

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Wilfred Derrick—kidneys not functioning well
- ♦ Kynlie Lawson—broken arm

Others in Need

- ♦ Mary Lou Joseph—cancer
- ♦ Mariah Hilburn—expecting
- ♦ Michael Hudson—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Lynn Johnson—health issues
- ♦ Tony Jones—Parkinson's
- ♦ Patsy Luke—low iron, tests
- ♦ Thad McCall—health problems
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Shane Price—cancer
- ♦ Larry Shappley—hospice care
- ♦ Ronnie Wells—health problems
- ♦ Christians overseas, Ukraine
- ♦ Sound Bible schools, civil leaders, military, 1st responders, the lost, enemies.

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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



April 26
Fourth Wednesday Singing

May 7-11
Our Gospel Meeting

June 4-7
Gospel Mtg. at Sasser

July 30
Gospel Mtg. at Union Hill

Privileged to Serve



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

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

Other Information

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A False Concept of God's Grace

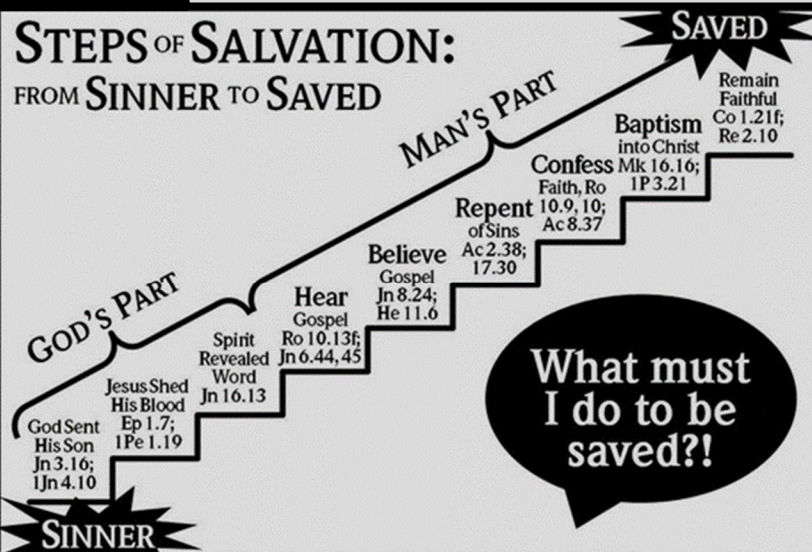
By Bobby Duncan

After Paul, in the book of Romans, showed that the child of God is saved by a system of faith that gives him access to the grace of God (Romans 5:1-2), he anticipated that some of his readers might have a false concept concerning God's grace. This prompted the question in Romans 6:1: "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?" The answer is an emphatic, "God forbid." And then in the following verses he shows why it is inconsistent to think that salvation by grace affords any encouragement to sin.

Recently we are hearing some express an idea that is very much like, if not identical to, the idea that we should continue in sin that grace may abound. I heard of one lady who left a good congregation of God's people and started worshipping with a congregation across town. When she was asked why, she said: "Over here we have grace. We can do what we please without being made to feel guilty. We are free." Some have expressed the same erroneous idea with reference to the use of instrumental music in worship. "Maybe it is out of harmony with the New Testament, but the grace of God will cover us anyway."

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).

The idea that the grace of God will cover the high-handed sins of the impenitent is foreign to the teaching of the Bible. This false concept, unheard of in the church a few years ago, is becoming more and more prevalent.

As this false concept relates to marriage, divorce, and remarriage, it goes something like this: "Our marriage is unscriptural, and we are living in adultery. But we are going to continue in it, and just trust in God's grace to take care of us." But God's grace is never an incentive to continue in sin; it is rather a motive for getting out of sin. The fact that Paul uses the marriage law to illustrate that point in Romans 7:1-4 should cause us to know, that of all things, one cannot continue in an unscriptural marriage and expect the grace of God to cover his adultery. If one is committing adultery, the only way God's grace will cover it is for him to quit the sin and meet God's terms of pardon.

That is true of every other sin as well. For one to be aware of sin - any sin - in his life, and have no penitence, no plan to do better, and yet think the grace of God will cover that sin, is to sin presumptuously and travel the broad way that leads to destruction.

There is little doubt in my mind that we need more preaching on God's grace, but not the kind of preaching some are doing. God's grace should be held up as an encouragement to those who have obeyed the gospel and are trying to live right. All of us in that category are painfully aware of our shortcomings, and if there were no grace to cover our sins, we would become discouraged, throw up our hands, and sit down and cry, and cry forever. But God tells us that where sin abounds, grace abounds much more (Romans 5:20). And so we are encouraged by the marvelous grace of God to keep on doing our best, and he will keep on cleansing us from our sins through his grace.

God's grace is an incentive to righteous living, and not an encouragement to commit sin. One who sins without compunction, and refuses to be penitent and try to live right has no access to the grace and mercy of God. —*Adapted*



**The church of Christ in
Baker invites you to
Hear the Word of God!**

**Jason Holladay
will preach from the Bible**

May 7 - 11

Schedule for Sunday, May 7

Bible Class 10:00AM

A.M. Worship 11:00AM

Fellowship Meal

P.M. Worship 2:00PM

Monday – Thursday 7:00PM