

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
- ♦ 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
- ♦ Melanie Skinner—cancer

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- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Pray for our evangelistic efforts

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

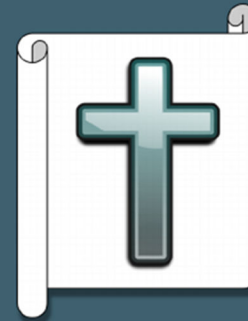
February 21
Faith and Fellowship
(No fellowship meal in March)

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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A Few Words from Jason

The Twin States Bible School in India that God began through us and other faithful Christians/congregations two years ago has just finished teaching its first "student body," with their final exam having taken place on Friday, January 31st. A graduation is upcoming. Many souls have already been saved through this effort. Many of the students were in man-made churches when entering the school and have since been converted, including some (former) denominational preachers who now preach the Truth! One of these is Yesu, who was a well-known Baptist preacher working with three congregations. After his conversion he has been teaching these congregations the Truth, and the names on the buildings have been changed to "CHURCH OF CHRIST MEETS HERE." I hope to get the exact number from brother Vandan Kumar of how many students were converted. Brother Vandan has worked very hard, along with two other brothers who taught the students and encouraged them to obey the Truth (Vijay and Mallesh). We give all glory and praise to God!

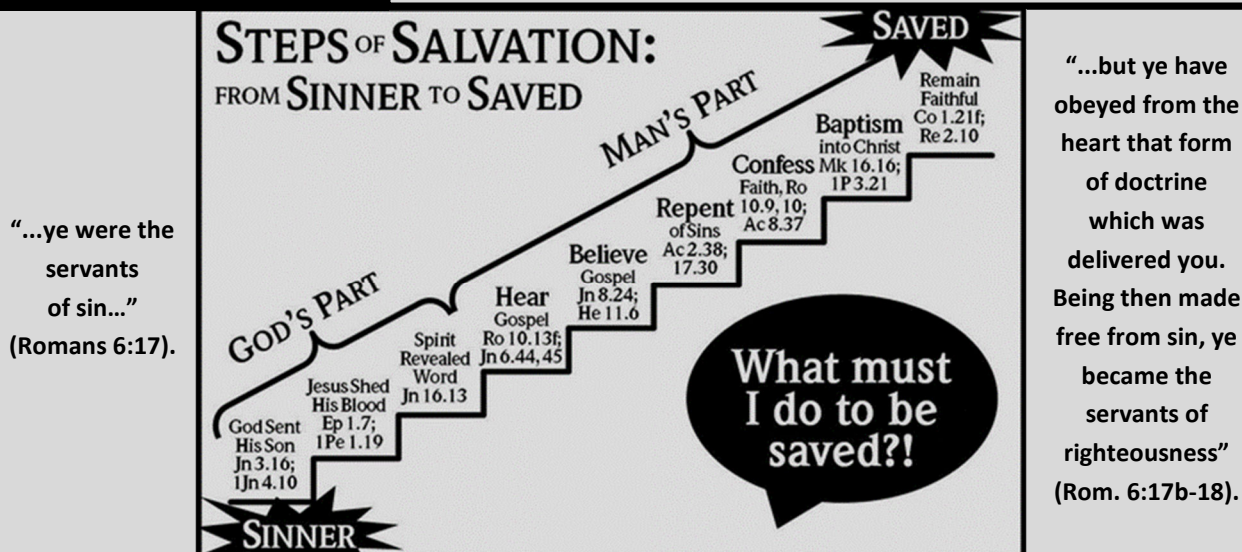
ChatGPT Confirms What We Teach!

(Part 5 of 5) by Jason Patrick Hilburn

- **Hebrews 13:15:** "Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name."
- Worship is described as the "fruit of lips," underscoring vocal expression rather than instrumental accompaniment.
- **2. No New Testament Authority for Instruments in Worship**
The New Testament does not include any commands, examples, or implications authorizing mechanical instruments in worship.
- Biblical worship in the New Testament is marked by simplicity,

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).

What must I do to be saved?!

focusing on spiritual truths (John 4:23-24).

