

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ 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
- ♦ 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).

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: Justin Derrick
 Helper: Ethan Howze
Scripture Reading—Ezra Howze

Events



Sunday, Aug. 13
Men's Meeting

Friday, Sept. 1, 10AM
Innerarity Point church of Christ hosting a 13 week Grief Recovery Series. Sessions expected to last about 90 minutes, and will include videos, handbooks, and group discussions. Register before Aug. 15th. See flyer on bulletin board.

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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Parenting Today

By Victor M. Eskew

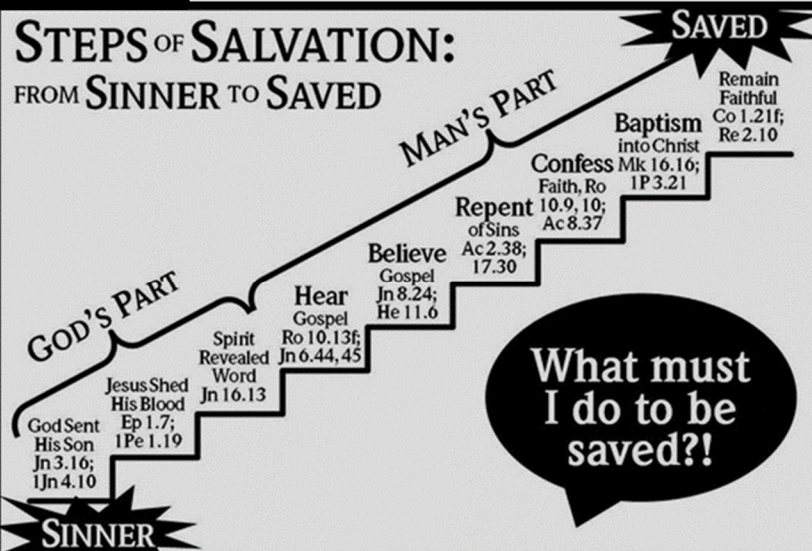
It seems that parenting has taken a turn for the worse. Perhaps one reason is because our young are not maturing as quickly as they used to, but they are still having babies. There are many ways that parents can hurt their children:

1. Physical abuse
2. Verbal abuse, screaming and cursing at their children
3. Belittling their children, making them feel small
4. Failing to sacrifice for them when their needs are real
5. Failing to set boundaries with rules
6. Failing to discipline properly
7. Failing to teach them fundamentals
8. Failing to provide financial assistance, especially child support
9. Divorcing and remarrying
10. Failing to bring a child up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord
11. Caring for their own personal needs above the needs of their children
12. Being involved in bad habits, drinking, drugs, pornography, sex

These are just a few. We wonder why our children are struggling. Could the answer be: Parents? Parents need to do a serious evaluation of their parenting styles and behaviors. Children are God's gifts. He will hold all parents accountable with regard to their stewardship. In like manner, we praise all parents who are seeking to do the job God called them to do as stewards of children!!!

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).

Salvation by Grace

Jerry Joseph

It is God's desire according to the apostle Paul that all men be saved (1 Timothy 2:4). God, as it is stated in 2 Peter 3:9, "...is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." It is evident therefore that God does not want anyone to be lost.

God, by His grace has provided the way by which we can be saved, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men" (Titus 2:11). Paul declared, "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:24). In Ephesians 1:7 we have these words, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace." In Ephesians 2:8, these words, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." It is impossible for anyone to be saved apart from the grace of God.

Because the Bible declares that we are saved by the grace of God, does that mean that our salvation is wholly by God's grace apart from any acts of obedience upon man's part? NO! NO! Nowhere within the Word of God is it taught that salvation is by grace alone. The idea that we are saved "wholly by grace" is the Calvinistic idea of God's grace and stands in conflict with what the Bible teaches concerning the grace of God.

If salvation is by grace alone, then that rules out the necessity of man's obeying any commands to bring about salvation. Salvation by grace does not exclude man having a part in his salvation. Peter in Acts 2:40 exhorts the people "save yourselves". Man does have his part in his salvation.

Salvation by grace does not exclude the necessity of obedience upon man's part. When we obey the commands of God in becoming a Christian, that does not nullify God's grace. Jesus emphasized the necessity of obedience in Matthew 7:21 when He said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." The New Testament teaches that we cannot be saved without obedience to God's Word. According to Acts 10:35, only those who "...feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." In Hebrews 5:9 we learn that Jesus is "...the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." To obtain salvation offered by God's grace means that we must believe in Christ (John 8:24); repent of our sins (Luke 13:3); confess Christ (Matthew 10:32-33) and be baptized (Mark 16:16).

Relativism is Ridiculous

- *"Everything is relative."* Do you realize that's an absolute statement?
- *"There is no such thing as absolute truth."* Do you realize that's another absolute statement?
- *"All truth is relative."* The third time's a charm.
- *"We can't know anything for certain."* Really? You seem quite certain.
- *"Nothing can be known."* How do you know?
- *"It is arrogant to think that you can know the truth with certainty."* You seem pretty confident in saying that.
- *"Christianity might be true for you, but it isn't true for everyone."* Is your relativism true only for you, or do you think it's true for everyone?
- *"God is indescribable."* Umm, that IS a description.
- *"Only scientific arguments are valid."* That's a philosophical statement.
- *"There is no such thing as propositional truth."* You just attempted to propose truth.
- *"Only knowledge that is empirically verifiable can be considered true."* Can you verify that statement empirically?
- *"We have to doubt all truth claims."* Did you doubt that one?
- *"You shouldn't judge."* That sounds like a judgment.
- *"That's just your opinion."* No, it's your opinion that this is just my opinion.
- *"It's arrogant to tell someone else that they're wrong."* Aren't you doing exactly that?
- *"You should be tolerant of all views."* You clearly aren't tolerating mine.
- *"You can't force your views on others."* In other words, I can totally ignore you.

- By Paul W. Montandon (slightly modified by Jason Hilburn)