

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Wilfred Derrick—aneurysm
- ♦ Jim Ward—critical condition, strokes, paralyzed on left side

Others in Need

- ♦ Charles Compton—cancer
- ♦ Mary Lou Joseph—cancer
- ♦ Michael Hudson—health problems
- ♦ Carol Kitzan—health problems
- ♦ 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, Angel—blood clot
- ♦ Patty Ryan—hospice care

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- ♦ The Spears family after the loss of their 13 yr. old daughter Maleia
- ♦ Ronnie Wells—health problems
- ♦ Christians overseas, Ukraine
- ♦ Government leaders, military, 1st responders, travelers, the lost, and our enemies.

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



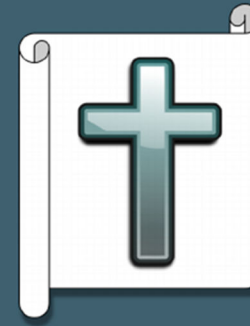
Aug. 14
Men's Meeting

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

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

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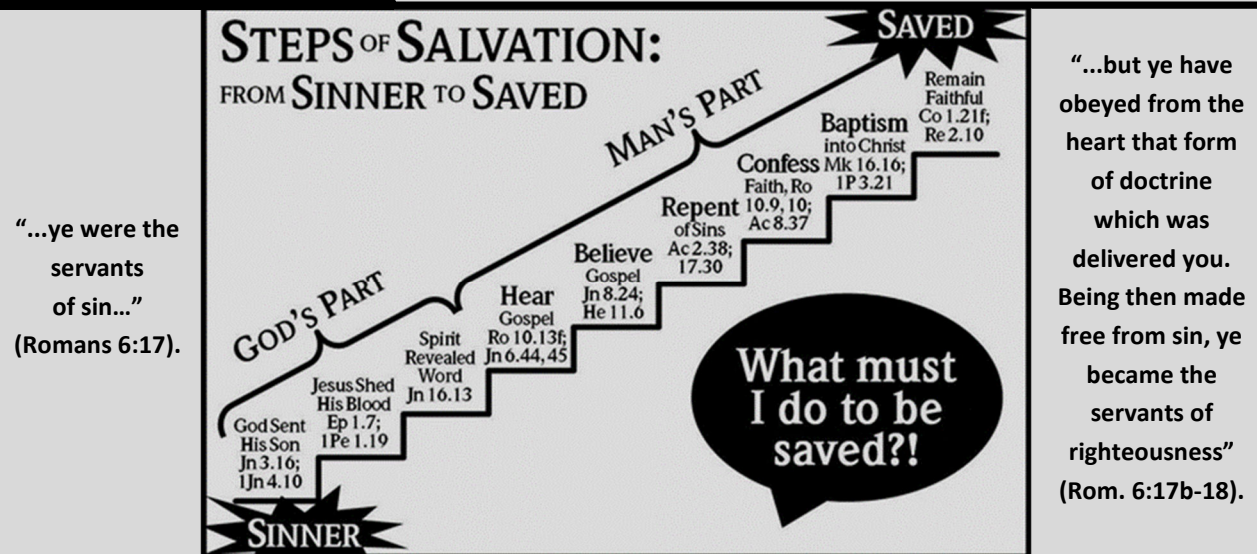
He Won't Go to the Doctor

Part 1 by Jason Patrick Hilburn

How many times have you heard someone say, "He is sick, but he won't go to the doctor"? There are some kinds of sicknesses that will go away "on their own," but many illnesses will not go away without proper medical treatment. The spiritual sickness of sin is the most horrible of all diseases, and it will never go away on its own. We have to admit that we need help from God to rid ourselves of this disease - we have to be willing to go to the Great Doctor! Jesus compared Himself to a physician (Mark 2:17), and He is the greatest physician this world has ever known because He is the only one who can cure the "sickness" of sin. Please notice some observations along these lines:

Those who are "sin-sick" should be seeking the cure for sin. Being sick is no fun, but being sin-sick is much worse. Sin is the greatest problem man has ever known. Physical sicknesses can cause us to lose our lives, but sin will cause us to lose our souls! Sin is committed when we transgress God's law (1 John 3:4), and sin causes us to be separated from God: "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear" (Isaiah

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59:1, 2). If we are separated from God, we are lost and have no hope of being saved: *"That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world"* (Ephesians 2:12). If we do not find and apply the cure for sin before we die or before the Lord returns, we will suffer eternal torment because of our sins (Romans 6:23; Matthew 25:46).

The Great Physician is the only one who can cure the disease of sin! Today people are trying everything they can imagine to remove the guilt they feel, instead of actually having their sins washed away by the blood of Christ. Many psychiatrists are telling their patients that they just need to feel good about themselves, and that they should not be anxious or concerned about the things they have done wrong in the past. However, the Bible tells us just the opposite! We should feel guilty about the sins we have committed! It should break our hearts to know that the Son of God had to die on the cross for the sins we committed! That sorrow should lead us to repentance, and repentance should lead us to obedience and salvation: *"For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of..."* (2 Corinthians 7:10; Hebrews 5:9). People seeking happiness and a clear conscience without God are going to the wrong doctor!

It can also be said that people who are seeking forgiveness of sins through religions other than pure Biblical Christianity are also going to the wrong doctor. We may be deceived into believing that there are other doctors who can make us well spiritually, but the truth is that if our sins have not been washed away by the blood of Christ, we are lost! There is no other way to Heaven but through Christ (John 14:6; Acts 4:12), and false doctrine will cause one to be lost (1 Timothy 4:16; Galatians 5:4). The Great Physician shed His blood so that our sins could be forgiven (Matthew 26:28; 2 Corinthians 5:21), and we contact that blood when we are baptized into His death, where there was both blood and water: *"But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water"* (John 19:33-34).

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the

Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection" (Romans 6:3-5).

The Great Physician will not heal those who refuse to come to Him! There are many sick people who openly state that they know they need to go to the doctor, yet they refuse to do so. There are also many who know they are spiritually sick, yet they refuse to go to the Great Physician. Jesus invites the whole world to come to Him to be healed (Matthew 11:28-30); however, a doctor cannot help someone who refuses his counsel, and neither will Christ help any who refuse to come to Him. There is a false doctrine called universalism which teaches that the Great Physician is going to heal everyone in the entire world – even those who refuse to come to Him; however, Jesus said that only a minority of people will be saved: *"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it"* (Matthew 7:13, 14). He also said that those who will be saved are those who actually seek and follow the will of God: *"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven"* (Matthew 7:21). Those who are old enough to be held accountable must go to the Great Physician or die spiritually!

The Great Physician will not heal those who refuse to follow His orders. How many sick people go to the doctor, but then refuse to do what the doctor says? One may wonder why the person even went to the doctor at all if he is not going to follow the doctor's directions! A doctor may prescribe things like proper exercise, diet, and perhaps medicine, but this counsel is given in vain to those who refuse to act upon it. The same is true for those who seek out the Great Physician, yet fail to do what He says: *"And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"* (Luke 6:46). Many rejected the counsel of God during the days of John the Baptist by not being baptized: *"But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him"* (Luke 7:30). Even today those who refuse baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins are rejecting the counsel of the Great Physician against their own best interest (Acts 2:38-41).

To be continued next week, if God wills...