

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Donna Parish—health problems
- ♦ Peggy Preece—health problems

Others in Need

- ♦ Mary Lou Joseph—cancer
- ♦ Mariah Hilburn—expecting
- ♦ Michael Hudson—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Tony Jones—Parkinson's
- ♦ Jeff Mashburn—health problems
- ♦ Thad McCall—health problems
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Shane Price—cancer
- ♦ Larry Shappley—hospice care
- ♦ Yoel Urra—surgery recov. issue
- ♦ Ronnie Wells—health problems
- ♦ Craig Wray—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ 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



July 30

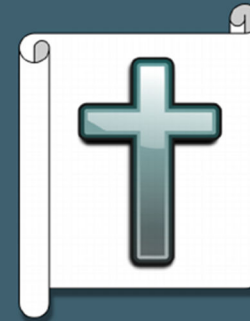
Gospel Mtg. at Union Hill begins with Gilbert Gough

Privileged to Serve



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

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A Few Words from Jason

Online classes to Pakistan and India have been going well. I'm not sure what the attendance has been lately in Pakistan, but brother Kumar told me that we had 135 people connected to the class last week in India. Most are currently in denominations. A question was asked about Ephesians 4:8-10. The Bible school in India had to cancel most of their classes last week because of flooding. They had water coming into the building, but many of the students were able to join our online class on Friday.

Brother Eti Paul Zephaniah in Cameroon recently traveled to preach in another area of his country. The church here helped him financially with this, and he has sent his thanks and a report.

We continue to search for people in our area who are interested in studying God's Word, and there are studies going on now that are going very well. Please pray for all of these efforts mentioned, as well as the efforts of all faithful Christians worldwide. May we glorify God and help others as we can.

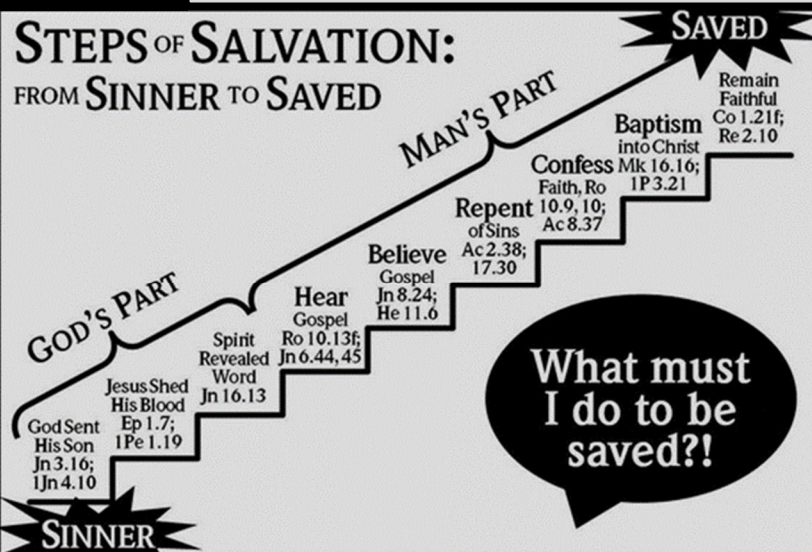
Was Water Baptism Only Required for Jews? (Part 3 of 3)

Jason Patrick Hilburn

Just as Jesus commanded, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" is consistently seen in Paul's conversions of Lydia, the Philippian jailor, the Corinthians, and the Ephesians (Acts 16:15, 32-33; 18:8; 19:5).

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).

JESUS – Mark 16:16	PAUL - Lydia (Acts 16)	PAUL - The Philippian Jailer (Acts 16)	PAUL - The Corinthians (Acts 18:8)	PAUL - The Ephesians (Acts 19:5)
He that believeth	Attended unto the things... spoken	Believe... spake unto him the Word	Hearing believed	Heard this
and is baptized	She was baptized	The same hour...was baptized... straightway	and were baptized	they were baptized in the name of the Lord
shall be saved	Was judged to be faithful	Rejoiced	Washed, sanctified, justified (1 Cor. 6:11)	Sanctified and cleansed with...water (Eph. 5:26)

Paul emphasized the necessity of water baptism in many of his epistles, writing twice that penitent sinners must be “*baptized into*” Christ (Rom. 6:3-5, 16-18; Gal. 3:27-28; cf. 1 Cor. 6:11; Col. 2:11-13; Titus 3:5, etc.). He also wrote that there is only “*one baptism...the washing of water*” commanded in God’s Word for sanctification and spiritual cleansing (Eph. 4:5; 5:26). Paul himself (a Jew) had been commanded to be baptized to wash away his sins, and he did so before getting a bite to eat after fasting three days, understanding the urgency of the situation (Acts 22:16; 9:18-19). Paul, in writing to Galatians who were apparently mostly Gentiles, wrote that people are baptized into Christ, where there is no distinction between Jew and Gentile: “*For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus*” (Gal. 3:27-28; cf. Acts 15:9; Col. 3:11).

Some claim that there was a transitional phase regarding how men became saved, and even if God required water baptism in Acts 2, that was only for a short period. Not only does that contradict what Jesus said in the

Great Commission, but it was many years after the events of Acts 2 (and Acts 10 when the first Gentiles were converted) when Peter wrote, “*water...baptism doth also now save us*” (1 Pet. 3:20, 21). Why was Peter still writing about water baptism being necessary for man’s salvation years after the alleged “transitional phase” had ended? Paul’s writings teaching the necessity of baptism were also written after that alleged phase would have ended.

God very plainly said that He made no distinction between how Jews and Gentiles were saved (Acts 15:9), but false teachers today are trying to make God a respecter of persons (Acts 10:34, 35), alleging divisions and distinctions between Jews and Gentiles where God made none (Gal. 3:28; Eph. 2:13-17, etc.). Furthermore, they do this attempting to remove baptism from God’s plan of salvation, which He very plainly required in multiple passages!

Peter said that some who are “*unlearned and unstable*” twist Scriptures (like those written by Paul) to their own destruction (2 Pet. 3:15-18). Today this most often happens when people read Paul’s writings against works of the Law of Moses and use those passages to teach that water baptism is not necessary. They fail to understand the context and twist those Scriptures to their destruction and, sadly, to the destruction of many others. Then they feel they must try to explain away the Great Commission of Christ and the powerful clarity of passages like Acts 2:38-40! All the while they fail to explain why there are no Biblical examples of any alien sinners praying to become saved under the New Covenant, but rather baptism is consistently recorded, along with its purpose of forgiveness.

If someone today misunderstands the scope and commands of the Great Commission, he is in deadly error regarding one of the most important parts of the entire Bible! Rather than inventing strange doctrines to try to explain away the Great Commission and the necessity of water baptism, men should have enough faith to believe everything God says is involved in salvation. Faith comes from God’s Word, and without faith it is impossible to please Him (Rom. 10:17; Heb. 11:6). Those who love the Truth will study diligently and learn how all the Scriptures regarding salvation fit together (1 Tim. 2:3, 4; 2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Pet. 3:15-18). Friends, Jesus commanded water baptism for the salvation of “*every creature*” in “*all nations*” “*until the end of the world,*” and we should all be able to say “*Amen*” to that, just as Matthew did (Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15, 16; Lk. 24:47).