

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Jennifer Derrick—surg. recov.
- ♦ Larry Derrick—overseas travel
- ♦ Wilfred Derrick—aneurysm
- ♦ Florene Howze—health
- ♦ Finn Lawson—adenoids, tubes
- ♦ Jim Ward—health problems

Others in Need

- ♦ Janet Andrews—chemotherapy
- ♦ Marvin Arnett passed away
- ♦ Steve Ates passed away
- ♦ Avery Derrick—tests
- ♦ Elise Davis—shoulder surgery
- ♦ Gunner Griffin—improving
- ♦ Laura James—Covid, pneum.
- ♦ Virginia Johnson—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Jeff Mashburn—kidney issues
- ♦ Brenda Mateer—cancer
- ♦ Thad McCall—health problems
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer

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♦ Susan Murphy—COPD

♦ Evan Oliver—2yr old in hospital

♦ Patty Ryan—radiation

♦ Brenda Wooten—stg. 4 cancer

♦ Overseas brethren struggling

♦ Pray for those mourning, public servants, gov. leaders, military, those traveling, those lost in sin, and our enemies.

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...

October 3rd-6th

Leonard St. 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: Caleb Howze, Mark Howze, Johnny Moss
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Ethan Howze
 Helper: Caleb Howze
Scripture Reading—Leo Derrick

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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Are You Kind?

By Dave Rogers

"And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend (to them) of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and (to) the evil" (Luke 6:31-35).

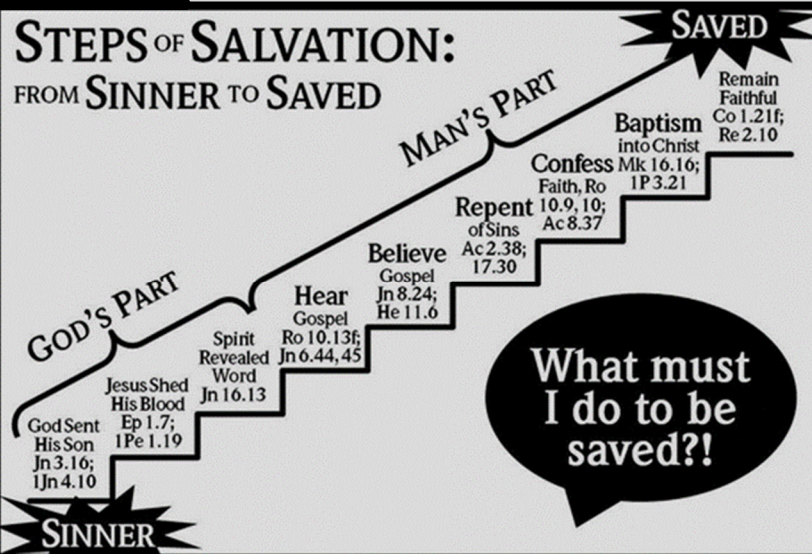
Pay attention to that last statement: *"he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil."* We learn something important about God here: even those who hate Him receive kind treatment at His hands. Paul refers to the salvation God offers through Jesus Christ and His gospel as "the kindness of God" in Titus 3:4.

Kindness is something in which every person can improve and grow. Judging from the New Testament's Words on the subject, God plainly intends it to be a common characteristic of His saints. Kindness does NOT "come naturally" for everyone, and it is especially hard to extend kindness to some folks. When a man knowingly lives a wicked life, Christians can be sorely challenged to show him much kindness, but such is our responsibility (Colossians 3:12). In Ephesians 4:32, Paul instructs us to "... be ye kind one to another..."

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).

KINDNESS is not a sign of "weakness" or some sort of a character flaw. In the New Testament, the word "kindness" means usefulness, moral excellence (in character or demeanor), or gentleness. In Ephesians 4:32, it describes being "usefully employed, in that which is good and gracious." When we read that God is kind, He is telling us that His actions toward us are good for us, useful, to the saving of our souls. His exceedingly rich grace to man is demonstrated by His kindness toward us through Christ (Ephesians 2:7). Nowhere does the Bible equate kindness with being weak, backward, or ashamed of one's faith!

The Bible shows us that KINDNESS is one of the essential qualities of God. When we cultivate it in ourselves, we become more like Him! Kindness is shown in many ways:

- Jesus said "...love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again..." (Luke 6:35).
- Paul described some non-Christians as "kind" in Acts 28:2 because they "kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold."

Kindness is associated in the Scriptures with:

- Purity, knowledge, patience, and genuine love (2 Corinthians 6:6).
- Tenderheartedness, and a forgiving spirit (Ephesians 4:32).
- Compassion, humility, and meekness (Colossians 3:12).

These are all qualities which God displays in His dealings with us. To be more like Him, we should begin by copying His KINDNESS. This means being the servants of one another, and considering each other above ourselves (as in Philippians 2:3).

Kindness has a very practical application, right in our own daily lives. It is the "oil" which soothes and smooths human relations. Paul wrote that the Roman Christians should "(Be) *kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another*" (Romans 12:10). Kindness is easily recognized as an outward proof of love, for "*Love suffereth long, (and) is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up*" (1 Corinthians 13:4). We know that a kind word, at the right moment, can often ease the sorrow of this life. Solomon wrote that "*A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver*" (Proverbs 25:11).

Every Christian should encourage and cultivate the quality of kindness, both in ourselves and in each other. This is the will of God, and learning to be kind will make us more like Him. Sometimes it is very hard to be kind, and it may require a very determined effort because some folks aren't very lovable; but the burden lies on us to be kind, not on the "other fellow" to be lovable (just remember Romans 5:8). If you want to come more closely into God's image, then show a little kindness, just as He has!

—Adapted

"Come Down from the Cross"

By Mark Lindley

When Jesus was crucified there were some who mocked by challenging him to "come down from the cross" (Matthew 27:40). The chief priests, scribes, and elders scoffed at the Lord by saying that they would believe on him if he would "come down from the cross" (Matthew 27:42). Of course, Jesus had the power to accept their challenge. He could have called legions of angels to his rescue (Matthew 26:53). However, we should thank God and rejoice that Jesus did not accept the challenge to come down from the cross.

If Jesus had come down from the cross there would be no forgiveness of sins. Before Jesus went to the cross he said, "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28). We could never be free from the guilt, shame, and damning consequences of sin if Jesus had come down from the cross.

If Jesus had come down from the cross there would be no church. Paul said to the elders of the church at Ephesus, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28). This verse makes it clear that the blood Jesus shed on the cross purchased the church. As previously noted, the blood Jesus shed on Calvary makes it possible for one to be saved from sin. This is simply another way of saying that the blood Jesus shed on Calvary makes it possible for one to become a member of the New Testament church. According to Scripture, every sinner who receives forgiveness is added, by God, to the New Testament church (Acts 2:37-47). This would not be possible without Jesus' death on the cross.

If Jesus had come down from the cross there would be no reconciliation. Note Ephesians 2:16: "And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby." In the context, Paul is showing that Jews and Gentiles both have been reconciled to God in one body (the body is the church, Colossians 1:18) "by the cross." To *reconcile* means "to bring back a former state of harmony." Every person who has committed even one sin needs to be brought back to a former state of harmony with God. Sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2). How can one be brought back to fellowship with God? Paul's answer is "by the cross." Reconciliation would not be possible without Jesus' death on the cross.

Yes, we should rejoice that when the cruel mob at Calvary challenged the Lord to come down from the cross, his undying and matchless love for man kept him from accepting the challenge. If he had come down from the cross, how hopeless we would be!