

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Jennifer Derrick—health problems
- ♦ Wilfred Derrick—health problems
- ♦ Jeff Mashburn—health problems

Others in Need

- ♦ Travis Barrow—rare cancer
- ♦ Patsy Benson—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Shannon Burn—another surgery
- ♦ California fire victims
- ♦ Danny Davis—back pain
- ♦ Louise Douglas—health problems
- ♦ Joyce Faulk—health problems
- ♦ Daniel Foxworth's father—health
- ♦ Ray Godwin—passed away
- ♦ Howard & Elizabeth Grace—health
- ♦ Dawn Holloway—health problems
- ♦ Tony Jones—recent stroke and fall
- ♦ Kari Miles—expecting
- ♦ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ♦ Thomas Patterson—health issues
- ♦ Shane Price—cancer
- ♦ Larry Shappley—hospice care

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- ♦ Melanie Skinner—cancer
- ♦ Randal W.'s grandson CJ—sick
- ♦ Ron Yusnukis—surgery upcoming
- ♦ 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, the lost, enemies.

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).

Events



February 2
Meal after AM Worship

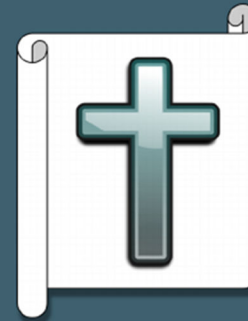
February 21
Faith and Fellowship
(No fellowship meal in March)

Privileged to Serve



Announcements: Mark Howze
Song Leading: Sunday—David Howze; Wednesday—Ethan Howze
Serving the Lord's Supper
Head: Leo Derrick; Helpers: Johnny Moss, Ezra Howze, Caleb Howze
Lord's Supper PM
Head: Mark Howze
Helper: Caleb Howze
Bible 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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ChatGPT Confirms What We Teach!

(Part 4) by Jason Patrick Hilburn

4. Confession in Practice

Confession in the New Testament is always portrayed as a public declaration rather than a private prayer:

- **1 Timothy 6:12:** "You made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses."

- This likely refers to Timothy's public acknowledgment of faith during his baptism or another public setting.

- **John 12:42-43:** Some believed in Jesus but failed to confess Him publicly out of fear of the Pharisees. Their silence is criticized, emphasizing the importance of confessing Christ before others.

5. How This Differs from a "Sinner's Prayer"

The concept of a "sinner's prayer," often taught as confessing sins privately to God, is not found in Scripture.

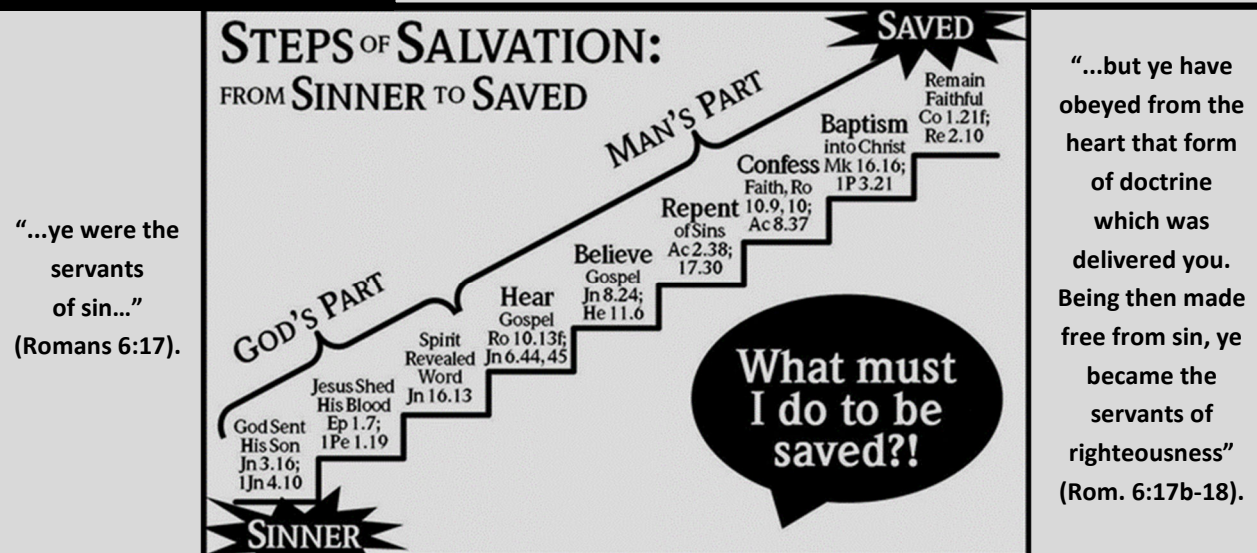
- Confession in the Bible is about proclaiming belief in Jesus to others, not reciting a prayer.
- Forgiveness of sins comes through repentance, baptism, and continued faithfulness, not merely a prayer.

