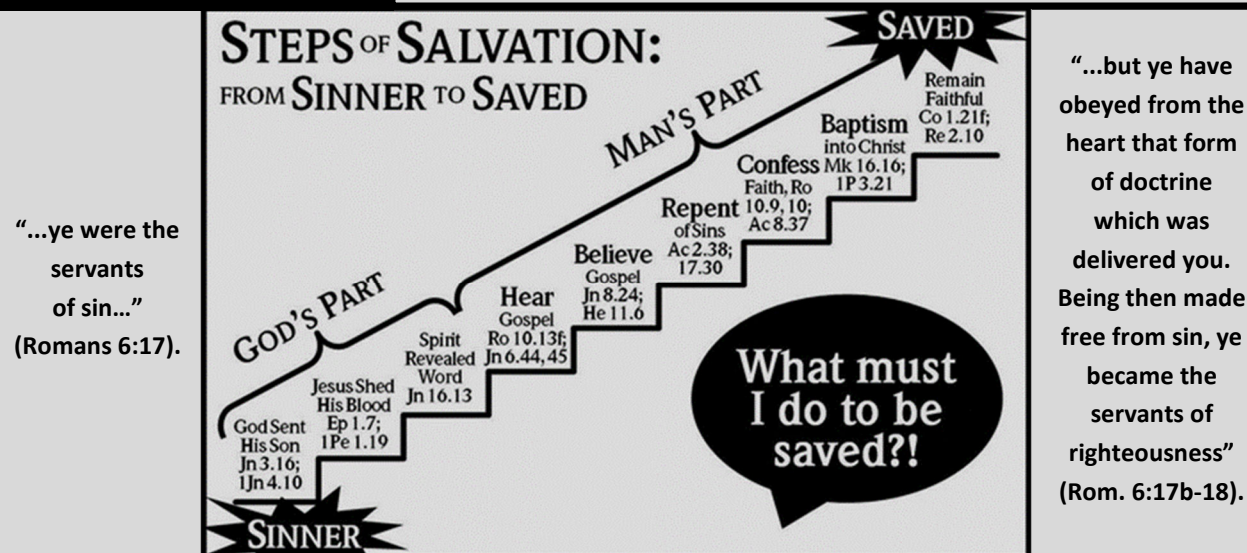
Calvin or Christ? (Part 2 of 2)

By Jason Patrick Hilburn

Limited atonement is the belief that Christ only died for the elect. If that is the case, why did God say that *"Jesus...should taste death for every man"*? (Hebrews 2:9). Why did John say, *"And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world"*? (1 John 2:2; cf. 4:14; John 1:29; 3:16; 4:42; 12:32). Was the love of Christ only for "the elect," or did He die to give "all" men the opportunity to live forever in Heaven? *"For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again"* (2 Corinthians 5:14-15; cf. 5:19; 1 Timothy 2:6).

Irresistible Grace is the belief that if God has unconditionally chosen a person to be saved, that person cannot resist the overwhelming influence of God. This goes back to the idea that man has no free will of his own, but does this harmonize with the Bible? Can man resist the power of God, who wants to save them? Stephen said so: *"Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye"* (Acts 7:51). How did those of Stephen's day and their father resist the Holy Ghost? They resisted the words being preached to them by the power of the Spirit. In the next verse, Stephen explained this: *"Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted?..."* (Acts 7:52; cf. 13:46; Genesis 6:3; 2 Peter 2:5). A similar example is John 6:44, which sounds mysterious if one does not read the surrounding context: *"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him..."* (John 6:44). Does this mean that

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God mysteriously draws men to Him in some overpowering way? The next verse reveals that the Father draws people to Him through hearing and learning His Word: *"It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me"* (John 6:45). The Gospel of Christ is God's power unto salvation (Romans 1:16), and God calls people to Him and into His grace through the Gospel (2 Thessalonians 2:14; cf. Nehemiah 9:30; Proverbs 1:23-25; Acts 20:32; James 1:18, 21; 1 Peter 1:22-25).

When people refused to be baptized for the forgiveness of their sins, why did Luke say they had *"rejected the counsel of God against themselves"*? (Luke 7:30). Obviously, God wanted them to be saved and *"counseled"* them to be baptized, but they did not want to be saved. This proves that God's grace can be resisted and that they had free will. God's grace teaches men to obey God if they want salvation (Acts 2:40; Titus 2:11, 12), and that is surely why His Word is called *"the word of His grace"* (Acts 20:32).

Perseverance of the saints is the belief that if a person is ever truly saved, he can never become lost. It is sometimes called *"once saved, always saved,"* or *"the impossibility of apostasy."* A common verse used to defend that doctrine is John 10:28: *"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand"* (John 10:28). As in the examples above, the surrounding context refutes the erroneous interpretation. Jesus explained that the sheep who will never perish are those who listen to Jesus' Words and faithfully follow His words: *"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me"* (John 10:27; cf. Revelation 2:10). If a sheep wanders off into sin, Jesus said the church must try to restore him to salvation, but if the sheep refuses to return, *"let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican,"* because he is no longer in fellowship with God or the church (Matthew 18:12-17; cf. 1 Cor. 5; James 5:19, 20; 1 John 1:3-7). No man can pluck a Christian from Jesus' hand, but a child of God can remove himself from Jesus, else verses like this would make no sense: *"Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace"* (Galatians 5:4). Those lost Galatians could not have fallen from grace if they had never been in God's grace (saved), but the fact that they had now fallen from grace meant that they had become lost. Christ had become of no effect to them, because they had removed themselves from Jesus' hand when they tried to mix the Law of Moses with the Law of Christ. Another clear teaching is that those whose names are in the Book of Life on the Judgment Day will go to Heaven, and others will go to Hell. The simple fact that men's names can be blotted out of the Book of Life is crystal clear proof that the saved can become lost! (Exodus 32:32, 33; Psalm 69:28; Revelation 3:5; 22:19).

The New Testament is filled with warnings for Christians to remain faithful, or else there is a punishment that is much worse than being stoned to death like people under the

Law of Moses. Notice the grim warning written to Christians, described as *"holy brethren"* in Hebrews 3:1:

For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God (Hebrews 10:26-31; cf. 3:7-19; 4:1-13; 6:4-6; 10:35-39; 12:15, 25, 28, 29; Acts 8:22-24; 2 Peter 2:20-22; 1 John 1:6—2:6; Revelation 2, 3, etc.).

Conclusion

Friends, will you follow Calvin or Christ? Calvinism is not Christianity, but an unbiblical and deadly doctrine that has permeated almost every denomination in one form or another. You are lovingly encouraged to seek the Lord's church, the church that teaches pure doctrine and worships according to the pure New Testament pattern (Matthew 16:18; Acts 20:28; Romans 16:16, 17; Galatians 1:6-9; Ephesians 5:11; 1 Timothy 1:3; 2 Timothy 1:13; 2:15-18; 2 John 9-11). *"The churches of Christ salute you"* (Romans 16:16).

HEAR THE TRUTH

4 Days of Teaching That May Change Your Thinking!

OCTOBER 18-21, 2020

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| Sun. 10:00 AM | Confirmation of Genesis and the Flood |
| 11:00 AM | How to Know What God Authorizes |
| 12:00 PM | Lunch Provided |
| 2:00 PM | The Reality of Jesus |
| Mon. 7:00 PM | Do Miracles Happen Today? |
| Tues. 7:00 PM | Are We Living in the Last Days? |
| Wed. 7:00 PM | Is the Church of Christ a Denomination? |