

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ◆ Jennifer Derrick—vertigo
- ◆ Wilfred Derrick—health problems
- ◆ Mariah Hilburn—expecting
- ◆ Jeff Mashburn—health problems
- ◆ **Others in Need**
- ◆ Travis Barrow—rare condition
- ◆ Phil Benson—kidney dialysis
- ◆ Danny Davis—health problems
- ◆ Louise Douglas—health problems
- ◆ Joyce Faulk—health problems
- ◆ Jennifer Foxworth—health problems
- ◆ Annette Garrett - Non-H. lymphoma
- ◆ Kiptyn Gillis—non-cancerous tumor
- ◆ Jamie Goodman—colon cancer
- ◆ Russell Gunter—surgery recovery
- ◆ Howard & Elizabeth Grace—health
- ◆ Andrew Hickman—health problems
- ◆ Tony Jones—health problems
- ◆ Joel Murphey—B-cell lymphoma
- ◆ Stacey Scherl—surgery

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- ◆ Melanie Skinner—cancer treatment
- ◆ Joanna Wilson—expecting
- ◆ Ron Yusnukis—surgery recovery
- ◆ 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



If the Lord wills...

- Aug. 27**
4th Wednesday Singing
- Sept. 7**
Meal after AM Worship
- Sept. 14**
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

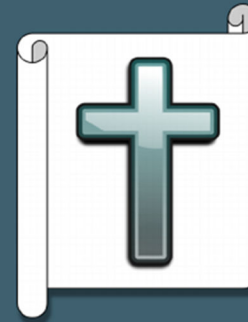


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

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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Adding Baptism to God's Plan?

Question: "Why does the church of Christ add baptism to God's plan to save? What about John 5:24?"

Answer by Todd Clippard:

You have objected to "our teaching" concerning the necessity of baptism in water for salvation. In defense of your beliefs, you cited John 5:24. However, in the latter part of your letter, you said:

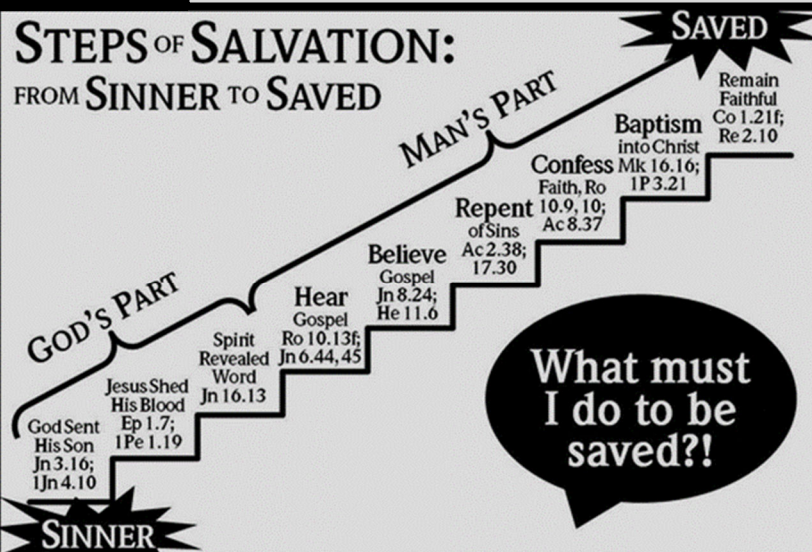
"If the person hears His teachings, repents, and pledges to live a life with God (obviously seeing Jesus as his/her Savior), he or she (according to Scripture) is surely saved."

Without sounding argumentative, you say we have added a requirement to being saved that the Bible does not command, namely baptism. However, in your statement above, (copied without addition or sub-traction), you added two requirements not found in John 5:24. There is nothing in John 5:24 mentioning the need for repentance nor any personal "pledge to live with God." Am I denying the need for repentance or living with God? NO!!! But I mention this to make the following point:

You would and probably could show me some verses showing the need for repentance to be saved. Among them might be Matthew 4:17; Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38; Acts 3:19; Acts 17:30; and Acts 26:20. The point is this -- there is no one verse that teaches everything one must do to be saved. One must take everything

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).

the Bible says about the subject in order to know what it teaches.

You made no mention of confession to be saved. But I would expect you believe in the need to confess one's faith in Christ in order to be saved -- John 12:42-43; Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:9-10.

I believe we are in agreement on the need for faith in Jesus, repentance, and confession of faith as necessary for salvation. Now, does the Bible make any connection between baptism in water and the forgiveness of sins / salvation? Indeed it does. Consider the following verses:

Mark 16:15-16 - "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved." Faith and baptism are joined by the conjunction "and," thus making both equal in their importance to receive salvation.

1 Peter 3:21 -- "Baptism does also now save us." This verse needs no explanation.

Acts 22:16 -- "Arise, and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Thus, Acts 22:16 is a Divinely inspired commentary on how one calls upon the name of the Lord (Acts 2:21; Rom 10:13).

2 Corinthians 5:17 -- "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation, old things are passed away, behold all things are become new." How does one get into Christ? See Galatians 3:27.

Acts 2:38 -- "Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins." Again, repentance and baptism are joined by a conjunction, thus making both of equal importance to receive remission of sins.

The necessity of immersion in water to receive remission of sins is unequivocally taught in the New Testament.

A quote from Guy Woods - "Paul said in Rom. 5 :1: 'Being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.' Observe that Paul included himself among the number justified by faith. But when was Paul justified by faith? Obviously not before he left Jerusalem for Damascus to persecute the church. Not when the light shone round about him, for he did not know the Lord. Not when he asked, Lord what wilt thou have me to do? Not until his sins were washed away. When were his sins washed away? Ananias, a gospel preacher, said to him, 'And now, why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord' (Acts 22:16)."

We Depend Upon God

By Charles Box

1. Life is not always easy and there are some questions about life that are very difficult to answer. Like, why do we have storms, tornadoes, hurricanes, fires, and floods?
2. Could it be that those things help us see the need for dependence upon God?
3. God is in heaven, but he still cares about what happens in our life here on earth. "O LORD of hosts, Blessed is the man who trusts in You!" (Psalm 84:12)
4. God knows when a little sparrow falls to the ground. "Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows." (Matthew 10:29-31)
5. God helps us when we are hurting. "The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all. He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken." (Psalm 34:17-20)
6. God is concerned about our good and we need His guidance. The words of Philippians 4:6-7 provides us with great comfort. "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."
7. We depend upon God, and therefore we are not distressed, in despair, forsaken or destroyed. Depend upon God!

Are you in Christ? (Mark 16:15-16). I love you. Let's go to Heaven together!