

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Wilfred Derrick—aneurysm
- ♦ Florene Howze—health probs
- ♦ Jim Ward—health problems

Others in Need

- ♦ Janet Andrews—chemotherapy
- ♦ Deb Aplin—health problems
- ♦ Avery Derrick—tests
- ♦ Elise Davis—shoulder surgery
- ♦ Gunner Griffin—improving
- ♦ Joe Holloway—home, wife had may have had a stroke
- ♦ Laura James—Covid, pneum.
- ♦ Virginia Johnson—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Brenda Mateer—cancer
- ♦ Thad McCall—health problems
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Susan Murphy—not doing well
- ♦ Ervin Nelson—Covid19, serious
- ♦ Allie O'Rourke—Covid-19

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- ♦ Ronnie Wells—health problems
- ♦ Brenda Wooten—stg. 4 cancer
- ♦ Overseas brethren struggling, like those in India.
- ♦ 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...

June 23

4th Wednesday Singing

October 3rd-6th

Leonard St. Gospel Meeting

Privileged to Serve

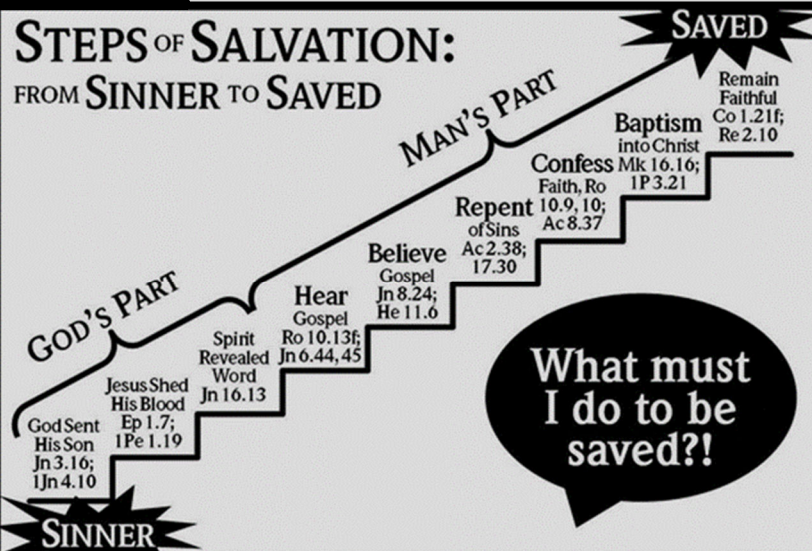


Announcements—Glenn Howze
Song Leading—Sunday—David Howze; Wednesday—Mark Howze
Serving the Lord's Supper
 Head: Mark Howze; Helpers: Justin Derrick, Wilfred Derrick, Ethan Howze
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Leo Derrick
 Helper: Ethan Howze
Scripture Reading—Braden Hilburn

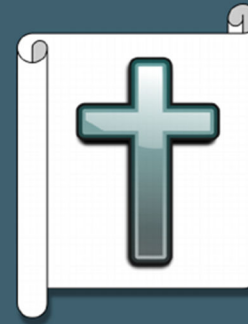
Faithful Worship — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Phil. 4:6); **2) Singing** without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); **3) Preaching** God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); **4) Giving** 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).

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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What Kind of Church?

By Johnny Ramsey

When we survey various churches in the first century we find challenges and disappointments among the brethren. Perhaps, these matters can help us to improve, correct and serve better in the kingdom of God's dear Son!

The church in **JERUSALEM** was genuinely benevolent as depicted in Acts 6. Daily they provided care for the widows in their midst. Christians had to help one another, because the Roman Empire would not assist those who refused to worship the emperor. The Jewish nation rejected the Messiah whom children of God honored. The church at Jerusalem set a high standard by caring for their own needy saints. Are we gracious in this area today? It is amazing how unconcerned and non-gracious some members of the church are today. They remind me of the sad prayer which one man offered: Bless me and my wife, Joe and his wife, Just us four, no more. Amen!

The church in **ANTIOCH** was exceptional in evangelism (Acts 13). The tours of evangelistic endeavor which proceeded from that landmark congregation set a high standard. With compassion for the lost, they had a vision for redeeming sinful men. Across the ancient world, they emblazoned the message of salvation. Few churches have gotten close to their quality of zeal and passion. They believed that the door to happiness swings outward so they "went everywhere preaching the word" (Acts 8:4) to a dying world. Sadly, so many of us are God's silent partners who forsake the challenge of the great commission. Don't forget: "Some people are like blisters: they never show up until the work is done."

