

## Prayer List



### Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Wilfred Derrick—aneurysm
- ♦ Florene Howze—surg. recovery
- ♦ Donna Parrish—health problems
- ♦ Brenda Ray—recovering from bite
- ♦ Jim Ward—hip surgery needed

### Others in Need

- ♦ Janet Andrews—chemotherapy
- ♦ Sandra Cook—chemotherapy
- ♦ Elise Davis—shoulder surgery
- ♦ Tony Jones—back injury, better
- ♦ Mary Lou Joseph—cancer
- ♦ Alisha Mashburn—skin cancer
- ♦ Jeff Mashburn—rehabilitation
- ♦ Paul Mayo—chemotherapy
- ♦ Thad McCall—health problems
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Patty Ryan—cancer treatments
- ♦ Patty Ryan's sister passed
- ♦ Randall Ward—tests
- ♦ Ronnie Wells—health problems

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### Christians overseas struggling

- ♦ Pray also for government leaders, military, those traveling, those lost in sin, and our enemies.

## Events

Lord willing...

**November 14**

*Men's Meeting*

**November 24**

*4th Wednesday Singing*

**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).

## To Our Visitors

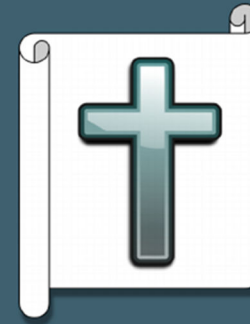


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

## Privileged to Serve



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



# THE BAKER BULLETIN

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**November 14, 2021**

## Meeting Times

### Sundays:

- 10AM Bible Class
- 11AM Worship
- 6PM Worship

### Wednesdays:

- 7PM Bible Class

## Other Information

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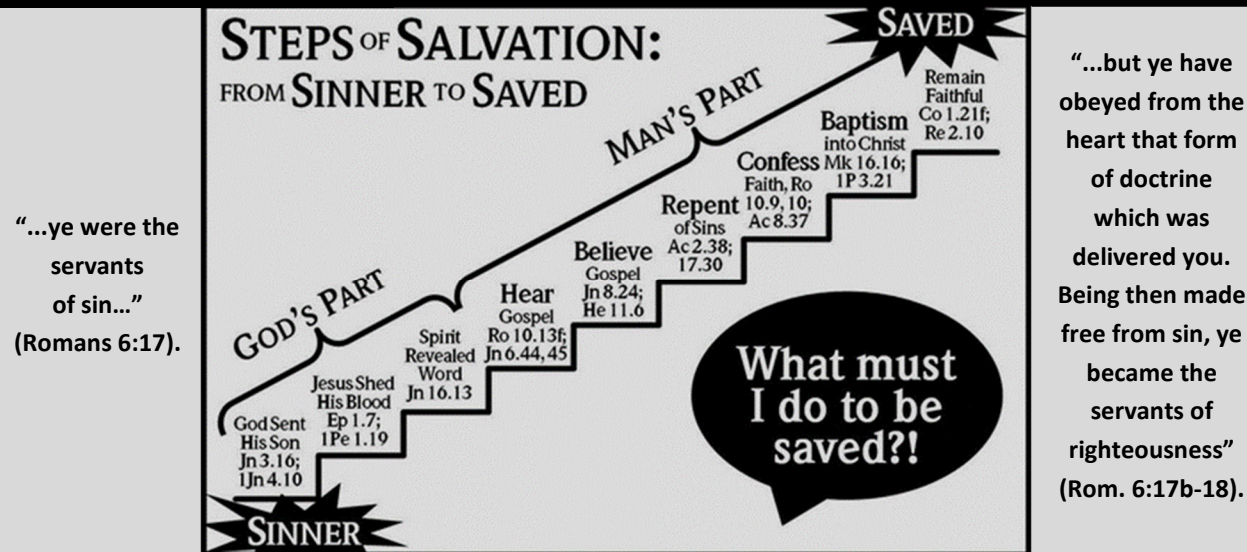
## The Lord Our God is One: Thoughts on Deuteronomy 6:4 (Part 2)

By Jason Patrick Hilburn

Not only is the Father the God of all those mentioned above from the Old Testament, but He is also the God of Jesus Christ! Jesus said, "...I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God" (John 20:17, cf. 10:29, 14:28, 17:3, Mat. 27:46, 1 Cor. 11:3, 2 Cor. 11:31, Eph. 1:3, Heb. 1:9, 1 Pet. 1:3). Jesus was called "God" in Old Testament Scriptures such as Psalm 45:6, but in the same passage the Father was called the God of Jesus: "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever...God, thy God, hath anointed thee..." (Psa. 45:6-7, cf. Heb. 1:8-9). When Jesus came to Earth, He affirmed that He was God's Son, while also being eternally divine Himself (Mark 14:61-6, John 1:1-3, 10:36). Jesus had existed in eternal past in the equal "form" of glory with God the Father but took the humble "form" of a man to save sinful men (Php. 2:5-9, cf. Mic. 5:2).

Now that Christ is back in Heaven, He has been exalted to glory, but is still subject to the First Person (1 Cor. 11:3), as He apparently was even before His incarnation. If phrases such as "God...reconciled us...by Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 5:18, cf. Eph. 1:5, 1 The. 5:9), God speaking "by His Son" (Heb. 1:1-2), and God judging the world "by Jesus Christ" (Rom. 2:16; cf. John 5:22, 27; Acts 17:31) indicate God's Headship over Christ (with Jesus carrying out God's will), then so does this statement: "God...created all things by Jesus Christ" (Eph. 3:9, cf. Gen. 1:26; Heb. 1:2). If Jesus submitted to God's plan in creation, Jesus was

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being submissive to the First Person of the Godhead before the Second Person came to Earth (cf. Eph. 3:11). See principles of authority in John 4:1-2 and 13:16. The One in authority is given credit, although the one(s) underneath Him are the ones actually carrying out the work by executing his commands (John 4:1-2, cf. 3:17, 13:16, 14:28, Eph. 3:9).

