

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Wilfred Derrick--upcoming tests
- ♦ Peggy Preece—health problems

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
- ♦ Stanley and Joy in Pakistan—mumps
- ♦ 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



June 28
4th Wednesday Singing

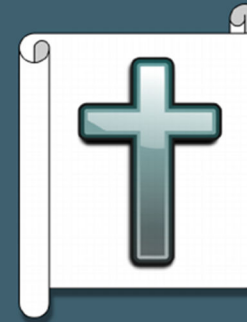
July 30
Gospel Mtg. at Union Hill

Privileged to Serve



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

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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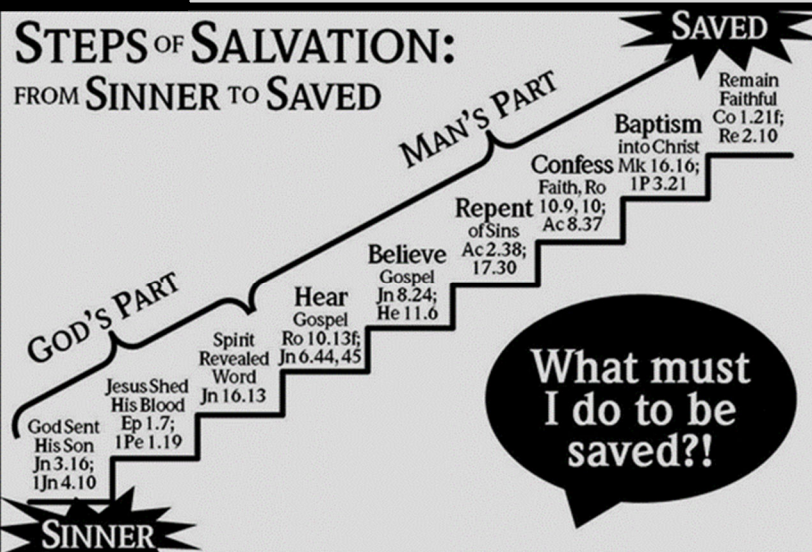
God Can Change Our World

Charles Box

Our world has turned its back on God and most, because of a lack of faith, have lost the desire for heaven. People are prone to give in to all kinds of religious and moral error, and our world is filled with evil. "And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness." (1 John 5:19) Those of us who are Christians should be more focused and more serious than ever before, as we go out to change our world by the truth of God's powerful word. God made it very clear that He expects a certain behavior from man. "Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity." (2 Timothy 2:19) If we are to be able to make a difference in our world, and if we are to be able to go to heaven, God expects us to stop sinning and to live a righteous life. However, man seems to become more disobedient, immoral, self-righteous, critical and self justifying. Our nation is filled with lust, gluttony, greed, idleness, anger, hatred, envy and pride. Humanism has caused the entire notion of sin to be removed from modern day thinking. "Humanism is a belief that human needs and values are more important than religious beliefs, or the needs and desires of humans. An example of humanism is the belief that the person creates their own set of ethics." People no longer want forthright preaching against sin. Not many, even not many preachers, want to call sin what it really is; sin

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).

is evil and wrong! If we are ever to change our world we must be bold with the word of God. We must speak up for decency, right and for the will of God. The word of God is powerful. The word of God has the power to influence and change the lives of people in our world. His word has the power to justify or condemn and it will judge us in the last day. (John 12:48)

What is the power to change our world? The truth of God is the only power that will change our world. The word of God is the incorruptible seed which, when planted in an honest and good heart brings salvation. (1 Peter 1:23) The world MUST hear and learn the truth! Pilate and others have asked, "What is truth?" and the answer still rings out, "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth." (John 17:17) The word of God is the life changing truth. The idea today is that sin is not so bad, so even we who are believers just sit quietly while our world becomes more and more engulfed in spiritual darkness. The power to turn our world right side up is the word of God. The word of God is the "word of reconciliation" or the word which brings about reconciliation. "God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation." (2 Corinthians 5:19) Satan is doing all he can to keep people out of the kingdom of heaven. Look around and you will see how successful he has been.

Sin has brought death and condemnation into the world, but the word of God brings salvation. "Men and brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent." (Acts 13:26) It is way past time for those of us that are Christians to stand up and speak up for God, for right and for decency. The word of God is the "sword of the spirit" which is the weapon we are to use in our battle against Satan. (Ephesians 6:17) The word of God instructs us how to live, how to die and how to be prepared for that world to come. Is the word of God hidden in your heart? "Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!" (Psalm 119:11)

Will it do any good to deliver God's message to our world? The word of God will accomplish that for which God sent it. Let us ring forth the word of God loud and clear! God in our lives and His word ringing forth from our lips is the only hope for our world. How foolish we have all been. The deception of sin makes fools of those overcome by it. The word of God makes us wise unto salvation. (2 Timothy 3:15) Sin produces death. (Romans 6:23) The word of God produces life. (Matthew 4:4) The

word of God will save our world by saving our souls. "Who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God." (1 Peter 1:21) The word of God shows Christians how to behave themselves or conduct their lives in God's kingdom. (1 Timothy 3:15) Our world could improve immediately if people would simply live by the word of God.

The world will change only through the preaching of God's word! Because the word of God is "God's power to salvation," the "word of life" and the word which brings salvation; God commanded that it be preached to every creature. "And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15) Sin makes a person filthy and dirty. The word of God brings cleansing. "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you." (John 15:3) It is time to use the word of God to clean up our world. We must have the courage to stand up for God and His revealed truth.

A terrible end is awaiting those who do not love God and obey His word. "And with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness." (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12) A soul is not converted without the word of God because, "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple." (Psalm 19:7) God has revealed His will, His book is the Bible. He expects us to use His book in getting acquainted with His nature and in obedience to His will. Do you have a desire to know God's will? "If anyone wants to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority." (John 7:17)

We have no other choice but to be bold enough to hold the Bible up as the standard, and to say to the sinner this Bible is the word of God. The author of the Bible is the creator of the heaven and the earth. Is it your desire to honor God? If so, it is time to become a Christian now! To become a Christian you must hear the gospel (Romans 10:17), believe in Jesus (John 8:24), repent of sins (Acts 17:30), confess Christ as Lord (Acts 8:37), and be baptized to be saved. "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16) Christians must serve God and serve other people.

—Slightly adapted