

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Jennifer Derrick—health problems
- ♦ Wilfred Derrick—passed away
- ♦ Mariah Hilburn—expecting, nausea
- ♦ 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
- ♦ Shahid Iqbal—health problems
- ♦ Tony Jones—health problems
- ♦ Joel Murphey—B-cell lymphoma
- ♦ Stacey Scherl—surgery

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- ♦ Melanie Skinner—cancer treatment
- ♦ 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...

Oct. 4
Esto "Faith and Fellowship"

Oct. 11
Men's Leadership Breakfast

Oct. 22
4th Wednesday Singing

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

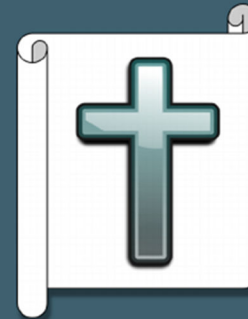


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

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

Premillennialism Examined (Part 2 of 2)

By Jon Gary Williams

The word Premillennialism comes from "pre" (before) and "millennial" (1000). Some contend that after Christ returns, a 1000-year utopia period will begin, during which He will reign on a literal throne at Jerusalem; hence, Christ's coming, as well as other particular events, will allegedly occur "before the millennium."

An Overview of the False Doctrine of Premillennialism

- When Christ came to set up His kingdom, He was rejected by the Jews. So, Christ then allegedly postponed the establishment of the kingdom and established a "church age" instead.

- At the end of this "church age" there will be a **first** of three resurrections - - that being a resurrection of the "righteous dead."

- This will be followed by the church being "raptured" up for seven years to be with the coming Christ. During this seven-year span there will be a period of great "tribulation" on earth.

- At the end of the seven-year tribulation period, Christ will complete His return. At that time there will be a **second** resurrection - - this time for the resurrecting of the "tribulation saints."

- There will then occur a great physical war, called "Armageddon," between the forces of Christ and the forces of Satan.

- Christ will be victorious in this war, and the postponed kingdom will then be set up.

- For 1000 years Christ will reign on a physical throne from the city of

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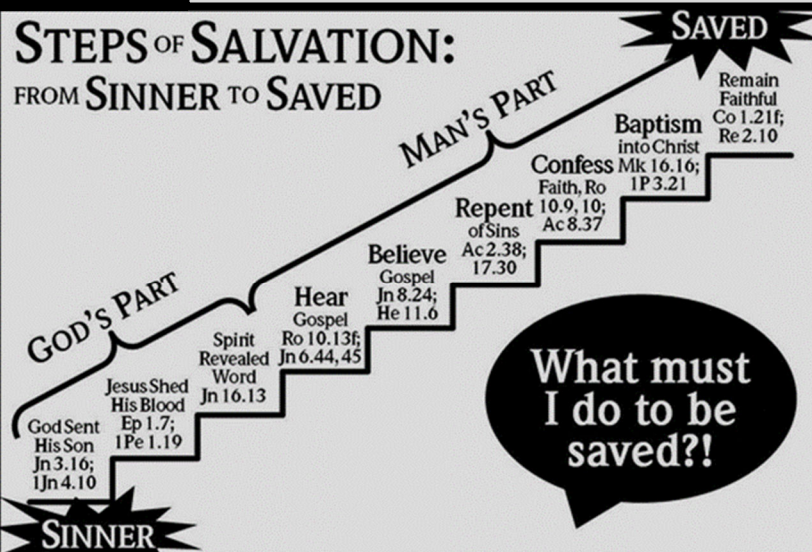
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STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED

"...ye were the servants of sin..."
 (Romans 6:17).



What must I do to be saved?!

"...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).

Jerusalem. At the end of this 1000-year period there will be a **third** resurrection, this one reserved specifically for the wicked dead.

- Lastly will come the judgment and the destruction of the heavens and earth.

Various ideas of Premillennialism: Disproved in Light of scripture

"The kingdom, as foretold by Old Testament prophets, was postponed and was replaced by a 'church age.' "

1. The kingdom already existed. (Col. 1:13; Rev. 1:9)
2. The kingdom and the church were not different. Rather, they were, and still are, one and the same. (Matt. 16:18,19; Col. 1:13,18)

"There will occur a seven-year 'tribulation' period."

1. Jesus spoke of a "tribulation" (Matt. 24:29), however, it was to take place before the passing of the generation to whom Jesus was speaking. (Matt. 24:34) Also, this "tribulation" involved a "desolation" in which armies would compass Jerusalem. (Matt. 24:1,2; Lk. 21:20) (This obviously refers to the Roman armies surrounding Jerusalem in 70 A.D.)
2. In the first century a "tribulation" was already being experienced (Rev. 1:9)

"There will be a seven-year 'rapture' period."

This idea is not found in the scriptures. At the second coming of Jesus, those who ascend to meet Him will not be with Him for a seven year period; they will be with Him forever. (I Thess. 4:17)

"There will be three separate resurrections, for three different groups of people."

1. **All** who are in the graves will be raised together (John 5:28,29).
2. There will be only **one** resurrection, including both the "just" and "unjust." (Acts 24:15)

"A great 'Armageddon battle' battle will occur here on Earth, between Christ and Satan."

1. The word "Armageddon" appears once in the Bible - - in the highly symbolic book of Revelation. (Rev. 16:16) It has nothing to do with an event in the distant future. It is futile to attempt to justify a doctrine solely on the basis of the symbolic language of Revelation.

2. Remember that the time frame for the events mentioned in Revelation was limited to what would "shortly come to pass" and "shortly be done." (Rev. 1:1; 22:6)

"Christ will reign on earth, on a literal throne."

1. The scriptures teach that Christ would rule as a priest on a throne. (Zech. 6:13)
2. The scriptures **also** teach that Christ would **not be a priest on earth**. (Heb. 8:4)
3. Since Christ would rule as priest on a throne, yet could not be a priest on earth, He could not rule on an earthly throne.
4. When Jesus returns He will come no closer to this earth than the clouds. (I Thess. 4:17)

"Christ is not yet ruling as king - - this is yet to occur."

1. Christ began His reign as King after His resurrection. (Acts 2:29-31)
2. When Revelation was written, Christ was already "King." (Rev. 17:14; 19:16)

"Christ's earthly reign will occur during a 1000-year (millennial) period."

1. Those who teach this view lift it from Revelation 20:1-6, claiming that the "thousand years" must be literal. If this is true, then other parts of this highly symbolic text ("key;" "bottomless pit;" "chain;" "laid hold on") must also be understood literally. However, those defending this view know that these other parts cannot be understood literally. So, their inconsistency is evident.

2. Nothing at all is revealed in Revelation chapter 20 about:

- a) the second coming of Christ;
- b) the establishment of a kingdom;
- c) an earthly reign of Christ;
- d) or any of the teachings of premillennialism.

3. Again, beware of any doctrine that is justified by an appeal to the highly symbolic language of the book of Revelation.

Some Premillennialists also believe that the earth will last forever.

1. Jesus taught that heaven and earth would "pass away." (Matt. 5:18; 24:35)
2. The apostle Peter said that heaven would "pass away" and the earth would be "burned up." (II Pet. 3:10)