

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Jennifer Derrick—radiation treatments
- ♦ Wilfred Derrick—health problems
- ♦ Jeff Mashburn—health problems
- ♦ Peggy Preece—sick a lot lately, doctor soon, Lord willing

Others in Need

- ♦ Shannon Burn—in hospital
- ♦ Danny Davis—back pain
- ♦ Louise Douglas—health problems
- ♦ Joyce Faulk—health problems
- ♦ Dawn Holloway—at home, IV meds
- ♦ Dianne Johnson—rare cancer
- ♦ Tony Jones—Parkinson's
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Donna Parrish (Jason Hilburn's mother)—lung problems, asthma
- ♦ Thomas Patterson—health issues
- ♦ Shane Price—cancer
- ♦ Larry Shappley—hospice care
- ♦ Melanie Skinner—cancer

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- ♦ Randall Ward—surgery recovery
- ♦ Flood victims in India, Pakistan
- ♦ Pray for Christians overseas, such as those facing 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

September 15
Men's Meeting

September 25
4th Wednesday Singing

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

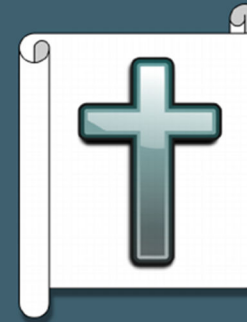


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

Privileged to Serve



Announcements: 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: Caleb Howze
Bible Reading: Brett (AM), Caleb S. (PM)



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Meeting Times

Sundays:

10AM Bible Class
 11AM Worship
 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

Other Information

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Forbear One Another

Bobby Liddell

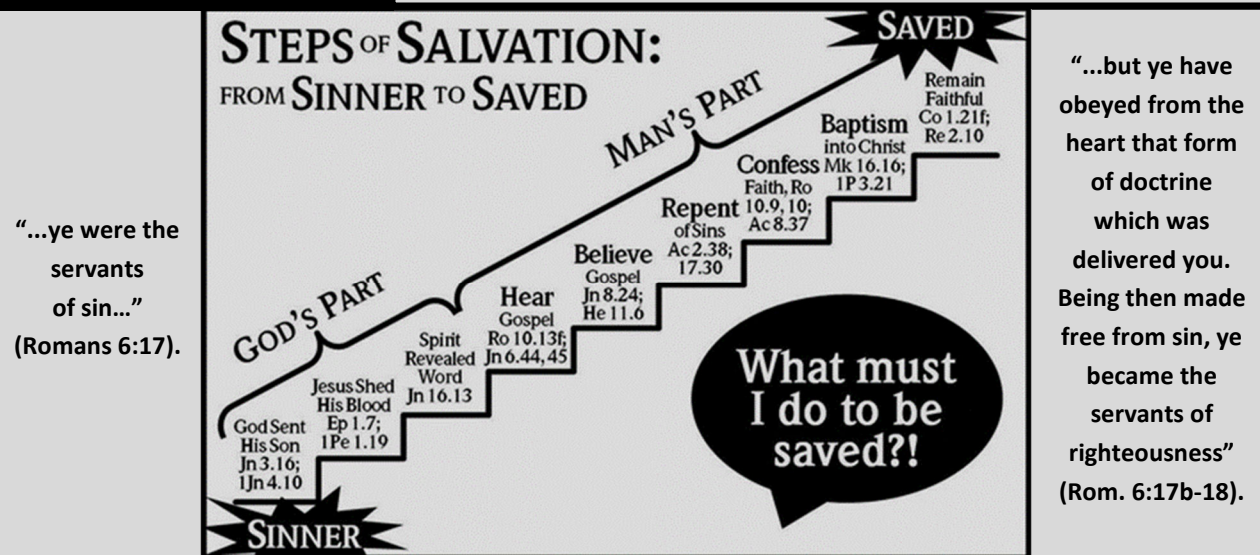
Christians share a special, spiritual, and eternal relationship with "one another" that transcends the differences of "all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues," and lasts forever (Rev. 7:9; 1 The. 4:13-18). Our blessed relationships and faith-building responsibilities are reciprocal and reflexive. Thus, what we do properly is from one to another, and of one by another. In the body of Christ, we share the mutual responsibility (and mutual expectation) to "forbear one another in love" (Eph. 4:2).

FORBEAR ONE ANOTHER

Mounce wrote of "forbear": "*Anechomai* means 'to bear with, endure, tolerate, put up with' something or someone When the object of *anechomai* is personal, it means to put up with or tolerate an individual" (213). If we forbear, we put up with personalities, bear with shortcomings, and tolerate slights and injuries. We will thank God for those brethren with more acclaim, more abilities, or more opportunities, and we will reach down to the "little ones" who seem insignificant, lacking in knowledge, deficient in ability, behind in maturity, and seek to raise them up to where they should be.

