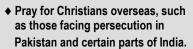
Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ◆ Jennifer Derrick—health problems
- ◆ Wilfred Derrick—undergoing tests
- ◆ **Jeff Mashburn**—health problems
- ◆ Ann Moss—neck pain
- ◆ Johnny Moss—surgery recovery
 Others in Need
- ◆ Travis Barrow—rare condition
- ◆ Patsy Benson—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Shannon Burn—another surgery
- ◆ Louise Douglas—health problems
- ◆ Joyce Faulk—health problems
- ◆ Jennifer Foxworth-health problems
- ◆ Howard & Elizabeth Grace—health
- ◆ Dawn Holloway—critical, ICU
- ◆ Andy Johnson—home, pneumonia
- ◆ Tony Jones—health problems
- ◆ Kari Miles—expecting
- ◆ Harold Morris—Milton hospital
- ◆ Shane Price—cancer
- ◆ Melanie Skinner—cancer
- ♦ Randal W.'s grandson CJ—sick

◆ Ron Yusnukis—surgery recovery



- Pray for peace, pray for the bereaved, the persecuted, sick/ suffering, civil leaders, military, 1st responders, the lost, enemies.
- ♦ Pray for our evangelistic efforts and for more opportunities.

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

4th Wednesday Singing

Our Gospel Meeting

April 13

April 23

May 4-7

Men's Meeting



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

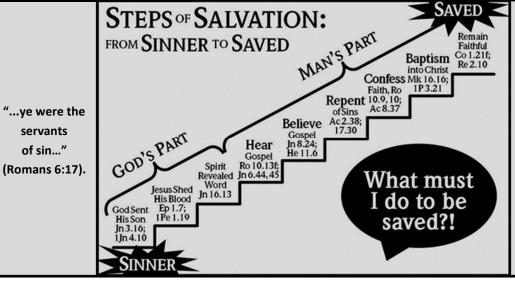
Lord's Supper PM

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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"...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).

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Sundays:

10AM Bible Class 11AM Worship 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

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

(Part 4 of 4) by Jason Patrick Hilburn

- By the time later apocryphal books appeared, the inspired New Testament writings had already circulated widely and were recognized as being inspired.
- 6. The Bible Was Completed in the First Century A.D.
- The Bible teaches that God's revealed system of faith was fully delivered in the first century A.D. (Jude 3). The Holy Spirit guided the apostles into all truth (John 16:13), and the inspired writings, recorded by apostles and other inspired men (Ephesians 2:20; 3:5), were completed by the close of the first century A.D. Any writing that appeared after this time lacks divine inspiration (Revelation 22:18-19).
- The closing verses of Revelation warn against adding to or taking away from God's Word (Revelation 22:18-19; cf. Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:6; Galatians 1:6-9).

Conclusion

Practically any time there is something of extreme value, there will be counterfeits. The Apocryphal Books, whether from the Old Testament period or written after the coming of Christ, lack the characteristics of inspired Scripture. They were rejected by the Jewish people, ignored by Jesus and the apostles, and failed the tests of doctrinal consistency and divine authority. Many of these books further reveal their uninspired nature by including far-fetched stories that portray God's power in a sensationalized and trivial way. Some apocryphal

texts portray Jesus performing miracles as a boy or even killing a child — accounts that contradict both the sinless nature of Christ and the Bible's teaching that His miracles began after His baptism to confirm the preaching of the Word (Mark 16:20; Luke 4:18-19; John 3:2; Acts 10:38; Hebrews 2:3-4). Apocryphal Old Testament books also include superstitious, exaggerated, or even absurd tales. Since the true Word of God provides everything needed for "life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3), equipping God's people to be "complete" and ready "for all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16-17), there is no need for—nor divine authority for—these uninspired additions. To accept such books as Scripture is to embrace counterfeits that threaten the purity of God's inspired Word.

Giving Thanks Before Eating

Jason Patrick Hilburn

Have you ever considered the importance of giving thanks before eating? The practice of giving thanks before meals is rooted in Scripture and demonstrated by faithful children of God, including Jesus and the apostles. Every blessing comes from the Father (James 1:17), and expressing gratitude for God's blessings should be a fundamental part of the Christian's life.

1. Jesus Consistently Gave Thanks Before Eating

- Jesus gave thanks before distributing food to the four thousand (Matthew 15:36; Mark 8:6).
- All four Gospel accounts record Jesus giving thanks before feeding the five thousand (Matthew 14:19; Mark 6:41; Luke 9:16; John 6:10-11).
- Jesus gave thanks before partaking of the bread and cup when instituting the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:26-27; Mark 14:22-23; Luke 22:17, 19).
- If the Son of God consistently gave thanks before meals, Christians should do likewise (1 Peter 2:21; 1 John 2:6).

2. Paul Gave Thanks Before Eating

- During a storm at sea, Paul "gave thanks to God in presence of them all" before eating (Acts 27:35).
- Even in dire situations, gratitude to God was a priority.
- Note also that even in the presence of non-Christians, Paul was not ashamed to give thanks to God openly (cf. Daniel 6:10; Mark 8:6-9; Acts 21:5). Are we ashamed to give God thanks in prayer when we are in public?

3. Giving Thanks for Food Is Expected of All Christians

• When speaking of Christians in general, Paul wrote, "He that eateth, eateth to the Lord,

- for he giveth God thanks" (Romans 14:6).
- In 1 Timothy 4:3-5, Paul emphasized thanksgiving repeatedly: All foods are "to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer."
- The fact that all foods are "to be received with thanksgiving" implies that Christians should give thanks for all food (1 Timothy 4:3-5).
- The condition "if it be received with thanksgiving" implies that a prayer of thanks should precede the meal, for "every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving." Without this prayer, the food's status as a divine blessing remains unacknowledged and should be "refused" if God has not been thanked.

4. What Does It Mean to Have Sanctified Food?

- Paul wrote, "For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer" (1 Timothy 4:5). God's Word has declared all foods clean (Mark 7:19; Acts 10:15; Romans 14:14), making them acceptable for Christians to eat.
- To sanctify means "to distinguish or set apart as special or holy." Without offering thanks, we fail to sanctify God as the Giver or to recognize the food as a blessing from Him (Matthew 6:30-33; 7:11; James 1:17).
- Once the prayer of thanksgiving has been offered, the food is now "set apart" as acceptable to eat rather than being "refused" (1 Timothy 4:4).

5. Christians Should Have an Attitude of Gratitude

- Christians should always be thankful to God: "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:20).
- "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).
- These commands include giving thanks for food and all other blessings.

6. No Indication of Eating Without Thanksgiving

• The New Testament provides no example of faithful Christians eating without giving thanks. Instead, giving thanks for food is consistently mentioned.

Conclusion:

Scripture presents a clear pattern of giving thanks before eating. Jesus, Paul, and other faithful Christians demonstrated this practice, and all Christians should follow their examples (1 Corinthians 11:1). After seeing this pattern and never reading of faithful Christians eating without giving thanks, why would we withhold thanks from our loving Father? Thanksgiving should not be a neglected formality but a heartfelt acknowledgment of God's abundant blessings.