

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Leo Derrick—elbow surg. 5/18
- ♦ Wilfred Derrick—aneurysm
- ♦ Florene Howze—Carington Manor
- ♦ Jim Ward—surgery recovery, rehabilitation in Mobile, AL

Others in Need

- ♦ Elise Davis—shoulder surgery
- ♦ Viem Do—surgery recovery
- ♦ Mary Lou Joseph—cancer
- ♦ Carol Kitzan—health problems
- ♦ Jeff Mashburn—health problems
- ♦ Paul Mayo—chemotherapy
- ♦ Thad McCall—health problems
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Luke Muse—undergoing tests
- ♦ Eti Princess—preg. complications
- ♦ Patty Ryan—better results
- ♦ Randall Ward—slow cancer

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- ♦ Ronnie Wells—radiation was ineffective
- ♦ Christians overseas, Ukraine
- ♦ Government leaders, military, 1st responders, travelers, the lost, and our enemies.

Events

May 15-18

Milestone Gospel Meeting

July 17-20

Mossy Head Gospel Mtg.

July 31-Aug. 3

Union Hill Gospel Meeting

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

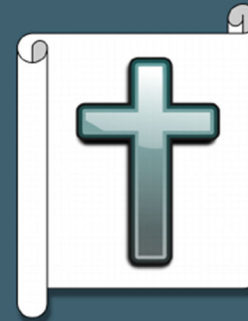


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

Privileged to Serve



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



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Meeting Times

Sundays:

10AM Bible Class
 11AM Worship
 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

Other Information

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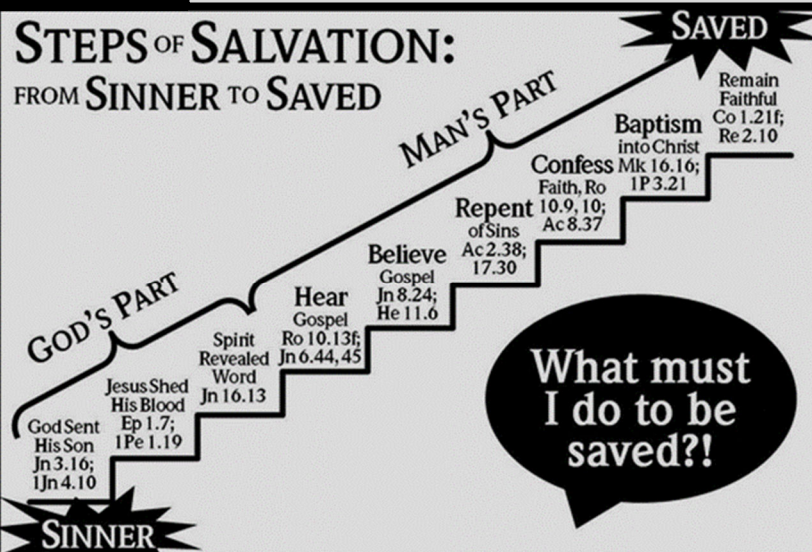
A Few Words from Jason

Last week was the 65th anniversary of the congregation meeting here in Baker, and we had five days of Gospel preaching. We usually have this Spring Homecoming meeting, but this one was unusually special, because the men of this congregation did the preaching! I heard at least one person who attended say that they had never heard of a congregation doing that before. I share that not to cause any of our congregation to be prideful, but to be thankful that we are so blessed to have knowledgeable brothers in Christ who are willing to use their talents to teach and preach God's Word. As a preacher, it is comforting for me to know that I am working and worshiping with sound brothers who know the Truth and have a strong desire to uphold it. That makes my work (and my whole life) a lot better, and this meeting was a reminder of that.

We studied Stewardship of God's Word, Time, Money, Technology, Influence, Family, and The Soul. Those who spoke were Leo Derrick, Ethan Howze, Glenn Howze, Mark Howze, and myself. Each lesson was filled with Scriptures and had practical applications that everyone could understand. David Howze did a great job leading singing, as usual. We always appreciate him using his song leading talents, as well as Caleb Howze and others who lead singing. We also are thankful to have great food prepared by the ladies every month! Our monthly fellowship meals are always great, and this last one was no exception. During the week we had visitors from Andalusia, Wing, Innerarity Point, Mossy Head, Pensacola, Freeport, Milton, and other places. It was a great week, and we dedicate all efforts to God's glory.

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).

After Death—What Then?

Rod Rutherford

Have you ever wondered what happens immediately following death? Most of us have thought about this at some time or other. There is a story in the New Testament which supplies us with much information about what happens immediately following death. This story was told by Jesus. It is recorded in Luke 16:19-31.

The story tells about two men. One man was very rich. He had everything that he desired. The other man, Lazarus, was very poor. He was sick. He lay at the gate of the rich man's house and begged for the scraps that fell from the rich man's table.

After a time Lazarus died. The rich man also died. Just as there was a great difference in life between the two men so there is also a great difference in death between them. However, the situation is now reversed. Lazarus was "carried away by the angels into Abraham's bosom." But the rich man "lifted up his eyes being in torment." There are many very valuable lessons which we can learn from this story. One lesson is that wealth, power, and social position do not extend beyond this life on earth. The rich man had all of these and yet he went to a place of torment. Lazarus had none of these things in this life. Yet he was in a place of happiness after death.

Another lesson is that consciousness continues beyond the grave. Some think that when one dies he is simply unconscious until the resurrection. This is not true. The body "sleeps" in the grave. The soul does not. Memory also continues beyond the grave. The rich man was fully conscious. He recognized Lazarus. He remembered that he had five brothers back on the earth. He was concerned about them and begged Abraham to send Lazarus back to preach to them so that they would not come to the place of torment where he was.

Many fathers and mothers after death will remember their children and how they failed to teach them about God when they had the opportunity. They will long for someone to teach them so that they will not come to be with them in torment. Many will remember with deep regret the opportunities they had to prepare for death while on earth, but did not take advantage of them.

Still another lesson that Jesus taught in this story is that after death, there is no second chance. The rich man begged for Abraham to "send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue" but Abraham refused. He

pointed out that "there is a great gulf fixed" and that none could cross over it.

God has given us the time that we have on this earth so that we can prepare for death, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). But once death comes, it is too late! There are only two possible places to go when we die. There is the place of the blessed where Lazarus went. This is the place where God's faithful children go to await the resurrection and the Judgment. There is also the place of torment where the rich man went. This is the place where people go at death who have taken no thought for God and for doing His will during their lifetime on earth.

What about you? Are you prepared for death? Life on earth is uncertain. We have no assurance that we will live to see tomorrow. Death is certain. The Bible warns, "Come now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow, we will go into this city, and spend a year there, and trade, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. What is your life? For ye are a vapour that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away?" (James 4:13,14).

The Bible also says, "Behold now is day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). Begin today while there is time. Believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God (John 8:24). He alone is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). Only through Christ can we be saved eternally (Acts 4:11,12). Repent of all your past sins (Acts 17:30,31). Confess your faith in Christ as the Son of God (Acts 8:37). Be buried with Him in baptism to have your sins washed away (Romans 6:4; Acts 22:16). Then serve Christ faithfully in His church for the rest of your life and you will be blessed throughout all eternity. "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:8).

"For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead" (Luke 16:28-31).