

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
- ◆ Danny Davis—back pain
- ◆ Louise Douglas—health problems
- ◆ Joyce Faulk—health problems
- ◆ Jennifer Foxworth—health problems
- ◆ Howard & Elizabeth Grace—health
- ◆ Dawn Holloway—health problems
- ◆ Tony Jones—health problems
- ◆ Kari Miles—expecting
- ◆ Oscar—home, not well
- ◆ Shane Price—cancer
- ◆ Melanie Skinner—cancer
- ◆ Randal W.'s grandson CJ—sick
- ◆ Ron Yusnukis—surgery recovery

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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



- March 26**
4th Wednesday Singing
- April 6**
Meal after AM Worship
- May 4-7**
Our Gospel Meeting

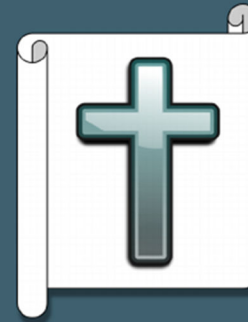
Privileged to Serve



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

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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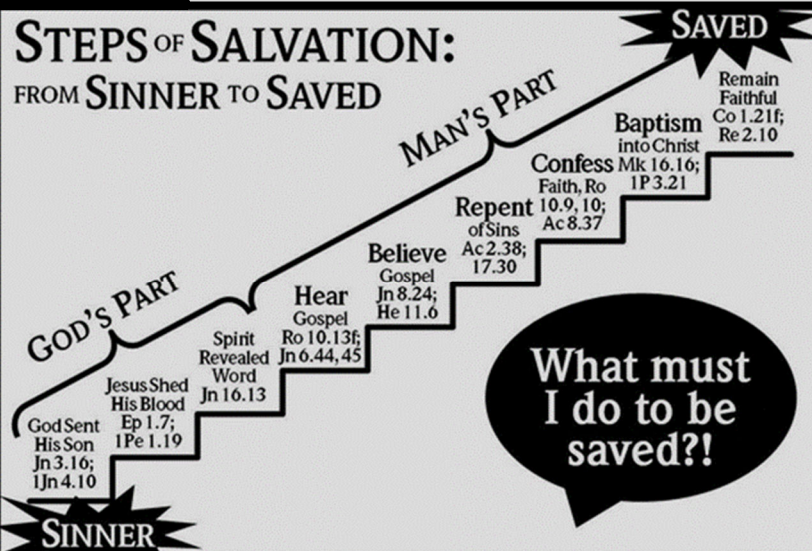
Pros and Cons of Using A.I. in Religious Matters

(Part 2 of 2) by Jason Patrick Hilburn

- AI Does Not Learn Globally from Conversations** – If AI provides an incorrect answer and a user corrects it, AI may acknowledge the mistake in that conversation, but the correction may not apply globally. The same mistake may still appear in responses to other users unless AI's developers update its global training data.
- The Way Questions Are Phrased Can Influence Answers** – AI-generated responses depend significantly on how questions are asked. If a question is worded vaguely, AI may provide a misleading or incomplete answer. Users who phrase questions with bias may also lead AI toward certain conclusions, though it often tactfully pushes back against clear errors. Pressing for direct, no-nonsense answers generally leads to more objective and specific answers.
- Lack of Personal Connection** – AI cannot replace real human fellowship, mentorship, or the personal aspect of Biblical instruction. **Spiritual growth requires relationships with faithful Christians (Hebrews 10:24-25), and AI can never fulfill that role.**

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).

8. **AI Responses Can Change Over Time** – Since AI software is frequently updated, it is possible to get one answer today and a different answer tomorrow based on new programming. Note that updates may not always lead to more accurate responses, as changes may reflect shifts in data sources or biases. Technology like AI is always changing, but **the Bible does not change** (Psalm 119:89), and **it should always be considered the ultimate source of Truth.**

Conclusion

Using AI is not inherently wrong, just as studying the Bible using online videos, Bible software, or uninspired commentaries is not wrong. However, AI must be used with great caution because it can mislead. As with other uninspired sources, AI can be a useful tool in many ways, offering logical analysis and assisting in research. It can help organize thoughts, retrieve information, and enhance Bible study efficiency; but it lacks the discernment, consistency, and depth of human understanding that comes from diligently studying God's Word. AI will hopefully continue to improve, becoming more consistent as a tool to learn, teach, and defend the Truth, but no technology—no matter how advanced—can replace the perfect wisdom found in the Bible. AI may be a tool for study, but God has already given mankind the complete and sufficient guide for Truth—the inspired Scriptures (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3). As with any tool, AI should be used wisely and always tested against the unchanging Word of God.

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The Apocryphal Books: Why They Do Not Belong in the Bible

(Part 1) by Jason Patrick Hilburn

Why do some people have more books in their Bibles than others? Are there “missing” books that should be in our Bibles?

Imagine a young man in the military has been sent to a foreign continent, and someone brings him a letter that says it is from the soldier's father. As the young soldier begins reading the letter, he finds that some things his father wrote sound very strange—for example, his father never uses profanity, but the letter contains profanity. Knowing his father's character, the soldier is sure his dad did not write the letter. He wonders if someone is playing a joke on him or trying to take advantage of him somehow.

This story illustrates the apocrypha, a term meaning “hidden.” Just as the soldier recognized that the false letter did not match his father's words, diligent Bible students can recognize that certain writings—called apocryphal books—that claim to be from the Father in Heaven are clearly not from Him. The term “hidden” hints at the nature of these counterfeit writings: obscure in origin, questionable in content, and lacking clear evidence of divine authority. They were often excluded from public worship and copies of the Bible because of their lack of authenticity.

As we examine these writings, it will become clear why they were rejected as Scriptures. These uninspired texts can be divided into two main categories: **Old Testament Apocrypha** and **New Testament Apocrypha**. Below is an examination of both, with evidence showing why they should be rejected as Scripture.

I. Old Testament Apocrypha

The Old Testament Apocrypha are books written between the close of the Old Testament (Malachi) and the coming of Christ. These books include *First & Second Maccabees*, *Tobit*, *Judith*, *Wisdom of Solomon*, *Sirach (Ecclesiasticus)*, *Baruch*, and additions to Daniel and Esther. The following points demonstrate why these books did not come from God:

1. The Jews Rejected the Apocryphal Books

- The Old Testament was entrusted to the Jewish people (Romans 3:2), and they never accepted the apocryphal books as part of the Hebrew Canon. Although some later copies of the Septuagint (translation of Hebrew Scriptures into Greek) included the Apocrypha, these writings were not part of the original translation and were never accepted by the Jews in Palestine, the true custodians of God's Word.
- Josephus, a respected Jewish historian (c. A.D. 37–100), affirmed that the Jewish Scriptures contained only the 39 books we have today, though they were organized differently in Hebrew tradition.
- The Jewish Council of Jamnia (c. A.D. 90) confirmed the Hebrew Canon without including the apocrypha.

2. Jesus and the Apostles Never Quoted from the Apocrypha

- While Jesus and the apostles frequently quoted from the established Old Testament, they never quoted or referenced the apocryphal books as authoritative Scripture. Even when inspired writers like Paul or Jude referred to extra-Biblical sources, they did so to make a valid point—not to endorse those writings as part of the divine Canon. Similarly, some Old Testament writers quoted uninspired books like the Book of Jasher (Joshua 10:13; 2 Samuel 1:18), yet these references simply acknowledge the historical or illustrative value of those writings—not their divine inspiration.

To be continued next week, Lord willing. Entire article on <http://www.JasonsBibleBlog.com>.