

Prayer List



Of Our Number

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

Others in Need

- ◆ Travis Barrow—rare condition
- ◆ Patsy Benson—stage 4 cancer
- ◆ Phil Benson—kidney problems
- ◆ Charles Compton—cancer
- ◆ Danny Davis—home, recovering
- ◆ Louise Douglas—health problems
- ◆ Joyce Faulk—health problems
- ◆ Jennifer Foxworth—health problems
- ◆ Jamie Goodman—colon cancer
- ◆ Curtis Grady—severe burns
- ◆ Russell Gunter—surgery recovery
- ◆ Howard & Elizabeth Grace—health
- ◆ Tony Jones—health problems
- ◆ Melanie Skinner—cancer treatments
- ◆ Kenneth Wicker—cancer, hospice
- ◆ Ron Yusnukis—surgery recovery

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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.
- ◆ Pray for our evangelistic efforts and for more opportunities.

Events

If the Lord wills...

- July 6**
Meal after AM Worship
- July 12**
Men's Breakfast
- July 13**
Men's Meeting

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

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Meeting Times

Sundays:

- 10AM Bible Class
- 11AM Worship
- 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

- 7PM Bible Class

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Without Holiness, We Will Not See God

Jason Patrick Hilburn

Many who claim to be Christians do not seem to take sin seriously. They joke about their disobedience and show little concern for living righteously—but sin is what nailed our Lord to the cross. There is nothing more serious than that, and true love does not rejoice in iniquity (1 Corinthians 13:6). Impenitent sin is just as deadly after conversion as it was before conversion (Acts 8:12–24; 1 Corinthians 10:11–12; James 5:19–20).

Jesus, the very one who died to save us, also commands us to take up our cross of obedience and self-denial daily (Luke 9:23). He taught that those who refuse to live obedient lives will never see God. They will see the Lord Jesus when He returns, kneel before the Son of God on the Day of Judgment, and then be cast into eternal Hell. They will never have the privilege of seeing God the Father in all His glory.

God the Father is in Heaven, and only His children who remain pure and holy will go there to see Him and dwell with Him forever:

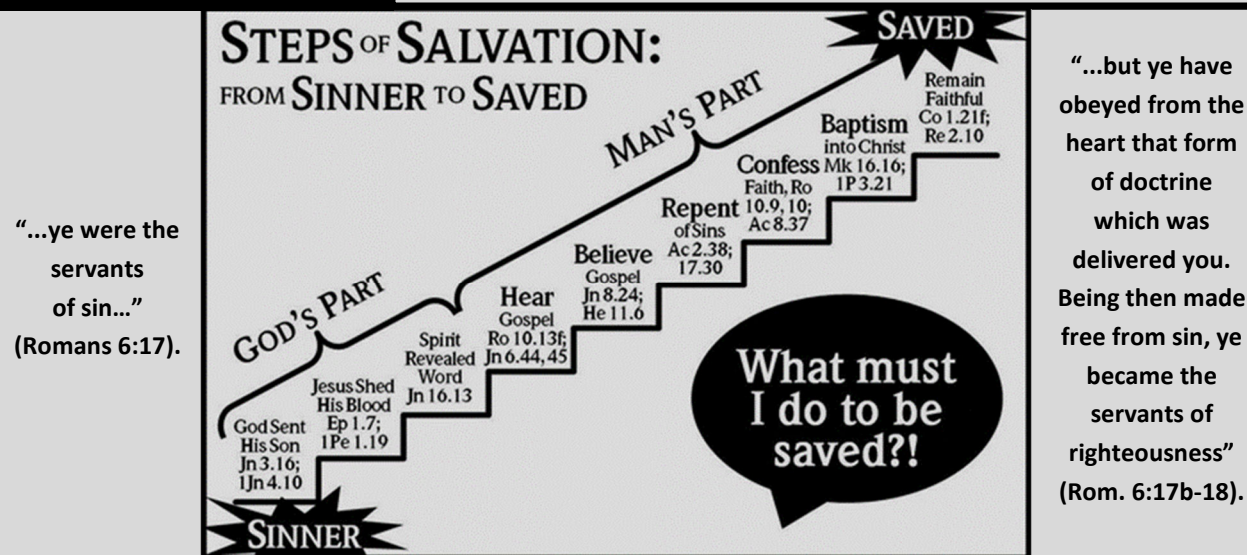
"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8).

