

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Jennifer Derrick—UAB on 3/3
- ♦ Wilfred Derrick—home, but still has health problems, kidney problems
- ♦ Jeff Mashburn—health problems
- ♦ Caleb Simpler—traveling

Others in Need

- ♦ Mrs. Brown, Johnny's friend—fell
- ♦ Chico's father is in bad health
- ♦ Dale Cunningham—good results
- ♦ Danny Davis—back surgery set for 3/26 at UAB
- ♦ Hailey Haas—health problems
- ♦ Dawn Holloway—critical condition
- ♦ Tony Jones—Parkinson's
- ♦ Kyla, Denise's daughter—pregnancy complications
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Allie O'Rourke—head injury recov.
- ♦ Thomas Patterson—health issues
- ♦ Shane Price—cancer
- ♦ Jason Rickmon—cancer, chemo

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- ♦ Larry Shappley—hospice care
- ♦ Yoel Urra—improving
- ♦ 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

March 3

Meal after AM worship

May 5-11

Our Gospel Meeting with Jared Knoll

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

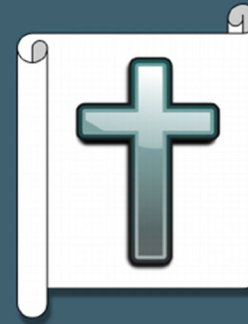


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

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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Modesty for Men and Women

By Caleb Griffith

A few notes on modesty for Christian men and women:

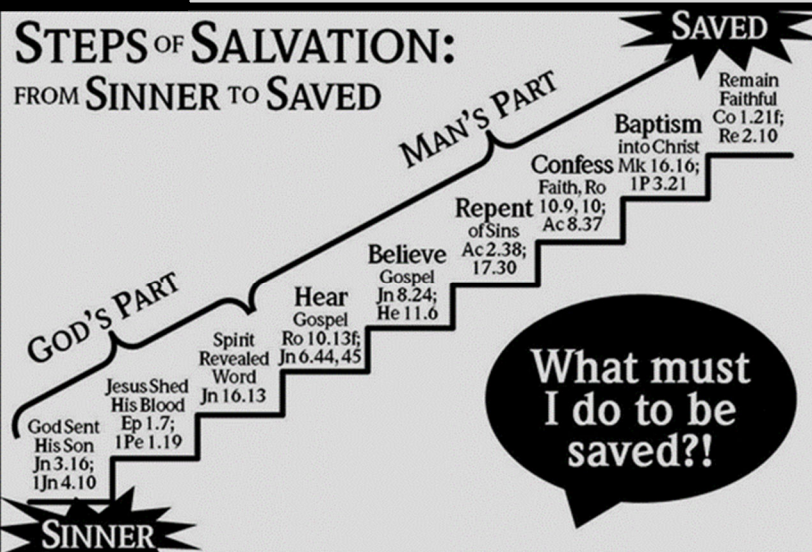
1. Modesty is broader than sexuality. 1 Timothy 2:9 warns against overdressing, not underdressing. Modesty means dressing in a way that does not draw worldly attention to us. This definitely applies to sexuality, too.

2. Modesty is broader than clothing; it is a matter of the heart. Balance in truthful teaching on this subject, from Scripture and not from cultural biases in either direction, is vital. We must emphasize the heart (1 Peter 3:3-4). But this is not a rebuttal against the applications of modesty to clothing, unless one can explain biblically why internal modesty would ever lead us to external immodesty. Being clothed in character will never result in being "unclothed" physically. "For a tree is known by its fruit" (Matthew 12:33).

3. Modesty applies to men and women. Christian men and women alike should be thoughtful and prudent about how we dress and what we present to others—in person and in pictures. Modesty is not a switch our hearts should turn off at the game or the beach. Be conscientious. Take

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).

the initiative in helping guard yourself and others from sexual temptation (Romans 13:13-14).

4. While modesty applies to both men and women, there is an intelligent reason why the Scriptures specify men in the command to guard their gaze (Matthew 5:28) and women in the command to clothe themselves appropriately (1 Timothy 2:9; 1 Peter 3:3-4). Brothers, we have a responsibility before God and our sisters. Sisters, you have a responsibility before God and your brothers.

5. Christian men can (and must) guard their eyes and thoughts (Job 31:1). And they can spiritually ask Christian women to clothe themselves in a way that does not overtly accentuate the sexual aspects of the body—a problem which seems to be the *essential* goal of most modern fashion. Requesting such is not hateful, not judgmental, not patriarchal, and not restrictive. It is spiritually mature. And Christian women have every right to ask the same of Christian men (see #3).

6. Modest clothing may require effort and discomfort. It can be hard to find modest clothing that fits. It can be uncomfortable to wear modest clothing in certain weather or while engaging in certain activities. I have never found the biblical passage that indicates I can disregard a spiritual principle because it requires effort or discomfort. We seem to be explicitly told otherwise (Luke 9:23). Jesus came to endure the cross; I will not complain about clothes.

7. Christians are meant to be distinct from the world. "Do not be conformed to the world" (Romans 12:2). But if we don't fit in with the crowd, isn't that a way of attracting undue attention to ourselves? Our clothing is an opportunity, by aiming to avoid attracting worldly attention, to instead gain the world's attention to spiritual choices. Be different, including in how you dress.

8. Sexual sin has pulled humanity away from God for thousands of years. Sexual immorality and industry hold the world in the palm of their hands. Great leaders of God's people have fallen prey to it. Church members have proudly engaged in it, even defending it. Preachers have fallen. Elders have

fallen. Deacons have fallen. Men have fallen. Women have fallen. Youth have fallen. And families have fallen apart.

My brethren, this is not the time to lower the standards of genuine propriety. This is not the time to follow culture away from reasonable boundaries. This is not the time to neglect the applications of spiritual principles and biblical passages. This is a time to "consider it, confer, and speak up!" (Judges 19:30).

May God give us modest hearts.

-Slightly adapted

"I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?" (Job 31:1).

"Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell" (Matthew 5:27-30).

"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works" (1 Timothy 2:9-10).

"Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands" (1 Peter 3:3-5).