- In contrast to Old Testament worship, where instruments were explicitly commanded for temple use (e.g., Psalm 150), the New Testament provides no such instructions for the church.

3. Historical Evidence of Early Christian Worship

- The early church, for centuries after the apostles, rejected the use of mechanical instruments in worship.
- **Justin Martyr (2nd century):** Describes worship as consisting of prayers and singing, without mention of instruments.
- **Clement of Alexandria (2nd-3rd century):** Opposed the use of instruments, emphasizing spiritual worship.
- Instrumental music was introduced into Christian worship much later, around the 7th-8th century, primarily in the Roman Catholic Church. This innovation was met with resistance in some parts of Christianity.

4. Principle of Silence in Worship

The early church's rejection of mechanical instruments reflects a principle often referred to as the "silence of the Scriptures."

- **1 Corinthians 4:6:** "...Do not go beyond what is written."
 - **Colossians 3:17:** "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."
- This principle suggests that practices in worship must be explicitly authorized in Scripture. Since mechanical instruments are not mentioned or commanded in the New Testament, they are excluded.

5. Worship in Spirit and Truth

Jesus described the nature of New Testament worship:

- **John 4:23-24:** "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."
- Worship is spiritual and focused on truth, not reliant on external rituals or physical instruments.

Biblical Conclusion

The early church did not use mechanical instruments in worship, and the New Testament provides no authority for their use. Singing, as directed by Scripture, is the form of musical worship prescribed for Christians. Faithful adherence to the New Testament pattern emphasizes simplicity, spiritual focus, and obedience to God's revealed will.

The absence of authority for mechanical instruments calls for caution in introducing them into worship, as it risks going beyond what is written (Revelation 22:18-19).

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

System Restore

Computers are wonderful things. They can do so much. Not only can you use all the programs that enable you to produce many things, even this bulletin but thanks to the internet one can be in touch with the world – even seeing people half way across the world through Skype. Also, the latest internet browsers enable one to restore a previous session, with all of its tabbed pages, with just one click of the mouse. However, when things go wrong, as has happened to me this week, you have problems. My laptop computer will not download attachments – one browser says the file is not there, another that it has a virus and will not download. I know neither is true, for the same attachments will download quite safely on my laptop proving both that the file is there and it does not have a virus. I am told there is a virus when trying to download a legitimate file from the internet (like Adobe Reader, which internet users will know about).

In trying to eliminate such problems there are tools that can be used including system restore (which takes the computer back in time to an earlier date taking out what may be problem files downloaded after that date and gets rid of other "trash" in the process. This can only go so far. Sometimes it reaches a point where the only answer is a full restore that takes the computer back to how it was when it was first set up after it was purchased. This removes everything that you have added to the computer since – except, fortunately, your data (I am hopeful my problem will be resolved before this time as it is a long process to reinstall all added programs).

Such reminds me of Christianity. One can use "System Restore" that takes one back in time to a certain date to restore things to the way they were at a certain point as had happened during the Reformation period that removed some of the accumulated "garbage" that had gathered over the years through Catholicism. However, as with system restore, Reformation does not go back far enough. What is needed is a full restoration that takes one back to the beginning, to the establishment of the church, thereby removing all of the layers of human doctrine that have been added in order to have the pristine church just as our Lord designed it.

The concept of restoration is well known. When one takes an automobile, like an E-type Jaguar (built in my home town, Coventry), and restores it, he makes it like it was the day it first rolled off of the assembly line.

The church of our Lord can be restored to its pristine glory only when the "doctrines and commandments of men," which make worship "vain" are removed (Matthew 15:9). If the church is to be the church that our Lord promised to build (Matthew 16:18) and He promised only to build one, the one He purchased with His blood (Acts 20:28), then it must teach and preach only that which has been authorized by Christ in His Word, for He is the One who has all authority (Matthew 28:18).

As the Lord's people, let us preach and teach only that which is authorized by Christ Himself in order that those who are obedient to the gospel of Christ will be added to the church that He purchased with His blood (Acts 2:47).
—Author unknown