

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ◆ Wilfred Derrick—aneurysm
- ◆ Jim Ward—some improvement after strokes

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

Continued in next column...

- ◆ The Spears family after the loss of their 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. 24
4th Wednesday Singing

Sept. 4
Meal after AM Worship

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

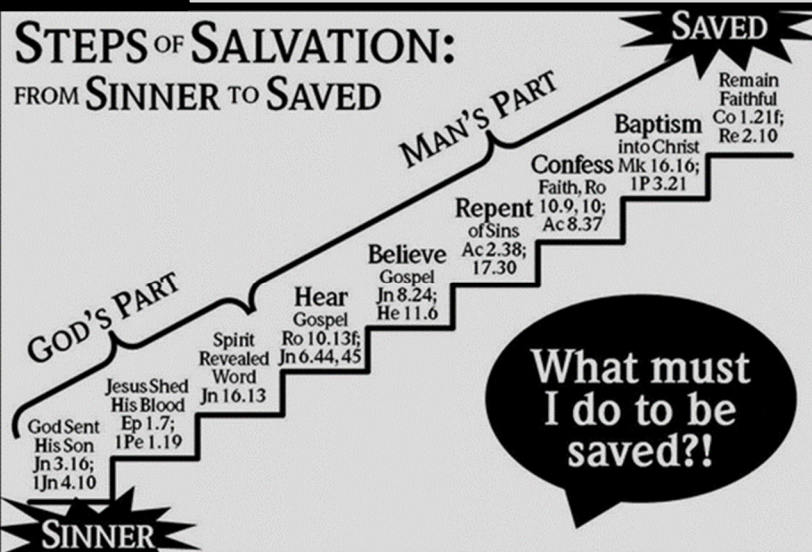
Part 2 of 2 by Jason Patrick Hilburn

Here is something else to ponder: When the Great Physician gives us a diet regimen to follow, do we follow it? "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). When God says we should "exercise," do we do it? "But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (Hebrews 5:14). When God tells us to stop our "bad habits," do we do it? "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" (Romans 12:1, 2).

The Great Physician prescribes medicine that may seem too strong to some. There are many who refuse to follow a doctor's directions because doing so will cause some type of discomfort - they may have to take medicine that tastes bad, receive an injection, have surgery, physical therapy, or other procedures that may be unpleasant. Because of this unpleasantness, a person may refuse to do what the doctor says. Often the same could be said regarding spiritual matters. We must be willing to obey God and let go of anything in our lives that is separating us from God. Some consider this medicine of repentance too strong to take, and they refuse to follow the Lord.

STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED

"...ye were the servants of sin..."
(Romans 6:17).



What must I do to be saved?!

"...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).

A person may have some type of addiction which he loves more than the Lord, a sinful relationship with a person he loves more than the Lord, or some other type of sin in which the person refuses to stop participating. It is sad that many love sin more than God, but God will only heal those who put Him first: "...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" (Matthew 22:35-38). Sometimes we have to do things we may not want to do in order to get better, and if we want to be spiritually well, we have to be willing to take the medicine God gives us through His Word. Christians are commanded by God to sometimes give strong medicine to other brethren to help them get well. Withdrawal of fellowship is strong medicine that God prescribes for erring brethren who will not repent after other methods of restoration have been unsuccessful (Matthew 18:15-17; 1 Corinthians 5; 2 Thessalonians 3:6). This is done to obey God, to save erring brothers and sisters from eternal torment, and to keep the infection of sin from spreading (1 Corinthians 5:4-6). As faithful children of God, we must be willing to administer this medicine when the need arises.

The Great Physician continually heals only those who remain His faithful patients. There are many who came to the Great Physician for spiritual healing, but after they were initially healed they stopped following His counsel and became infected with sin once again: "*For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire*" (2 Peter 2:20-22). If children of God wish to remain spiritually healthy, we must take our God-given medicine - we must remain in contact with the blood of Christ. We do that by walking in the light of God's Word, following the Great Physician's orders: "*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin*" (1 John 1:7).

Have you been to the Great Physician to remove your sins? Are you taking the medicine He prescribes in His Word? Here is what the Great Physician said we must do to be spiritually well: Hear the Word of God (John 6:45); believe that Jesus is the Son of God who died for our sins, was buried, and rose again the third day (Romans 10:9, 10); repent of sins (Acts 17:30); confess faith in Christ (Matthew 10:32); be baptized in the name of Christ for the remission of sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38); be faithful unto death (Revelation 2:10). Are you following the Doctor's orders?

The Seven Churches and Their Works

By Jason Patrick Hilburn

Did Jesus emphasize works as an essential part of man's relationship with Him, or did He emphasize "faith alone"? Please notice what Jesus said to the seven churches of Asia:

*I know thy **works**...Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first **works**; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent...I know thy **works**...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life...I know thy **works**...I know thy **works**...and thy **works**...I will give unto every one of you according to your **works**...And he that overcometh, and keepeth my **works** unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations...I know thy **works**, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy **works** perfect before God...I know thy **works**...I know thy **works**, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth (Rev. 2:2, 5, 9, 10, 13, 19, 23, 26; 3:1, 2, 8, 15, 16; emp. JPH).*

What was the problem with the churches of Asia? Had they stopped believing in Jesus? No, but several of them had "*fallen*" from a good relationship with Christ because of their actions, or the lack thereof. Belief alone was not enough to keep them in God's favor!

Notice also that not all works are bad. Some of their works were good, and some were bad. When it comes to the judgment of God, every work is taken into consideration, "*whether it be good or bad*" (Eccl. 12:13, 14; 2 Cor. 5:10). Therefore, the Bible teaches that men will be judged by what they do, not simply what they believe! Nobody can earn salvation, and salvation is not obtained through works of the Law of Moses (Eph. 2:8-16), but one must actively love and obey God to become saved and remain saved (Mt. 7:21-23; 22:36-40; Mk. 16:16; Jn. 3:5; Acts 2:37-41; 10:35; Rom. 6:3-5, 16-18; Gal. 5:4, 6; Heb. 5:9; 1 Pet. 1:22; 2 Pet. 2:20-22; 1 Jn. 1:6—2:6; Jude 21).

One's love for God will be demonstrated by his "*works*" of obedience (Jn. 14:15, 24; Jam. 2; 1 Jn. 2:3-6; 5:3), and Jesus commands Christians to be busy working in His service if we want to go to Heaven. "*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the **work** of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your **labour** is not in vain in the Lord*" (1 Cor. 15:58; cf. 14:37; Mt. 25:14-46; Mk. 16:15, 16; Lk. 6:46; 9:23; Jn. 8:31; 14:15; Gal. 6:7-10; Eph. 2:10; Php. 2:12; 1 Thess. 1:3; 1 Tim. 4:13, 15, 16; 2 Tim. 2:15-18; Titus 2:14; Heb. 4:11; 6:10; 10:23-31; Jam. 2:14-26; 2 Pet. 1:10; Rev. 14:13; 22:12).