

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ◆ Wilfred Derrick—flu, pneumonia, virus, at Sacred Heart
- ◆ Jeff Mashburn—health problems
- ◆ Donna Parish—health problems
- ◆ Peggy Preece—improving lately

Others in Need

- ◆ Chico's father is in bad health
- ◆ Danny Davis—back problems
- ◆ April Estain—expecting in Jan.
- ◆ Dawn Holloway—health problems
- ◆ Mary Lou Joseph—cancer
- ◆ Tony Jones—Parkinson's
- ◆ Kyla, Denise's daughter—pregnancy complications
- ◆ Bill McGrady—health problems
- ◆ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ◆ Thomas Patterson—health issues
- ◆ Shane Price—cancer
- ◆ Jason Rickmon—cancer
- ◆ Larry Shappley—hospice care
- ◆ Taylor's grandmother—health

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problems

- ◆ Yoel Urra—improving
- ◆ Ronnie Wells—health problems
- ◆ David Wilkerson—multi bypass
- ◆ Craig Wray—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Pray for Christians overseas, such as those facing intense persecution in Pakistan and certain parts of India.
- ◆ Pray for peace, pray for the bereaved, the persecuted, sick/suffering, civil leaders, military, 1st responders, sound Bible schools, the lost, enemies.

Events



January 14

Men's Meeting

First week in May

Our Gospel Meeting

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).

To Our Visitors

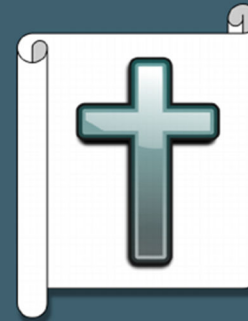


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

Privileged to Serve



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



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Meeting Times

Sundays:

10AM Bible Class
 11AM Worship
 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

Other Information

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When Was the Bible Divided Into Chapters and Verses?

Jon Gary Williams

When originally written the books of the Bible did not contain chapters and verses. Such divisions, of course, are not inspired yet they are extremely helpful in locating passages.

The modern chapter divisions of the Bible were created by Stephen Langton, "Archbishop" of Canterbury, and were completed in 1227 A.D.

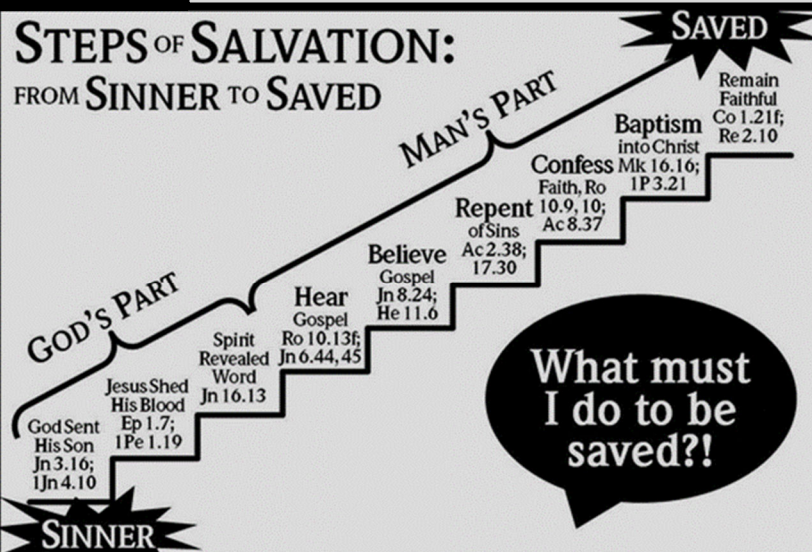
The Wycliffe English Bible, completed in 1382, was the first to use Langton's chapter divisions. Since that time all English translations have adopted this pattern. Translations in other languages also chose to use this same chapter division system.

Bible verses were created much later. The verses of the Old Testament were developed in 1448 by a Jewish rabbi named Nathan. The New Testament verses were developed in 1551 by Robert Estienne (or Stephanus). His divisions were also used in the Greek New Testament published in 1551.

The Geneva Bible, completed in 1575, was the first Bible to include both chapter and verse divisions for both Old and New Testaments. Most Bibles published since then have continued to use this system of chapters and verses.

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 the Devil Responsible for Our Sins?

Richard Stevens

Satan desires one thing, which is the spiritual demise of all humanity. He wants every soul to end up in hell with him (Mat. 25:41). Satan accomplishes his mission by getting people to live their lives in sin. Satan “*entered in*” Judas and caused him to betray the Lord (Jn. 13:27; 18:1-5). Satan “*filled*” Ananias’ heart to lie to the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:3). Satan “*deceived*” Eve to disobey the Lord (1 Tim. 2:14; Gen. 3:1-6). Jesus told Peter that “*Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not*” (Lk. 22:31-32). The devil is always busy trying to “*devour*” people with sin (1 Pet. 5:8; 1 Jn. 3:8; Jn. 8:44; 2 Cor. 2:11). So when we sin, is the devil responsible for our transgressions because he caused us to do it?

The devil does tempt us to sin. He even tried to tempt Jesus to sin (Mat. 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13). However, if the devil is responsible for our sins, then why will we one day be held accountable for them (2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:12; Jn. 5:28-29)? It is because the devil cannot “*make*” us do anything. He only plays a part in our sin by dangling the carrot. James said, “*Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin..*” (1:14-15). The devil only tempts, and it is we who either resist or transgress. This is why God “*will render to every man according to his deeds*” (Rom. 2:6). We have the ability through Christ (Eph. 6:1); (Phil. 4:13) and the responsibility as Christians to “*Resist the devil, and he will flee from you*” (Jam. 4:7). After resisting, the devil leaves “*for a season*” (a while, but never for good) (Lk. 4:13). Nevertheless, we have “*endured*” that temptation to sin (Jas. 1:12). Furthermore, with every temptation we are given all the help necessary to withstand the devil; as God will not allow any temptation beyond our individual power to resist, and also gives each and every one of us a faithful way out (1 Cor 10:13).

So when we give in to sin, it is our fault!

“I’ve Got to Start...”

J. Brooks Boyd, Jr.

You may actually know someone who has begun a sentence using the above words. The words that this preacher has heard used most often to complete this sentence are “*exercising*” and “*eating right.*” It appears that most of us have a sense of what it will take to improve our health.

The key to accomplishing the desired improvement is truly given in this statement. It is the word “*start.*” We may be playing mind games with ourselves when we utter these words, because if we never start, we will not have to continue the process. Perhaps we feel that we can handle the guilt better than the discipline.

What about spiritually? Have we not also heard someone (ourselves) say, “*I’ve got to start studying my Bible regularly?*” We believe what Jesus said about those who “*hunger and thirst after righteousness*” (Matthew 5:6), but we are still waiting to start.

What about the one who says, “*I’ve got to start visiting like I should?*” We believe what James wrote about “*pure religion*” consisting of visiting the “*fatherless and the widows in their affliction*” (James 1:27), but we just cannot seem to get started.

In reality, when we make these statements, we are taking the first step; i.e., admitting the personal need/responsibility. Now all we need to do is specify. Instead of repeating the “*I’ve got to*” part, say, “*I will start (an activity) today at (a time).*” Next, set a reminder and then START! Change for the better will become reality when we do. Paul exhorted, “*For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation*” (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Let’s get started today.