“There is one God! So state the Scriptures (Mal. 2:10; Mark 12:32; Rom. 3:30; 1 Cor. 8:6; 1 Tim. 2:5; James 2:19). Paul wrote, by inspiration, in the context of a discussion of unity, that there is: “One God and Father of all, who is above all...” (Eph. 4:6)...one Supreme Being” (Liddell 113). The eternally divine nature of Jesus Christ or the Holy Spirit is unquestionable, but only one Being is literally supreme over all others in authority, and we call Him God the Father. There is no other like Him. Neither Jesus nor the Holy Spirit is over God the Father in authority, but the Father is “the one God” who is truly “above all.” He has titles of superiority over Jesus, such as the Father of Jesus, the Head of Jesus, and the God of Jesus, and any who deny the Father such distinctions are guilty of opposing the unity desired and expressed in Ephesians 4:1-6.

God is the Father...in the Godhead of three divine persons Who share one divine nature, and essence...He is above all reigning supreme for there is none above him. He is sovereign, expressing His will, ruling in His own right. God is sitting on the throne of the universe, exalted, uplifted, and unchallenged. There is no other like Him. ‘Hear O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD (Deut. 6:4) (Liddell 117, 2003).

Even if the Hebrew word *echad* (translated as “one” in Deuteronomy 6:4) implies “a compound unity” rather than a literal number one (such as two people becoming “one flesh” in marriage), and even though Jesus and the Holy Spirit can rightfully be called “God” or “Yahweh,” nothing changes the fact that the New Testament specifies the First Person of the Godhead as the one God who is above all. The same prayer in which Jesus requested that all His followers be one, as He and the Father are one (John 17:11, 22), is also a prayer in which Jesus described the Father as “the only true God” separately from Jesus Himself: “...that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent” (John 17:3, cf. 13:16, 14:28, 1 Cor. 8:4-6, Eph. 4:6, 1 The. 1:9-10, 1 Tim. 2:5). Perhaps Jesus said this because the Father is the only Being with no other being over Him in authority.

Some brethren have run so far from the “Jehovah’s Witnesses” errors of denying Jesus’ deity that they have run into the error of placing Jesus on equal authority with God the Father, claiming that the Godhead Members are “equal in all aspects.” They assert that since Jesus has returned to Heaven, He has equal authority with the Father. However, Paul wrote these words after Jesus’ ascension to Heaven: “But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God” (1 Cor. 11:3, cf. 15:24-28). The

Father and Son do not have the same authority. Note that a father and mother are both parents (having parenthood), but the father is the head of his wife, having God-given authority over her. In a similar way, Members of the Godhead are all Deity (having Godhood), but the Father is the Head, above all (1 Cor. 11:3, Eph. 4:4-6). One wonders why many manuscripts and entire books have been written on the Godhead which never address this crucial truth from God’s Holy Word.

Some in the brotherhood seem to have an unbalanced view of the Godhead that slants everything towards Jesus. They seem to only talk about Jesus, and some have even publicly expressed that they could be perfectly happy if only Jesus were in Heaven with them. What an insult that must be to the Father, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, that some of His children could be perfectly happy without ever being in His presence or meeting Him at all! (Jam. 1:17, cf. Mat. 6:4, 7:11, 20:23, 22:36-38). Jesus is absolutely worthy of adoration and anticipation, and inspired writers like Paul looked forward to being with Christ, but not to the exclusion of the Father.

Being with the Father should be an essential part of the Christian’s hope and view of Heaven. After all, the very reason Jesus died on the cross was to reconcile men to the Father! (Rom. 5:10; 1 Tim. 2:5, 6; 1 Pet. 3:18). Jesus Himself emphasized that He would prepare a place where men can be with the Father: “...ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions...no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:1-6). It is a very unbalanced view of the Scriptures to place all emphasis on Jesus or the Spirit, as Pentecostals often do, to the exclusion of our loving, giving Father.

Some brethren have concluded that since Jesus and the Father are “one” and can both be called Yahweh, that the Godhead Members must be the same Spirit, the same Being. However, an earthly father and son may wear the same name and be united in nature and mindset, but that certainly does not make them the same spirit, being, or person; nor does it give them the same authority or roles. The Godhead Members have had different roles in creation, revelation, salvation, and acts of worship such as prayer. Jesus wants Christians to be one in the same way that He and the Father are one—in mindset (and in nature, of course). Jesus prayed to the Father, “that they may be one, even as we are one” (John 17:22; cf. 10:29-30; 14:28; 17:3, 11, 17; 1 Cor. 1:10; 2:16). Christians are not all the same person, and neither are Jesus and the Father the same Person, although they are united as “one.” “We do not affirm that Jesus is the Father. We simply recognize the fact that inspired writers ascribe the descriptive noun Jehovah to all three persons of the sacred Godhead. The word Jehovah describes a person who is eternal and self-existent. This is true of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit” (Waddey 141). In fact, it is **only** true of those three, and no other, for no other being could rightfully be called Yahweh, eternally self-existent.

*To be continued next week, Lord willing...*