Forbearing does not mean tolerating continuing sin (1 John 3:4, 8-9; 5:16-17). "The riches of" God's "goodness and forbearance and longsuffering" (Rom. 2:4; cf. 3:25), should inspire us to endure patiently, to forbear lovingly, and to forego revenge, even upon those who have grievously wronged us, because of our love for them, and for the Lord's body. God's

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being forbearing does not mean He overlooks sin, but that He desires man's salvation, in spite of all man has done against Him (John 3:16-17). God, not man, determines what sin is, and who is guilty (1 John 3:4; Rom. 7:13). One is not a sinner just because: (1) He differs in a matter that is optional, judgment, or a scruple (Rom. 14), (2) Another dislikes him, or is jealous of his position, or his success, or, (3) Someone accuses him (Rev. 12:10). Additionally, one is not free from guilt simply because one chooses to overlook his sin under the guise of forbearance.

Some decry forbearance, and foolishly and falsely define "longsuffering and patience" as sinful "toleration and compromise." We must never let anyone coerce, accuse, condemn, or sanction us into believing we sin when we follow the Lord's command to be forbearing. Let us put aside pettiness and pride, and inculcate within us lowliness, meekness, and forbearance (Eph. 4:2), that we might help men to be productive now, and saved eternally. Only then, will we have the proper disposition to confront sin, and to rebuke sinners correctly.

FORBEAR ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE

Love for one another identifies us (John 13:34-35). Love is patiently enduring in addressing conflicts, dissolving disputes, or restoring broken unity (1 Cor. 13). To extend to others the forbearance we all need and want, because of genuinely seeking the good of the other, and of the body of Christ, will, when properly received, result in healing, instead of additional injury. Brethren, who bow their hearts to listen to the God of Heaven, stoop down to lift up the lowly; listen to, and learn from, the least; and think more highly of others than they do of themselves. God, through Paul, warned: "But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another" (Gal. 5:15). Loving forbearance would eliminate such devilish conduct.

FORBEARING IS AN IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTIC OF CHRISTIANS

Paul wrote about those whose lives were "hid with Christ in God," instructing them in, "Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye." From Colossians 3:1-17, note that forbearing is a Christian characteristic of those who: (1) Are risen with Christ, (2) Seek things that are above, (3) Set their affections on things above, not on things on the earth, (4) Are dead, but alive in Christ, (5) Expect to appear with Him in glory, (6) Have put to death their members upon the earth, (7) Have put off the evil attributes of the old man, (8) Have put on Christian characteristics of the new man, (9) Have put on love, which is the bond of perfectness, (10) Let the peace of God rule in their hearts, (11) Let the word of Christ dwell in them richly, (12) Do all, in word or deed, in the name of the Lord, (13) And, give thanks unto the Father by Him.

CONCLUSION

Forbearing one another in love is a Christian characteristic that we must work to acquire, to practice, and to perfect within us. Forbearance requires patience with one another, demands slowness to anger, and also stresses readiness to forgive. Forbearance endures the trials, overcomes weakness, and claims the victory—and

does so with lowliness and meekness. Forbearing one another in love should not seem to us to be unusual or unknown. Rather, we should be faithful practitioners of bearing with one another, ready to forgive, and gentle in our dealing with others. If we love one another, as we should, we will know the blessings of forbearing, even if we must suffer in order to do so.

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God is Colorblind

By Clifton Angel

Quite often, when someone learns that I am colorblind, they begin to quiz my ability to see colors. "What color is this?" "And how about this one—what color is this?" Colorblindness is not the same for every person that experiences it. For example, I know a man that is so red-green colorblind that if he were to approach a traffic light that had been turned on its side, he would not know which side was red and which side was green. While I do have some red-green colorblindness, it is not that extreme. Here is my point—I still see color. I can observe its beauty and praise God for His handiwork. But when it comes to making a distinction between two colors, there are some with which I have trouble, so I choose not to make those distinctions if I can get away with it (e.g., determining someone's eye color).

When it comes to our relationships with our fellow man, we need to develop colorblindness. A friend recently said, "Human beings are strange. We look at all the different colored flowers and say, 'how beautiful,' but our attitude changes when we look at all the different colored people God made." We need to be able to observe the beauty of the different colors without making distinctions. I see this trait in God. "For there is no respect of persons with God" (Romans 2:11). No gender, no color, no nationality, no cultural background, nor social status can prevent a person from obeying the Gospel and becoming a child of God. Paul, by inspiration of God, put it like this: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:26-28).

Part of me wants to marvel that the world around us is still caught up in racism (distinctions of skin colors), but I understand that division is of the devil, and as long as the world follows him, it will be present. What is astonishing is when those that are in Christ make such distinctions—such ought not to be so! God is colorblind. He delights in the beauty of colors, not the division of them. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). To God be the glory.