The church at **LAODICEA** made the Lord sick (Rev. 3). They were self-reliant and ego-centered. They thought they had need of nothing.

Pompous and proud were they, but essentially they were poor, blind, miserable and wretched, so Jesus rebuked them. Much like some today in a fancy cathedral - where souls are never saved - they just bask in the social acceptance of the community while they break the heart of God! We ought to consider seriously this question: "How much would we be worth if we lost our money?"

The **COLOSSIAN** church was dedicated and Christ centered. The Lord was in them completely (Col. 1:27; 2:10). The epistle addressed to these brethren overflows with spiritual depth and growth. Their hearts were knit together in love, faith and devotion (Col. 2:2-7). This is the kind of church that we need to emulate.

The church in **PHILADELPHIA** was small in size, but powerful in pursuit of truth. As a result, the Lord opened doors for them to do even more. We are never asked to do more than we are capable of doing, but God demands that we never sit idle and complain over the problems around us. When we do the best we can with what we have, then heaven is pleased.

The church in **THYATIRA** tolerated sin and would not purge evil out of its midst (Rev. 2:18-24). Sounds like a lot of brethren I know today, who absolutely refuse to practice church discipline. Elders need to genuinely shepherd the flock of God (Acts 20:28-32) and not allow diseased and stubborn sheep to endanger the whole herd.

SMYRNA was faithful while persecution hovered over the church (Rev. 2:10), but **SARDIS** was dead and indifferent due to their worldliness which would cause their names to be removed from the Lamb's book of life.

The crowning joy of Paul's evangelism centered in **PHILIPPI** and **THESSALONICA**. Those two churches spread the gospel, loved one another and gave generously to the cause of Christ. What a combination! When we reflect upon New Testament churches, we think of the **BEREANS** who "examined the Scriptures daily" (Acts 17:11) due to their ardent zeal for divine mandates. The brethren in **EPHESUS** exposed error and were praised by the Lord Jesus Christ for such alert action (Rev. 2:2).

"What kind of church is this?" should be asked by every member, in view of eternity.

What Peter Didn't Say

By Nathan Brewer

The first Gospel sermon contains important information, but what remains unspoken is just as important.

First, in Acts 2 Peter doesn't tell the sinners in Jerusalem to "just believe" in order to be saved.

After explaining to the Jewish audience that they had killed their Savior, but that God had raised Him from the dead and set Jesus at His own right hand in heaven, some in the crowd ask what they need to do (Acts 2:37). In verse 38 Peter tells them to repent and be baptized so their sins can be forgiven.

He doesn't tell them to believe because they already believe. Peter has already preached Christ to them, and they respond by asking what they need to do. They've accepted Peter's information as true.

According to the popular Protestant doctrine of "faith only," handed down by 16th century reformer Martin Luther, these people in Acts 2 should have already been saved. They believed in Jesus. By the time Peter opens his lips in verse 38, they have accepted the basic facts of the Gospel. But they aren't saved yet, because Peter goes on in verse 38 to tell them what to do to be saved.

A sinner is not saved at the moment he believes.

Second, Peter doesn't tell this group of believing sinners to pray, even though a lot of people today are told to pray for Jesus to save them.

People usually cite Romans 10:13 when telling others to pray for salvation: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." But they could just as easily cite Acts 2:21, since Peter says the same thing.

At this point in the first recorded Gospel sermon, Peter is explaining that the miraculous sights and sounds the Jews in Jerusalem see and hear are the fulfillment of an Old Testament prophecy. Part of the prophecy is that "whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). In other words, it's time for salvation to be preached and for sinners to be saved.

Yet when believing sinners ask what to do in verse 37, Peter does not tell them to pray. In verse 38 he tells them to repent and be baptized to be forgiven. The salvation that was to come by calling on the name of the Lord in verse 21 is explained in verse 38 as repenting and being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

No one is saved by simply believing or by praying. To contact the blood of Christ and have your sins forgiven, you must believe, then be willing to repent and be baptized, as Jesus commands.

We "call on the name of the Lord" (appeal to His authority) to be saved when we are baptized to be saved (Acts 2:21>2:38; 22:16; cf. 1 Peter 3:20-21).

Acts 2:21	Acts 2:38
"...whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved"	"...Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..."

Acts 22:16

