

## Prayer List



### Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Wilfred Derrick—health problems
- ♦ Jeff Mashburn—health problems

### Others in Need

- ♦ Mary Lou Joseph—cancer
- ♦ Mariah Hilburn—expecting soon
- ♦ Tony Jones—Parkinson's
- ♦ Denver Kitzan—surg. recovery
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Shane Price—cancer
- ♦ Larry Shappley—hospice care
- ♦ Yoel Urra—improving
- ♦ Ronnie Wells—health problems
- ♦ Craig Wray—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ The Barlow, Hudson, and McCall families after recent losses.

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

## Events



Oct. 22-25

*Silverhill Gospel Meeting w/ Garland Robinson preaching. M-W 7PM. Held at a special location: PZK Hall, 17933 State Hwy. 104, Robertsdale, AL 36567*

**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

5761 Hwy. 4  
 P.O. Box 285  
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## Do You Stand With Israel?

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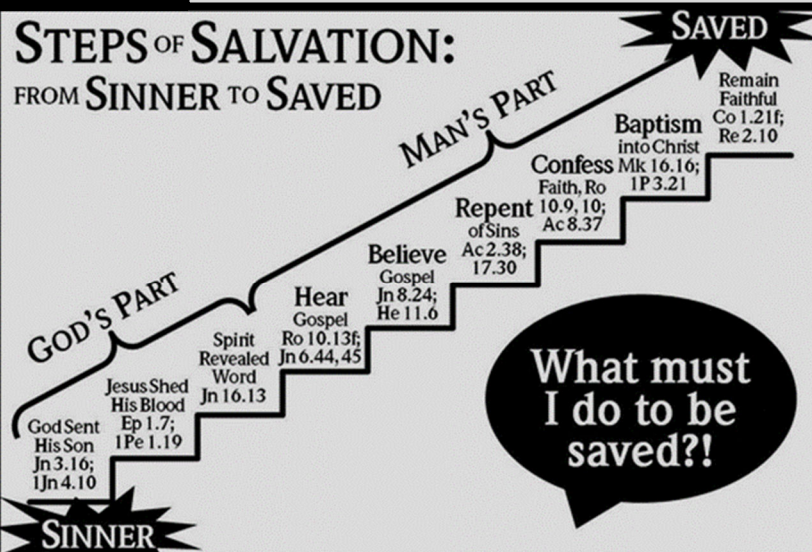
By Jason Patrick Hilburn

Those who see fleshly Israel as the people of God instead of spiritual Israel are misguided, like Paul before he learned the Truth. Those who believe the physical descendants of Jacob will be saved unconditionally:

- 1) Dishonor the Son of God, implying that He is not the only way to Heaven. They also imply Jesus was a false teacher, because Jesus told unbelieving Jews that He was the only way to the Father, and that they would die in their sins and thus go to Hell for not believing in Him as the Son of God (Matt. 23:33; John 8:24; 14:6; cf. Luke 21:20-22).
- 2) Imply that Paul was a false teacher, because Paul taught that God only saves Jews or Gentiles through obedience to the Gospel of Christ, and that there is "no difference" between how Jews and Gentiles are saved (Romans 10:12; Romans chapters 1-11; Galatians, etc.).
- 3) Imply that Peter was a false teacher for saying that Christians comprise God's "holy nation" and that there is "no difference" between how Jews and Gentiles are saved (Acts 15:9; cf. 4:12; 10:34, 35, 48;

## 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).

1 Pet. 1:17, 22; 2:9, etc.).

- 4) Imply that God's judgment is unfair and that He is a respecter of persons, choosing to save or condemn people eternally, simply based on their family lineage (cf. Acts 10:34, 35; Rom. 2:5-11, 1 Pet. 1:17, etc.).
- 5) Fail to understand the general message of much of the New Testament (including entire epistles such as Romans, Galatians, and Hebrews)—faithfulness to Christ is what matters, not genealogies or keeping the Old Law.

Much more could be written about this subject, including these basic truths:

- 1) The nation of Israel was already restored to their land in 536 B.C. by Cyrus the Great, so all those Old Testament promises have been fulfilled (Isa. 44:28; Ezek. 37; Ezra 1; cf. Deut. 4:41-44; 19:7-9; Josh 20:7-8; 21:43-45; 23:14, etc.). The focus now should be on saving everlasting souls through Christ, not on land that will be burned at His return! (Mt. 16:26; 2 Cor. 4:18; 2 Pet. 3:9-12).
- 2) God exacted vengeance upon the Jews by destroying the Jewish temple and Jerusalem in A.D. 70 (Matt. 23:38-24:28; Luke 21:20-22). The belief that the physical temple will be rebuilt and animal sacrifices will be reinstated with God's approval is blasphemous. It devalues Christ's sacrifice and fails to acknowledge that the church is the temple of the New Covenant (1 Cor. 3:16-17; Eph. 2:21; 1 Pet. 2:5; the Epistle to the Hebrews).
- 3) Christ's Kingdom which was to come in Jerusalem during the Roman kings has already been established, and it is a spiritual kingdom. It is His church (Isa. 2:1-4; Dan. 2; Matt. 16:18, 19, 28; Mark 9:1; John 18:36; Acts 1:8; 2:1-47; Col. 1:13; Rev. 1:9).
- 4) Christ reigns now as King and High Priest in Heaven (Heb. 8:1; Rev. 17:14), but as a descendant of Jeconiah, Christ cannot be a king on earth (Jer. 22:28-30; Mt. 1:12), and as a descendant of Judah, Christ cannot be a priest on earth (Heb. 7:11-14; 8:4; cf. Zech. 6:12, 13).

- 5) Christ is returning to "deliver up the kingdom to God" (1 Cor. 15:22-24). He is returning for His bride, those "*in Christ*," His church—not fleshly Israel, unless we are talking about those who died and were faithful to God in Old Testament times. They will be resurrected to eternal life on that day also. All the wicked will be destroyed on that same "*last day*," the day of Judgment (John 5:27-29; 6:44-45; 11:24; 12:48; 1 Cor. 15:22-24; 1 Thess. 4:13-5:3; 2 Thess. 1:7-9; 2 Pet. 3:9-12).

- 6) The wrath of God abides upon Jews or anyone else who rejects Christ:

*...the Jews: Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men: Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost (1 Thess. 2:14-16; cf. Matt. 23:33; John 8:24; 2 Thess. 1:7-9).*

Christians love people of all nations, and we should pray for others, but salvation is only in Christ. Jesus, Peter, and Paul (all three of them being Jews themselves) made that very clear (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Rom. 1:16; 10:1-3, etc.). Dear reader, you are encouraged to be an active part of New Testament Israel, which is the Lord's church, the ones "*circumcised*" through water baptism to become God's people of the New Covenant (Col. 2:11-17).

Faithful Christians will stand against religious errors related to the physical nation of Israel and Judaism, because such errors contradict God's Word and impugn the righteous impartiality of God (Rom. 2:5-11). Today any person of any family may be a part of Christ's holy nation/kingdom/church/body by: 1) Believing in Jesus as the sinless, resurrected Son of God (John 8:24; 1 Cor. 15:24); 2) Repenting of sins (Matt. 4:17; Acts 2:38); 3) Confessing faith in Christ before men (Matt. 10:32; Acts 8:37); 4) Being baptized in water "*into Christ*" (Acts 8:36-39; 10:47, 48; Rom. 6:3-5; Gal. 3:27; 1 Pet. 3:20-21); and 5) Living faithfully by the Word of God (1 John 1:7; Rev. 2:10).

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