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14— note that "Lord" can refer to the Father, as in Luke 10:21 and Acts 4:24–30).

"No man hath seen God at any time" (1 John 4:12)—and no man ever will, unless he obeys the Gospel and lives a holy life after the pattern of Jesus.

See also: Ex. 33:20; Psa. 24:3–4; Matt. 7:21–23; 25:31–46; Lk. 6:46;

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?!

Jn. 1:18; 5:37; 6:46; Acts 2:37–42; Rom. 12:1–2; 14:11–12; 1 Cor. 6:9–11; Gal. 5:19–23; Eph. 5:5–6; 1 Thess. 4:13–5:3; 2 Thess. 1:7–9; Titus 1:16; 2:11–14; Heb. 5:9; 10:23–31; 1 Pet. 1:13–22; 2:21–22; 4:17; 1 Jn. 1:6–2:6; Rev. 3:16; 21:27. JasonsBibleBlog.com

The Irony of the “Thou Shalt Not Judge” Mindset

I Could, But I Don't

There are many things that people COULD do, but they DON'T do.

1. I could attend Bible classes, but I don't.
2. I could study my Bible, but I don't.
3. I could be there for Sunday night services, but I don't.
4. I could give more, but I don't.
5. I could visit the hospitals and nursing homes, but I don't.
6. I could use more of my talents for the Lord, but I don't.
7. I could be involved in more works of the church, but I don't.
8. I could seek lost souls, but I don't.
9. I could be more holy in my life, but I don't.
10. I could pray more, but I don't.
11. I could be a better example for others, but I don't.
12. I could love others more, but I don't.
13. I could forgive someone who hurt me, but I don't.
14. I could be more like Jesus, but I don't.
15. I could be a much better member of the church, but I don't.

The words, "could" and "don't," are very telling.

COULD shows that one has the ability to do something.
DON'T means that the individual is not willing to do what he is capable of doing.

We often ask: "Why don't you?" NOTE: The Lord is not concerned about the why. Most of the time it is just a piddly excuse. Regardless of the why, they still don't.

Don't indicates inaction. Two verses come to mind.

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (James 1:22).

"Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing" (Luke 12:43).

We need to change: "I could, but I don't" to "I could, and I will." —Victor Eskew

Many people with a smattering of Bible knowledge are quick to tell others that Jesus taught “Thou shalt not judge.” Actually, that is NOT what Jesus said. The only thing close to it is found in Matthew 7:1 which says, “Judge not, that you be not judged.” Did Jesus forbid ALL judging with that verse? Absolutely not! In the very next verse the Lord said, “For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged....” If all judging was forbidden, why would He say that? Or, why would He teach His disciples “Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine...” (Matt. 7:6)? Jesus was not talking about literal dogs and swine but unrighteous souls who despise holy things. Does it not take some judging to know who such are? Of course it does. Later in the same setting, Jesus taught His disciples “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits...” (Matt. 7:15-16a). Again, this requires engaging in judging to see the true character of a teacher. It means examining his teaching and conduct in light of the word of God.

If Jesus really forbade ALL judging, then why did He teach us “Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment”? (John 7:24)? Jesus was prohibiting hypocritical judgment, not ALL judging (Matt. 7:1-6).

Perhaps the greatest irony of people who like to shout “You can’t judge me! It’s WRONG!” is that they do not realize they are judging by making that statement! After all, judgment simply means testing something or someone to determine its or his/her true character. Judging is also engaged in to determine whether something is true or false or morally right or wrong.

The next time someone attacks you for being judgmental, don’t apologize if your conduct (judgment) is in harmony with the scriptures. We need to STOP apologizing for engaging in behavior Jesus taught us to do. If someone says, “That’s judgmental!” I recommend you tell them as kindly as possible, “Yes, that’s true, but so what?” Generally, the person will say something like, “Well that’s WRONG!” That, my friends, is the irony of the “Thou shalt not judge” mentality!

—Douglas Hoff