

Prayer List



Of Our Number

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

Others in Need

- ♦ Danny Davis—back surgery recov.
- ♦ Hailey Haas—health problems
- ♦ Dawn Holloway—improving
- ♦ 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
- ♦ Larry Shappley—hospice care
- ♦ Yoel Urra—improving
- ♦ Craig Wray—cancer

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- ♦ 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



April 14

Men's Meeting

April 24

4th Wednesday Singing

May 5-9

Our Gospel Meeting with Jared Knoll

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

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 have 3 new Christians in the congregation at Baker! Brett and Korah Nofziger obeyed the Gospel on Saturday, April 6th, and Megan Clinton on Sunday morning, April 7th! Let's all make sure we welcome them into the family and encourage them any way we can. Just as a reminder, other relatively recent converts are Jessica Wesley, Taylor Mashburn, Katie Blade, and Caleb Simpler.

There were also 2 baptisms recently in Pakistan, with one of them being one of our regular online students. Persecution is still happening in Pakistan, although maybe not as severely as August of 2023 when 21 church buildings were burned down in one night, but there was another church building burned recently. Also, Shahid's mother-in-law is in critical condition and needs our prayers. Shahid, his wife Jennifer, and their children Sterling, Stanley, and Joy have traveled twelve hours to be with Jennifer's mother in another part of Pakistan.

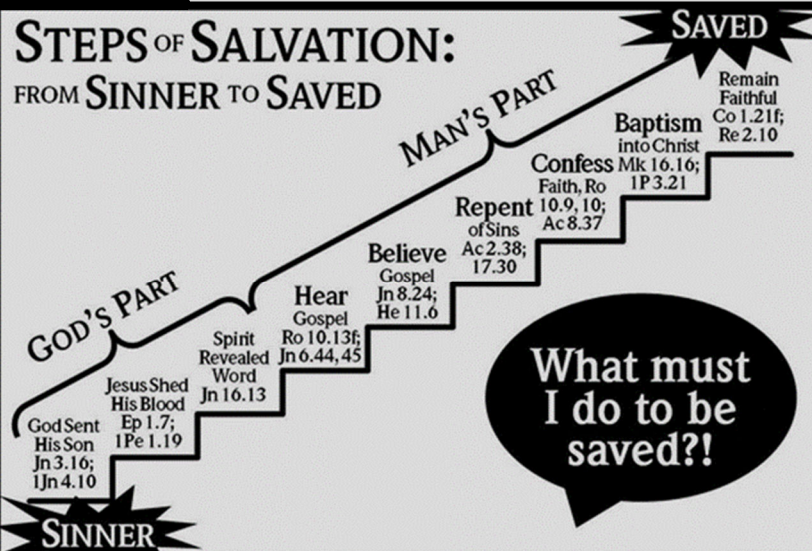
Embracing Sodom (Part 2 of 2)

Garland M. Robinson

Every human being will stand before the Lord one day to be judged concerning how they've lived. "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether [it be] good, or whether [it be] evil" (Eccl. 12:14). "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things [done] in [his] body, according to that he hath done, whether [it be] good or bad" (2 Cor. 5:10). "For the

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).

Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works” (Matt. 16:27). God commands “...all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by [that] man whom he hath ordained; [whereof] he hath given assurance unto all [men], in that he hath raised him from the dead” (Acts 17:30-31). God has the right to judge us because He is the one that made us (Gen. 1:26-27).

Homosexuality, the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah that wiped these cities from the face of the earth, has been condemned in every culture and society – in every period of time since the world began.

Homosexuality was sinful and condemned under the **Patriarchal Dispensation**. The words “sodomy,” “sodomite” and “sodomize” come from the city of Sodom – from the “alternate lifestyle” (behavior) practiced by its inhabitants (Gen. 18:16 – 19:29). Not even ten righteous souls could be found in the whole city! They all were utterly destroyed and the city so demolished that no trace of that place has been found till this day.

Homosexuality was sinful and condemned under the **Mosaical Dispensation**. *“Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it [is] abomination. Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it [is] confusion. Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you” (Lev. 18:22-24; cf. 20:13-17).*

Homosexuality is sinful and condemned under the **Christian Dispensation**. *“For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in [their] knowledge, God gave them over to areprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient” (Rom. 1:26-28).*

The city of Corinth was full of every vile and corrupt behavior. Homosexuality was rampant. Some were converted to the Lord. They repented of their “lifestyle” of sodomy and were forgiven (1 Cor. 6:9-11).

There is HOPE for homosexuals just as there is hope for all sinners. It’s called REPENTANCE. Jesus died to save the lost. He died for sinners (Heb. 2:9). He will have compassion upon those who humbly come to Him in faith and obedience.

To receive FORGIVENESS of any and all sins, one must: **Believe** in Jesus (John 8:24; 3:16), **Repent** of sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 2:38; 17:30), **Confess** Him before men (Rom. 10:9-10; Acts 8:37), and be **Baptized** in water for the forgiveness of sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-6, 17-18; 1 Peter 3:21).

Don’t let Satan blind your mind to the truth (2 Cor. 4:4). Don’t make excuses regarding your life. Repent and be Baptized (Mark 16:16). You CAN live a faithful Christian life (Rev. 2:10). And, you WILL hear the Lord say, *“Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” (Matt. 25:34).* *SeektheOldPaths.com*

“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

“Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire” (Jude 7).

HELL is surely one of the most terrifying words in the English language, but there is one word many seem to fear more than Hell: CHANGE. When it comes to salvation, the test is often whether our love for God outweighs our hatred for change (Mt. 4:17; 19:21, 22; 22:36-38; Jn. 14:15; Acts 2:36-40; 17:30, 31; 26:28; Rom. 12:1, 2; 2 Cor. 7:10; 1 Jn. 2:3-6; 5:3). —JPH