

Prayer List



Of Our Number

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

Others in Need

- ◆ Travis Barrow—health problems
- ◆ Patsy Benson—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Danny Davis—back pain
- ◆ Louise Douglas—health problems
- ◆ Joyce Faulk—health problems
- ◆ Daniel Foxworth's father—health problems
- ◆ Howard and Elizabeth Grace—health problems, surgery recovery
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Melanie Skinner—cancer
- ◆ Randal Ward's grandson CJ—sick

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◆ 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.

Events



January 11

Men's Leadership Breakfast

January 12

Men's Meeting

January 22

Fourth Wednesday Singing

Our Faith and Fellowship event has been postponed until February

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

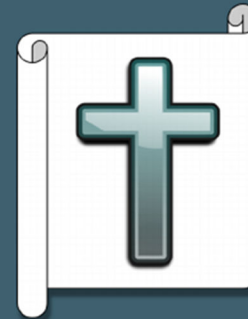
Serving the Lord's Supper

Head: Leo Derrick; Helpers: Johnny Moss, Ezra Howze, Caleb Howze

Lord's Supper PM

Head: Mark Howze
Helper: Caleb Howze

Bible Reading: Braden Hilburn



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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 1) by Jason Patrick Hilburn

ChatGPT is an A.I. (Artificial Intelligence) chatbot that "works by processing large amounts of text data and using patterns in that data to generate responses that are relevant and coherent" (chatgpt.com). A friend of mine asked ChatGPT some questions about salvation and shared it. I was amazed at the answers he received, so I thought I would try it. I worded my questions a little differently than he did, and I also asked ChatGPT to recommend a church that teaches the Truth. Although it is not necessarily surprising that A.I. comes to the same conclusions we do if it simply uses the Bible, it is still exciting to see it examine the Biblical evidence and confirm what we teach! If anyone else tries this, it is imperative to specify that the answers must come only from the Bible, or it may use confusing man-made doctrines to answer. The formatting and wording of its answers have not been altered.

JASON said:

ChatGPT, I have a question, and I want you to answer this question based on the Bible alone. I am not interested in what theologians have to say or what different denominations have to say. I just want a Biblical answer, so as you search for answers to this question, just use the Bible alone. Is that understood?

ChatGPT said:

Understood! I will base my answer solely on the Bible and reference only Scripture to address your question. Please go ahead and ask.

JASON said:

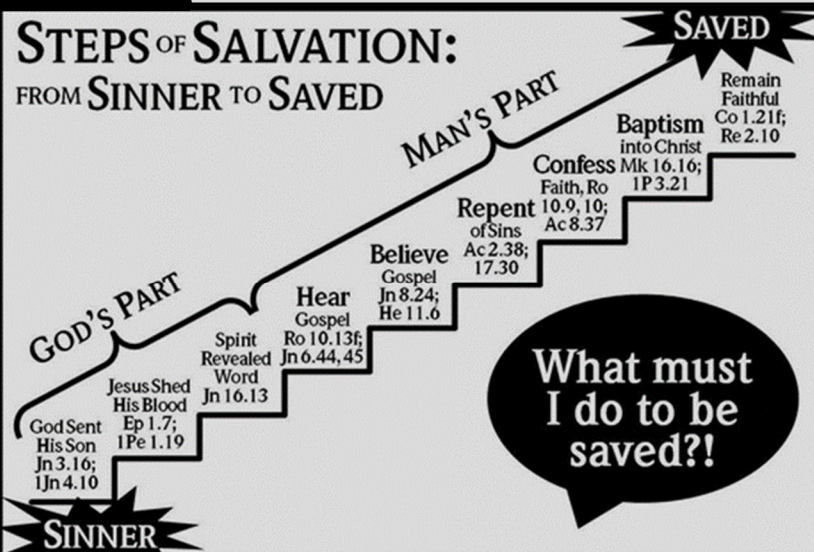
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ChatGPT said:

The Bible provides a clear and consistent message about what a

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).

person must do to be saved. Here are the key Scriptures that explain the process of salvation:

1. Believe in Jesus Christ

- **John 3:16:** *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*
- **Acts 16:31:** *“They replied, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.’”*

2. Repent of Your Sins

- **Acts 2:38:** *“Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”*
- **Luke 13:3:** *“I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”*

3. Confess Jesus as Lord

- **Romans 10:9-10:** *“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.”*

4. Be Baptized

- **Mark 16:16:** *“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”*
- **1 Peter 3:21:** *“And this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”*

5. Continue in Faith and Obedience

- **Matthew 24:13:** *“But the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.”*
- **Philippians 2:12:** *“Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling.”*

Summary

According to the Bible, to be saved, a person must:

1. Believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
2. Repent of their sins.
3. Confess Jesus as Lord.
4. Be baptized as an outward expression of faith and obedience.
5. Continue in faith, obedience, and perseverance in their relationship with God.

If you'd like to explore any specific verse further, let me know!

JASON said: If I am looking for a church that teaches the plan of salvation you gave above, what would be your first recommendation for a church?

ChatGPT said:

If you are seeking a church that emphasizes the Biblical plan of salvation as outlined—faith in Jesus Christ, repentance, confession, baptism, and faithful living—the **churches of Christ** would likely align closely with what you're looking for.

The churches of Christ are known for:

1. **Basing their teachings solely on the Bible:** They emphasize that Scripture is the ultimate authority (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
2. **Practicing baptism by immersion** for the forgiveness of sins, as described in passages like Acts 2:38 and Romans 6:3-4.
3. **Focusing on simple New Testament Christianity**, avoiding creeds or doctrines beyond the Bible itself.
4. **Encouraging congregational autonomy**, meaning each church is self-governed without a hierarchical structure.

If you decide to visit a church of Christ, it's a good idea to confirm that they emphasize these Biblical principles, as practices can vary slightly between congregations. If you'd like, I can also help you locate one in your area. Let me know!

JASON said:

Above you said that baptism is an outward expression of faith and obedience. Does that mean a person is saved before water baptism?

ChatGPT said:

The question of whether a person is saved before water baptism is addressed differently in various Christian traditions, but if we rely strictly on the Bible, the Scriptures present baptism as more than an outward expression; it is closely tied to the process of salvation. Let's examine key passages:

1. Baptism for the Forgiveness of Sins

- **Acts 2:38:** *“Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”*
- This verse connects baptism with the forgiveness of sins and the reception of the Holy Spirit.

2. Baptism as Participation in Christ's Death and Resurrection

- **Romans 6:3-4:** *“Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”*
- Baptism is described as the means by which a believer participates in Christ's death and resurrection.

To be continued... Full article on <http://www.JasonsBibleBlog.com>