

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ◆ Wilfred Derrick—4.2cm aneurysm will be monitored
- ◆ Florene Howze—health problems
- ◆ Hannah Lawson—tumor shrunk
- ◆ Brenda Ray—health problems
- ◆ Jim Ward—health problems

Others in Need

- ◆ Janet Andrews—chemotherapy
- ◆ Laura James—Covid-19 and pneumonia
- ◆ Virginia Johnson—Shoal Creek
- ◆ Rick Laux—surgery recovery
- ◆ Jeff Mashburn—kidney issues
- ◆ Brenda Mateer—cancer
- ◆ Thad McCall—health problems
- ◆ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ◆ Don Nagle—stage 4, not well
- ◆ Patty Ryan—radiation

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- ◆ Donald Simon's sister, Lula Mae Patrick passed away
- ◆ Brenda Wooten—stg. 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 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



Lord willing...

May 2-6

Our Gospel Meeting with Sidney White preaching

October 3rd-6th

Leonard St. Gospel Meeting

Privileged to Serve



Announcements—Mark Howze
Song Leading—Sunday—David Howze; Wednesday—Caleb Howze

Serving the Lord's Supper
 Head: Leo Derrick; Helpers: Justin Derrick, Ethan Howze, Josh Lawson

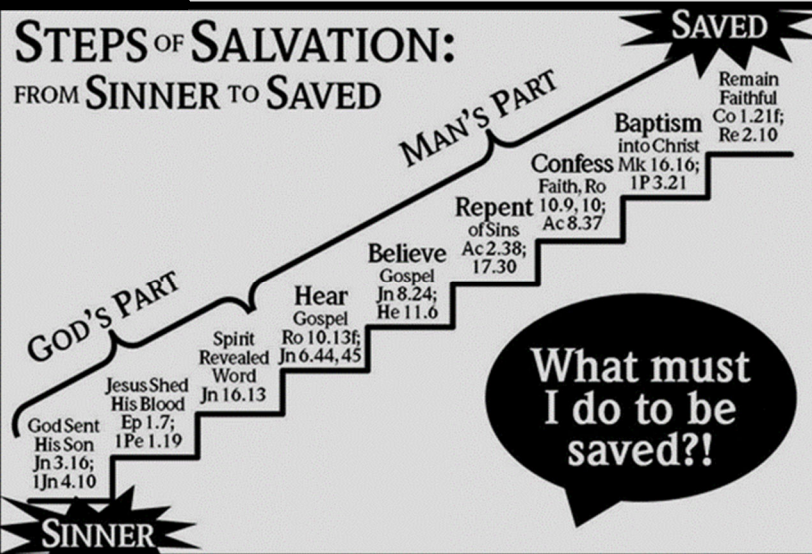
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Mark Howze
 Helper: Caleb Howze

Scripture Reading—Johnny Moss

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).

STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED

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

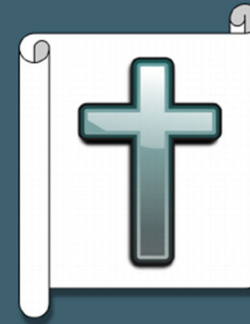


"...but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17b-18).

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Meeting Times

Sundays:

10AM Bible Class

11AM Worship

6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

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Why Do Some Not Require Baptism?

By Daniel F. Cates

A few years ago someone asked, "Why do people say that you don't have to be baptized, even though it is in the steps of salvation?" Over the past couple of months we have been looking at the steps of salvation in the teenage class, and it seems fitting to bring this question back up. Let us examine the answer:

The Bible teaches plainly that baptism saves (Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21); however, that is not widely accepted simply because men have taken liberties with God's laws. Consider these statements from the creed books produced by men as authoritative in various "Christian" denominations:

Although it be a great sin to contemn or neglect this ordinance, yet grace and salvation are not so inseparably annexed unto it, as that no person can be regenerated or saved without it, or that all that are baptized are undoubtedly regenerated (*The Confession of Faith of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America*, pp. 123,124).

Is it possible for an unbaptized person to be saved? It is only unbelief that condemns. Faith cannot exist in the heart of a person who despises and rejects Baptism against better knowledge. But those who believe the Gospel, yet die before they have

opportunity to be baptized are not condemned [Mark 16:16] (Martin Luther, *Luther's Small Catechism*, p. 206).

Baptism is the immersion, or dipping, of a candidate in water, on a profession of his faith in Christ and *on evidence of regeneration* [emphasis mine-DFC]; the baptism to be ministered in, or into, the name of the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit. It represents the burial and resurrection of Christ, and in a figure declares the candidate's death to sin and the world, and his rising to a new life. *It also proclaims the washing of regeneration* [emphasis mine-DFC], and professes the candidate's hope of a resurrection from the dead, through Him into the likeness of whose death he is buried in baptism (Edward T. Hiscox, *The Standard Manual for Baptist Churches*, pp. 18,19).

Let us ask another question: What does the Bible say?

- Mark 16:16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."
- Acts 2:38, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."
- Acts 22:16, "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."
- Romans 6:3-4, "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."
- I Peter 3:21, "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:"
- Galatians 3:27, "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

We must be very careful how we handle the Bible, for some have twisted it and thus with the verses on baptism "wrest, as *they do* also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction" (II Peter 3:16).

22 Reasons to Be Baptized

1. Baptism stands between the sinner and salvation (Mark 16:16).
2. Baptism stands between the sinner and remission of sins (Acts 2:38).
3. Baptism stands between the sinner and the washing away of sins (Acts 22:16).
4. Baptism stands between the sinner and rejoicing (Acts 8:39).
5. Baptism stands between the sinner and calling on the name of the Lord (Acts 22:16).
6. Baptism stands between the sinner and the death of Christ (Romans 6:3).
7. Baptism stands between the sinner and the blood of Christ (John 19:33, 34; Romans 6:3).
8. Baptism stands between the sinner and getting into Christ (Romans 6:3; Galatians 3:27).
9. Baptism stands between the sinner and the resurrection (Romans 6:5; Colossians 2:11-13).
10. Baptism stands between the sinner and the new life (Romans 6:4; 2 Corinthians 5:17).
11. Baptism stands between the sinner and putting on Christ (Galatians 3:27).
12. Baptism stands between the sinner and cleansing (Ephesians 5:26; Revelation 1:5).
13. Baptism stands between the sinner and sanctification (Ephesians 5:26).
14. Baptism stands between the sinner and justification (1 Corinthians 6:11).
15. Baptism stands between the sinner and becoming a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17).
16. Baptism stands between the sinner and the one body (1 Corinthians 12:13).
17. Baptism stands between the sinner and regeneration (Titus 3:5).
18. Baptism stands between the sinner and entrance into the Kingdom of God (John 3:3, 5).
19. Baptism stands between the sinner and relations with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).
20. Baptism stands between being called faithful and unfaithful (John 14:15, 23).
21. Baptism stands between the sinner and the example of obedience set by our Lord (Matthew 3:13-17).
22. Baptism stands between the sinner and Christ, because He commanded it (Matthew 28:20).