Biblical Conclusion

Yes, the confession required for salvation is a public acknowledgment of faith in Jesus Christ, as demonstrated by the Ethiopian eunuch and taught by Jesus. This act is distinct from a private prayer and is integral to the process of salvation, showing one's willingness to openly identify with Christ before others.

JASON said: Isn't it true that once a person becomes saved, he could

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).

choose to become unfaithful and lose his salvation?

ChatGPT said: Yes, the Bible clearly teaches that it is possible for a person who has been saved to become unfaithful and lose their salvation. Salvation is a gift of grace, but believers are called to remain faithful to God. Let's examine key Scriptures that address this truth:

1. Warnings About Falling Away

The Bible contains explicit warnings that it is possible for believers to fall away from their faith and be lost:

- **Hebrews 6:4-6:** *"It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age and who have fallen away, to be brought back to repentance."*
- This passage describes those who were clearly saved but later fell away, emphasizing the real danger of abandoning faith.
- **1 Corinthians 10:12:** *"So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!"*
- Paul warns believers to remain vigilant, as falling from grace is possible.

2. Examples of Falling Away in Scripture

- **Judas Iscariot:** Judas was chosen as an apostle (Luke 6:13-16) and participated in Jesus' ministry, but he later betrayed Jesus and perished spiritually (John 17:12).
- **Demas:** Paul wrote of Demas, who was a co-worker in the faith but later abandoned him because he "loved this world" (2 Timothy 4:10).

3. Conditional Salvation

Salvation is conditional on continuing in faith and obedience:

- **John 15:5-6:** *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned."*
- Jesus emphasizes that remaining in Him is essential for salvation. A failure to abide results in being cut off.
- **Colossians 1:22-23:** *"But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel."*
- The word "if" indicates a condition for remaining saved.
- **Revelation 2:10:** *"Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown."*
- Faithfulness to the end is necessary to receive the crown of life.

4. Falling from Grace

- **Galatians 5:4:** *"You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace."*
- Paul warns believers who were saved by grace that they could fall from it by turning back to legalism or abandoning their faith.

5. God's Desire and Human Responsibility

While God desires all to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4) and is patient with us (2 Peter 3:9), He does not force anyone to remain faithful. Believers have the free will to choose obedience or rebellion:

- **Ezekiel 18:24:** *"But if a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin and does the same detestable things the wicked person does, will they live? None of the righteous things that person has done will be remembered. Because of the unfaithfulness they are guilty of and because of the sins they have committed, they will die."*

Biblical Conclusion

The Bible teaches that salvation can be lost if a believer turns away from God, becomes unfaithful, or fails to continue in faith and obedience. These warnings emphasize the need for vigilance, perseverance, and a steadfast relationship with God (Hebrews 3:12-14).

While God's grace is abundant and His promises are secure, salvation is conditional on remaining faithful to Him. This encourages believers to live with reverence and commitment, always striving to walk in the light (1 John 1:7).

JASON said:

Isn't it true that the early church did not use mechanical instruments in worship, and that there is no New Testament authority for such?

ChatGPT said:

Yes, it is true that the early church did not use mechanical instruments in their worship, and there is no explicit New Testament authority for their use in Christian worship. Let's explore this topic biblically and historically:

1. New Testament Worship is Vocal

The New Testament consistently describes singing as the form of musical worship practiced by the early church:

- **Ephesians 5:19:** *"Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord."*
- The emphasis is on singing and making melody in the heart, not with mechanical instruments.
- **Colossians 3:16:** *"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts."*
- Again, the focus is on vocal music as a means of teaching and praising God.

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