

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Leo Derrick—staph inf. in arm
- ♦ Wilfred Derrick—aneurysm
- ♦ Florene Howze—Asst. Living
- ♦ Donna Parish—surg. recovery
- ♦ Jim Ward—surgery recovery

Others in Need

- ♦ John Branch—in hospital
- ♦ Elise Davis—shoulder surgery
- ♦ Viem Do—surgery recovery
- ♦ Mary Lou Joseph—cancer
- ♦ Carol Kitzan—health problems
- ♦ Mr. Martin—ICU
- ♦ Jeff Mashburn—health problems
- ♦ Taylor Mashburn—pregnancy complications
- ♦ Paul Mayo—chemotherapy
- ♦ Thad McCall—health problems
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Peggy Preece—migraines, COPD
- ♦ Peggy Preece's daughter,

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Angel—blood clot

- ♦ Shane Price—surgery went well
- ♦ Patty Ryan—better results
- ♦ Gene Taylor—cancer
- ♦ Randall Ward—slow cancer
- ♦ Ronnie Wells—radiation was ineffective
- ♦ Christians overseas, Ukraine
- ♦ Government leaders, military, 1st responders, travelers, the lost, and our enemies.

Events



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).

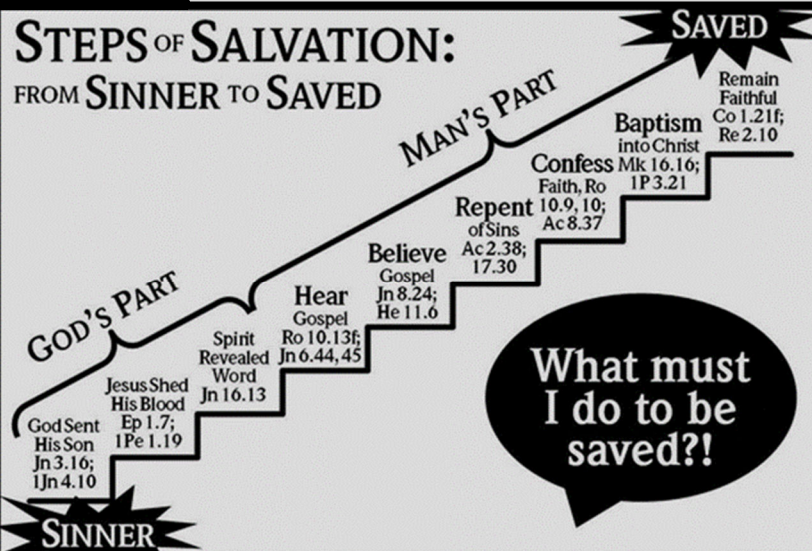
Privileged to Serve



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

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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Crisis in the Home: Sodomy/Homosexuality

Part 2 of 2 by Ronnie Whittemore

Collateral damage. Unfortunately the story is not over. The aftermath yields more heartache for Lot and his family. Lot was fearful of the city of Zoar, perhaps not wanting a repeat of the horrible event of Sodom. Lot and his daughters lived alone in the mountains, no doubt an overreaction to their crisis. The daughters, afraid they will not have children while dwelling in the mountains with their father, made Lot drunk. He commits incest with his daughters and they each bear a son whom they named Moab and Benammi. Centuries later, their descendants, the Moabites and Ammonites, were enemies of the Israelites. How often people make poor choices on the heels of crises!

This episode shows the progressiveness of sin. Friends, Satan has a plan. He has an agenda. He has used television and music and movie themes to advance his plan of homosexuality. His evil influence has infiltrated so many institutions like the military, the NBA, the NFL, school systems, and on and on. He uses lawsuits. He stacks polls. He advances propaganda with regularity to urge people to tolerate and ultimately accept the homosexual/lesbian agenda. The ultimate goal is to gain the approval of citizens and recruits among the innocent. He is having success in getting more and more to accept it, and those who don't, to keep their mouth silent.

CHALLENGES TO STAND AGAINST HOMOSEXUALITY

We have the challenge to keep ourselves, our homes and the church pure. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction,

and to **keep himself unspotted from the world**" (James 1:27). Paul wrote, "*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And **be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God**" (Rom. 12:1-2). We also read, "*Abstain from all appearance of evil*" (1 Thess. 5:22).*

We have the challenge to condemn the world by living and upholding righteousness. "*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. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and **men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God**" (John 3:16-21).*

We have the challenge to remember our former state. In 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Paul reminded his readers of their previous status as sinners and enemies of God by their choices and conduct. "*Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither **fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And **such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God**" (1 Cor. 6:9-11).***

We have the challenge to withdraw from the disorderly (Gal. 1:6-9; 2 Thess. 3:6,11,14-15; 2 John 9:11). "*Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us*" (2 Thess. 3:6).

CONCLUSION

There are so many lessons to learn from this crisis in Lot's home. Lot was outnumbered, so are we! The homosexual movement had an agenda, a plan. They have infiltrated so many institutions. They have national and political leaders. Friend, would you waive a rainbow flag in support of the homosexual movement? Would you march in the "pride parades?" Would you give your money to the homosexual cause? Then why do so many Christians still vote for national and local politicians who push the homosexual agenda? One day God will judge whether we encouraged this evil or fought against it (John 12:48; 2 Cor. 6:14-18).

How can we be sure of the outcome of this crisis? There is an investigation underway. God knows what mankind does to His wonderful creation. He will listen to the cries of His people. Do we grieve? Are we praying? Our homes are suffering. The church is embattled. We need God's help! Where are you in this crisis?

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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, Christians 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).