

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
- ♦ Sandra Cook—chemotherapy
- ♦ 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
- ♦ Ronnie Wells—health problems

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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—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).

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Meeting Times

Sundays:

10AM Bible Class
 11AM Worship
 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

Other Information

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Just Why Do You Believe in God?

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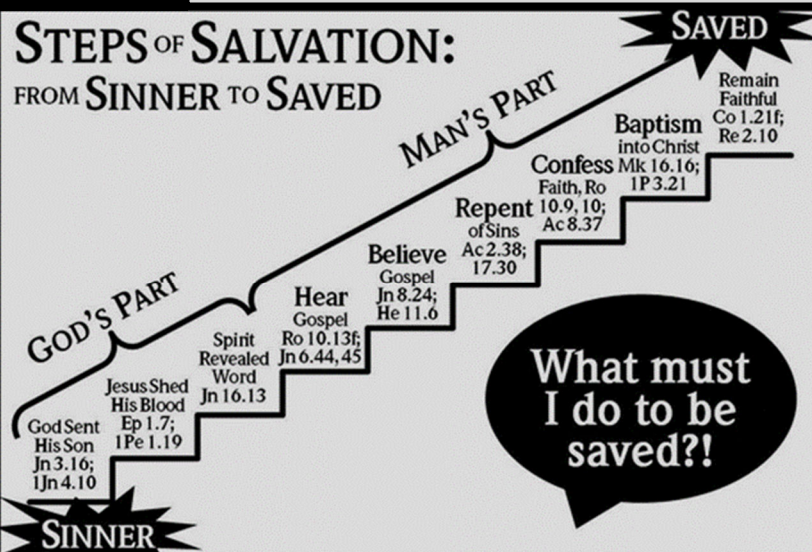
A skeptical physician once entertained the famous circuit rider, Peter Cartwright, who was Lincoln's opponent for the election to Congress. The skeptic asserted that the only reality was what the five senses discerned, and then asked, "Did you ever see a religion?" "No." "Did you ever hear a religion?" "No!" "Did you ever taste a religion?" "No!" "Did you ever smell a religion?" "No!" "Did you ever feel a religion?" "Yes." "Now then," said the doctor, "I have proved beyond a doubt by four respectable witnesses that religion is not seen, heard, tasted, or smelled, and but one solitary witness, namely, feeling, has testified that it is an experimental fact. The weight of evidence is overpowering, sir, and you must give it up."

Cartwright then said to the doctor: "In pretending to relieve human pain in the human system, you have been playing the hypocrite and practicing a most wretched fraud on the gullibility of the people." To the doctor's indignant, protest, Mr. Cartwright said: "Did you ever see a pain?" "No!" "Did you ever hear a pain?" "No!" "Did you ever taste a pain?" "Nor "Did you ever smell a pain?" "No!" "Did you ever feel a pain?" "Yes." "Then," said Cartwright, "four respectable witnesses against one have testified that there is no such thing as pain in the human system."

And the experience related above only the more emphasizes the truth of the scripture: "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God" (Psa. 14:1). For God has not deemed it necessary to offer rebuttal "in kind" to all the vain arguments of man. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language,

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).

where their voice is not heard" (Psa. 19:1-3). Only the man who has become intoxicated by his own assumed wisdom can overlook the evidence which God has shown throughout the vast stretches of the universe.

He, "Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?" (Isa. 40:12), has surely not been placed on the defensive by the puny efforts of any of His creatures! And yet He has provided the answers to all the questions that confront the race of man. Any question that is not answered for us is a matter that confronts God, and not us. For those things which we cannot know are matters over which we could have no control, anyway.

"It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity" (Isa 40:22-23). Never should we minimize the greatness of our God by trying to humanize His wisdom, and demand that He answer to us! All of our judgments are vanity as viewed by the wisdom of the Creator!

The folly of man is never more evident than when he lifts his frail voice against the overwhelming manifestations of the Divine! It is only the spiritually blind and depraved that fail to see God's existence portrayed in all the wonders of His creation. The evidence of God is emblazoned on each leaf, each flower, each smile, and each sunset! Every voice in the great universe cries out in harmony that God exists, save the voice of fallen Man!

Why should God be called upon to offer greater manifestations or more complete evidence?

"But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence" (1 Cor. 1:27-29).

You can rest assured that your most profound thought is very weak and frail in the sight of the God who endowed you with the intelligence you have! Daniel Webster, when asked his most profound thought, replied, "My gravest thought is that I must someday stand, before, the judgment seat of God."

Those who reject God by failing to accept the evidence of His being have no more destroyed God than they have removed mountains by just closing their eyes. It will still speak comfort to devout believers after your skepticism has gone the way of all flesh. You can as easily bleach a sunset as you can erase the evidence of God's existence [The Vindicator, August, 1962].

"Just Preach About Love"

By Jerry Joseph

In response to hearing the Truth upheld and false doctrine being refuted, some say, "Why don't you just preach about love?" Some have the notion, and it is false, that you cannot declare and defend the Truth and at the same time have love. The thinking of some is that love will never condemn sin, and if one does so, he is unloving.

Some are confused about what Bible "love" really is and how it is to be demonstrated. Preaching Bible "love" in no way precludes declaring, demonstrating and defending Bible Truth. If we are to preach "love" and we must, what is involved?

To preach "love" is to preach the LOVE OF GOD. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him" (1 John 4:9).

To preach "love" is to preach LOVE FOR GOD. "Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment" (Matt. 22:36-38). "We love him, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). It is not enough just to declare with our lips our love for God, our love must also be demonstrated by and in our lives. Therefore, we will (1) spend time in prayer (Col. 4:2); (2) search and study His Word (John 5:39; 2 Tim. 2:15); (3) seek spiritual things first (Matt. 6:33); (4) serve him in obeying His Word (John 14:15) and (5) state and show our love for others (1 Jn. 4:21).

To preach "love" is to preach LOVE FOR GOD'S WORD. "O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day" (Psalm 119:97). If we have a love for God's Word, then that will be demonstrated in what we proclaim and practice. A love for God's Word means that we will "preach the word" (2 Tim. 4:2); "speak the truth in love" (Eph. 4:15); not preach a perverted Gospel (Gal. 1:6-9); "rightly divide the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15) and not "wrest" the Scriptures (2 Peter 3:16).

To preach "love" is to preach LOVE FOR THOSE WHO ARE GODLY AND THOSE WHO ARE GODLESS. We are to love all mankind, including our enemies (Matt. 22:39; 5:43-44). "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also" (1 Jn. 4:20-21). We are to "love one another with a pure heart fervently" (1 Peter 1:23). Love for others means that we will do what we can to help physically and spiritually (Galatians 6:1-2, 10; 1 John 3:17; James 5:19-20; Jude 23). Proclaiming the Truth to others, praying for others, persuading people to give up their sins and to promptly obey the Gospel is demonstrating the proper kind of love for others. We cannot say that we are preaching "love" and that we genuinely love others when we withhold the saving Gospel from them and refuse to "reprove, rebuke and exhort" (2 Timothy 4:2).