

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
- ◆ Jessica Wesley—car accident, sore

Others in Need

- ◆ Mrs. Brown, Johnny's friend—fell
- ◆ Danny Davis—back surgery went well
- ◆ 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 Shapple—hospice care

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- ◆ 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

April 7

Meal after AM Worship

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

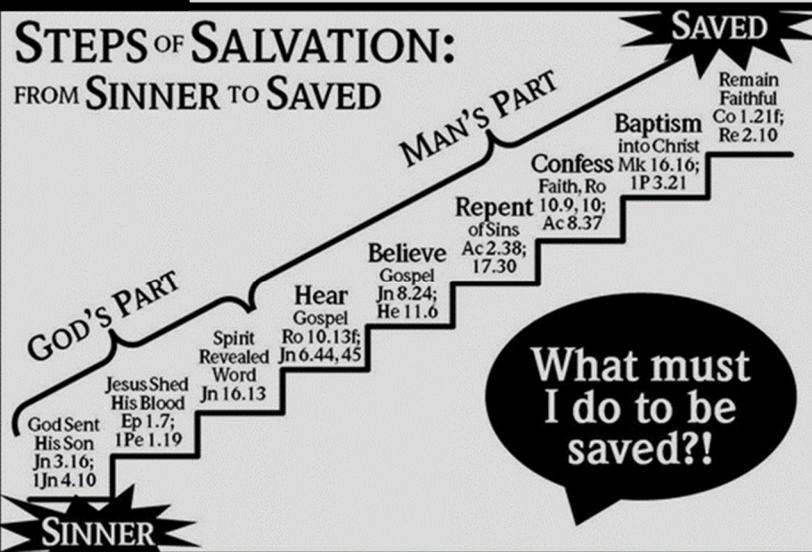


Announcements—Leo Derrick
Song Leading—Sunday—David Howze; Wednesday—Mark Howze
Serving the Lord's Supper
 Head: Glenn Howze; Helpers: Ethan Howze, Ezra Howze, Mark Howze
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Leo Derrick
 Helper: Josh Lawson
Scripture Reading—Braden Hilburn

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).

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).

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Meeting Times

Sundays:

- 10AM Bible Class
- 11AM Worship
- 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

- 7PM Bible Class

Other Information

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Embracing Sodom (Part 1)

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Political correctness is one of the greatest threats we face, not only in America, but the whole world. Political correctness demands a total disregard of right and wrong. It scorns the concept of morality and decency. It insists that we ignore the standard of righteousness. As a matter of fact, it asserts there is no absolute standard of right and wrong. It would have everyone to be a law unto themselves—any and everything “goes,” is the cry of the day.

Political correctness demands that everyone accept the concept of a “so called” alternate lifestyle. This phrase has been coined to avoid the shame, reproach and guilt of calling it what it really is—SODOMY. The word “gay” has been hijacked to make sodomy seem appealing. Men may call sodomy by more pleasant terms, but it won't change what it is. Nor will it allow one to avoid the eternal consequences of ungodly and immoral behavior. Killing one's unborn son or daughter may not be called murder, but that does not change the fact of it. To make it more acceptable it's called abortion, ending a pregnancy, planned parenthood, a choice. The end result is the same! No one can escape the all seeing eye of God (Heb. 4:13; Job 34:21-22).

How did we get to where we are today? How can we even imagine that our society has come to be so indifferent

toward godless and immoral behavior? How in the world is it even possible that **AMERICA IS NOW ESPOUSING, SUPPORTING, PROMOTING, ENCOURAGING, ADVANCING, CHAMPIONING, PROTECTING, DEFENDING, EMBRACING THE VERY THING THAT DESTROYED THE CITIES OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH?** Who would have ever imagined such a thing just a few short years ago? Sodomy (homosexuality: men with men and women with women) has always been known to be indecent, immoral, vulgar, disgusting—and rightly so! The sin of sodomy is a giant leap toward bringing this nation to utter destruction as it has done in ancient times in other places.

This country is in a downward spiral that is gaining momentum and speed every single day. The masses are being beaten into subjection to allow this abnormal, deviant and perverted behavior. Apathy and complacency is allowing it to happen. Where are the moral and upright citizens of this land? Where are the so-called “Christians” that are supposedly the majority in this country? Their voices are largely silent. They are becoming more and more accustomed to its growing acceptance. They’re afraid because of “political correctness.” They don’t want to be seen as “not in step with the times.” They are afraid of being thought of as bigots, extremists, and fanatics. Seems like the Lord said something about whom we should fear. *“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell”* (Matt. 10:28).

We are at WAR —a war against Satan, his demons and earthly cohorts among men. It is not a war against flesh and blood, *“...but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [places]”* (Eph. 6:12). *“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare [are] not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ”* (2 Cor. 10:3-5). We do not fight with our fists or take up arms or any other such thing. We do not oppose men and women themselves; instead, we oppose the sin in which they are involved. It is a war of WORDS, a war of TRUTH, a war against sinful behavior and actions. The weapon we use is the precious and eternal word of God—nothing more and nothing less. The TRUTH sets forth righteousness and condemns ERROR. The

Truth saves (John 8:31-32). Error condemns to hell (Psa. 9:17; 145:20; Isa. 5:14-15; Matt. 25:41,46; Luke 16:22-24; Rom. 2:8-9; 6:23; 2 Thess. 1:7-9; Rev. 20:15; 21:8).

There is a distinct difference between righteousness (saints) and wickedness (sinners). *“For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish”* (Psa. 1:6). *“The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy”* (Psa. 145:20). *“The way of the wicked [is] an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness”* (Prov. 15:9). God’s word shows men how to live. *“The law of the LORD [is] perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD [is] sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD [are] right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD [is] pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD [is] clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD [are] true [and] righteous altogether. More to be desired [are they] than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: [and] in keeping of them [there is] great reward”* (Psa. 19:7-11).

Notice what God says about those who live in wickedness. *“I will not justify the wicked”* (Exodus 23:7). *“God is angry with the wicked every day”* (Psa. 7:11). *“Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes”* (Psa. 119:155). *“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God”* (Psa. 9:17). *“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness”* (Rom. 1:18). *“Who will render to every man according to his deeds”* (Rom. 2:6).

The Scriptures are full of references of those who HATE God (Exodus 20:5; Psa. 81:10-15; Rom. 1:30). They hate Him because He condemns their sinful behavior. They hate Him because He requires them to live a clean and upright life. They hate Him because He requires them to live a faithful obedient life. They refuse to live the good life. They want to be free from condemnation. They demand their right to live as they so choose. As a matter of fact, God gives them that right. He allows everyone to make their own choices and live the way they choose. As long as we live in this world, we have the freedom to live as we want. However, there’s a reckoning day coming. Notice these words, *“Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these [things] God will bring thee into judgment”* (Eccl. 11:9).

To be continued next week, Lord willing...