

Prayer List



Of Our Number

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

Others in Need

- ♦ John Branch—in hospital
- ♦ Charles Compton—cancer
- ♦ Elise Davis—shoulder surgery
- ♦ Mary Lou Joseph—cancer
- ♦ Carol Kitzan—health problems
- ♦ Mr. Martin—passed away
- ♦ Jeff Mashburn—health problems
- ♦ Taylor Mashburn—pregnancy complications
- ♦ Paul Mayo—chemotherapy
- ♦ Thad McCall—health problems
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Audrey Murdock—broke 2 ribs
- ♦ Peggy Preece's daughter,

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Angel—blood clot

- ♦ 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

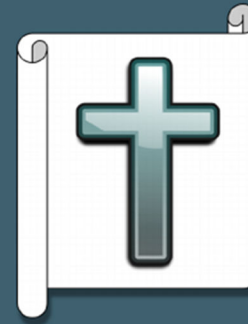


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

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



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Meeting Times

Sundays:

10AM Bible Class
 11AM Worship
 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

Other Information

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"The Head of Christ is God"

Part 2, by Jason Patrick Hilburn

In Jesus' prayer of John 17, He requested to have the same glory He had before He came to earth (17:5, 24). God has now highly exalted Jesus to glory, yet Jesus is in subjection to His Father (Jn. 17; I Cor. 11:3). How can Jesus have the same glory as before the incarnation, but be in subjection now in Heaven? Apparently it is because the Second Person was subject to the First Person of the Godhead before He came to earth. That is what is indicated when all the Scriptures are examined.

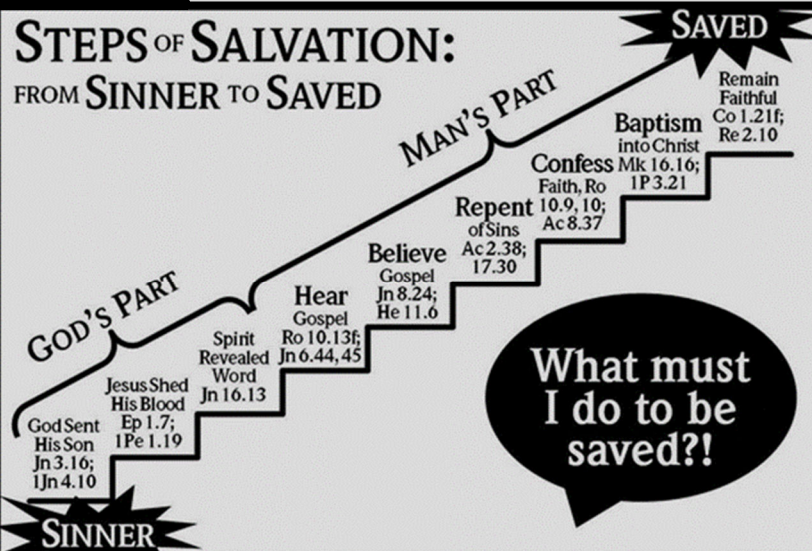
DURING JESUS' MINISTRY

When Jesus was on earth, His claim that He was the Son of God implied that He was "equal with God" (Jn. 5:18). What is meant by "equal with God" in that context? Jesus was rightfully claiming His divinity. The Jews were dishonoring Jesus (Jn. 5:16), and Jesus was teaching them that if they honored the Father, they should also honor Him, because Jesus would be their Judge on the day of resurrection (Jn. 5:22-29). Jesus was (and forever will be) divine, as is God the Father. However, even though Jesus was equal with God in some ways, He was not equal with God in every way. In the same chapter, Jesus expressed His subordination to His Father. He said that the Father was the one

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).

who had given Jesus authority to judge, and He also said these words:

Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise...I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me" (Jn. 5:19, 30).

Some claim that John 10:30 proves that Jesus and the Father are equal in every way. While Jesus was on earth He said, "I and my Father are one" (Jn. 10:30). Jesus and the Father were one in nature, one in mindset, and were united in will and purpose. However, they did not have the same authority. Consider the fact that in the same book John records Jesus praying for all of His followers to be "one" (Jn. 17). Does that mean that all of Jesus' followers have the same authority? All Christians are equal in some ways, but not equal in all ways. For example, there are some called "elders" who have "the rule over" the local congregations with whom they worship (1 Pet. 5:1-4; Heb. 13:7, 17). Since Jesus said Christians are all to be one, does that mean that every Christian has the same authority as elders? Being united as "one" in mind and purpose does not mean Christians are all exactly the same in every way, and neither does it mean that the Father and His Son are the same in every way, or equal in authority.

Please notice Jesus' own words from the same Book of John: "...my Father is greater than I" (Jn. 14:28). If Jesus were equal with His Father in every way, why would Jesus say that His Father was greater? They were equal in some ways, but not all ways. Besides the difference in authority, there was also unequal knowledge. There was at least one thing the Father knew that the Son did not. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father" (Mk. 13:31-32; cf. Lk. 2:52).

AFTER JESUS' RESURRECTION

The Father was over the Son in authority before Jesus' death on the cross, but what about when Jesus returned from the grave? When Jesus said He had been given all authority in heaven and earth (Mt. 28:18), that did not mean that Jesus was over God the Father in authority, or even equal with the Father in authority in every way. It was the Father who gave His Son that authority, and the Father was excepted in that

statement. After Jesus had returned from the grave, He said all authority has been given to Him, but He also said that God the Father was His God (His Supreme Ruler). "Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God" (Jn. 20:17). Therefore, God the Father was still the God (Ruler, Head) of Jesus, even though Jesus had been given the "authority" mentioned in Matthew 28:18.

FROM JESUS' ASCENSION TO THE DAY OF JUDGMENT

The reader will recall the pattern of God accomplishing things through the submissive Second Person of the Godhead: 1) in creation: "God...created all things by Jesus Christ" (Eph. 3:9; cf. 3:11; Jn. 4:1-2; Heb. 1:1; I Cor. 8:6); 2) in revelation: "God...hath...spoken...by His Son" (Heb. 1:1-2; cf. Jn. 17:8); 3) in reconciliation: "God...reconciled us...by Jesus Christ" (II Cor. 5:18; cf. Eph. 1:5; I Th. 5:9).

The same pattern will be seen in the following future events: 1) in the resurrection: "He...shall raise up us also by Jesus" (II Cor. 4:14); and 2) in the judgment: "God shall judge...by Jesus Christ" (Rom. 2:16; Acts 10:42; 17:30). All of this indicates that God is still the Head of Christ, even though Jesus is back in Heaven in His former glory. Again, He who sends is "greater" than He who is sent (Jn. 13:16; cf. Jn. 3:17; Heb. 3:1; I Jn. 4:14).

Nothing stated so far could be any clearer than this: "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" (I Cor. 11:3). First Corinthians was written after Jesus was back in Heaven, yet it teaches that God is still the Head of Christ. It was not written in the past tense, as if the head of Christ *was* God. It is not as if that were only true before Jesus returned to Heaven. The term "head" implies someone who is over another in authority. Think of a head being positioned above a body that tells the body's members what to do. The plain teaching is that just as Christ has authority over the church and man has authority over the woman, God has authority over His glorified Son in Heaven. Note that a father and mother are both equally parents, but the father is the head of his wife, having God-given authority over her (cf. I Cor. 11:3). In a similar way, Members of the Godhead are all Deity (Mt. 28:19), but the Father is the Head, above all (Eph. 4:6).

To be continued next week, if the Lord wills...