

Prayer List



Of Our Number

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

Others in Need

- ♦ Dale Cunningham—health problems; rehabilitation
- ♦ 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
- ♦ 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—Aug. 2

Gospel Mtg. at Union Hill with Gilbert Gough

Sunday 10AM, 11AM, 2PM
Monday-Wed. 7PM

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

Other Information

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A Few Words from Jason

We are very excited to announce that we have a new sister in Christ! Beth Pristera was baptized into Christ on Thursday, July 27th after her third study with Amanda and me. We used the *Simply Scriptures* study guide, which has become our standard Bible study tool for the past few years. Beth is a nurse who has an unusual schedule, so for the time being she will assemble with us as much as she can. She found our website and began listening to the archived radio programs and decided to visit. Now she is our sister in Christ, and may we all welcome her and make her feel like part of the family, as she now is. We give glory and thanks to God for His saving Gospel!

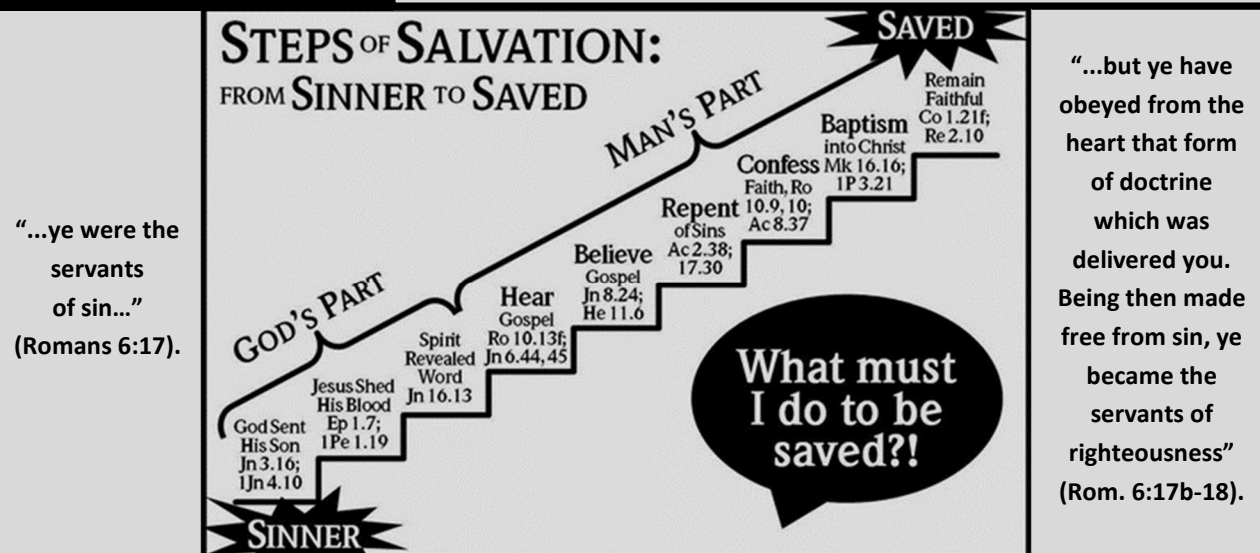
He Humbled Himself

By Jason Patrick Hilburn

Have you ever considered the humility of our Lord? The Lord Jesus Christ "...was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). He gave up the treasures of Heaven for us! He lived in poverty and died a horrible death for us! Please notice the humility of our Lord:

The Lord humbled Himself to become a man – "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

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But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men” (Philippians 2:5-7).

He was submissive to his earthly parents – *“And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart” (Luke 2:51).*

He was submissive to His heavenly Father – *“I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me” (John 5:30). Jesus said, “...I do always those things that please him” (John 8:29).*

His submissive humility was displayed in His baptism – *“Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him” (Matthew 3:13-15).*

The Son of God washed men’s feet! – *“After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded” (John 13:5).*

He descended from the loftiest heights of Heaven and humbled Himself to the lowest possible point – the point of death on the cross! *“And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:8).*

There can be no doubt that the Lord Jesus Christ is the ultimate example of humility. After Christ’s humble submission to death, He was exalted by God the Father: *“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:9-11).*

Christ taught us that we will also be exalted if we humble ourselves: *“For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted” (Luke 14:11).* May we look to His example of humble obedience, and heed the words of Paul: *“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:5).*

Closer to Death, but Not Closer to God

Victor M. Eskew

Have you ever spoken to someone who came very close to crossing the threshold of death?

It may have been a weather event.

It may have been a wreck.

It may have been a sickness or disease.

It may have been a unusual accident.

It may have been being at the wrong place at the wrong time.

It may have been the use of alcohol or drugs.

It may have been a failure to heed warning signs.

It may have been one fulfilling his call of duty.

There are a multitude of reasons individuals in our world have come close to dying.

One would think that brushing with death would cause a person to get extremely serious about his/her spiritual life. And, some do.

Fear pushes them.

Gratitude drives them.

Wisdom moves them.

Reality forces them.

Faith inspires them.

But, there are many others who simply continue living life without any regard for eternity, even though they almost crossed over into the land that has no end.

If they had, would they have been ready?

If not, why wouldn't their near-death experience shake them enough to truly begin to prepare for the inevitable?

One day death will come, and it will prevail.

The spirit will separate from the body.

There will be no second or third chances.

There will be no next time.

There will be death, then the judgment (Heb. 9:27).

My friend, if you escaped death's clutches, don't be fooled. He will return to take what he believes belongs to him, your life.