

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Jennifer Derrick—vertigo
- ♦ Larry Derrick—health problems
- ♦ Rick Hemphill—recovery
- ♦ Katelynne Howze—iron infusions
- ♦ Jeff Mashburn—blood press. issues

Others in Need

- ♦ Francis Adams—health problems
- ♦ Terri Adams—cancer
- ♦ Glen Brooks—clot in carotid artery
- ♦ Fran Carlos—back surgery
- ♦ Louise Douglas—health problems
- ♦ Kim Dunn—cancer
- ♦ Joyce Faulk—health problems
- ♦ Jennifer Foxworth—health problems
- ♦ Melba Fuqua—hospice
- ♦ Annette Garrett - Non-H. lymphoma
- ♦ Kiptyn Gillis—non-cancerous tumor
- ♦ Lucinda Lingor—heart problems
- ♦ Shonda Luke—cancer
- ♦ Jerry Madden—cancer

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- ♦ Dan Sikes—back pain, surgery
- ♦ Amy Snyder—surgery on May 27
- ♦ Yoel Urra—rare disease
- ♦ 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...

May 27
4th Wednesday Singing

June 7-10
Gospel Meeting at Sasser

Faithful Worship — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Php. 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

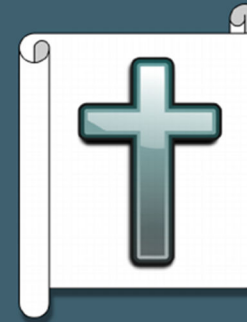


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

Privileged to Serve



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



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Meeting Times

Sundays:

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

Wednesdays:

- 7PM Bible Class

Other Information

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Steps Toward Salvation

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The Bible lists several steps toward salvation using the Greek preposition *eis*, which means "unto" or toward:

- Belief unto (*eis*) righteousness (Rom. 10:10)
- Repentance unto (*eis*) life (Acts 11:18)
- Confession unto (*eis*) salvation (Rom. 10:10)

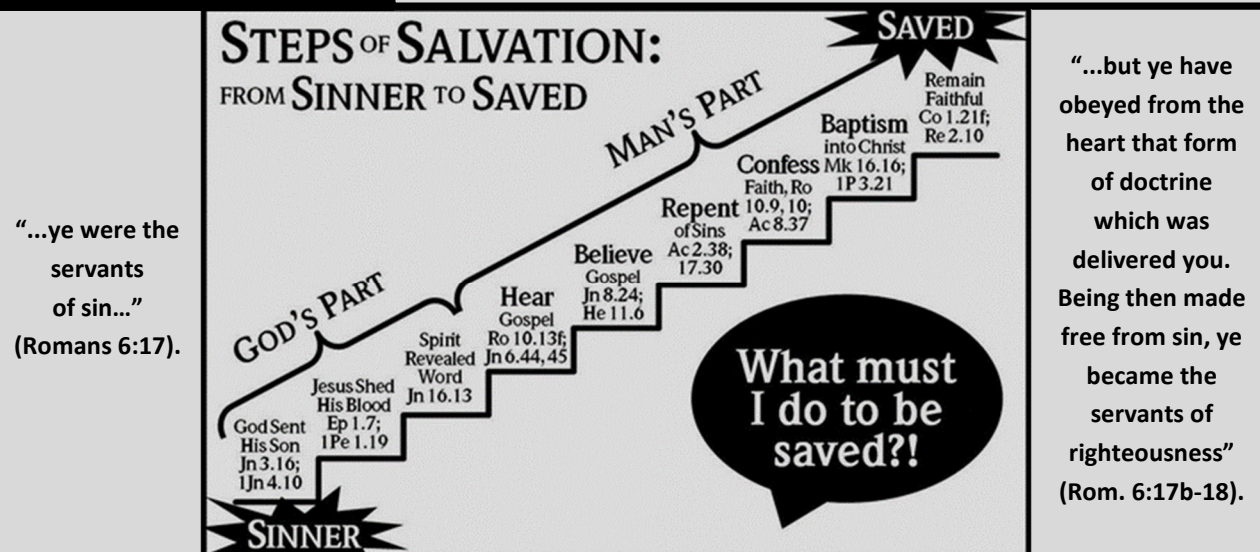
However, notice that when it comes to baptism, *eis* is translated as "into":

- Baptized in/into (*eis*) the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19)
- Baptized into (*eis*) Jesus Christ (Rom. 6:3)
- Baptized into (*eis*) one body (1 Cor. 12:13)
- Baptized into (*eis*) Christ (Gal. 3:27)

Belief, repentance, and confession are all steps "unto" (toward) salvation, but water baptism is the final step "into" Christ, where salvation is found (2 Tim. 2:10; Acts 22:16; Eph. 5:26; Col. 2:11-13; 1 Pet. 3:20-21). Peter's command to "Repent and be baptized... for (*eis*) the forgiveness of sins" confirms this fact (Acts 2:38-41).

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STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED



Miracles

Many believe that God still works miracles today and imparts Christians, in varying degrees, with miraculous gifts through the Holy Spirit. Although no adequate proof is offered, those who profess this accept on faith that what they have experienced or are experiencing is miraculous. There are nine miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit mentioned in the New Testament (wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues). Some believe that a person is not confirmed as a true Christian until God endows him with some kind of spiritual gift (usually tongue speaking). Others profess that only certain Christians are endowed with miraculous gifts. Still others profess that since some gifts are greater than others (1Corinthians 12:31) God uses these gifts to single out certain individuals for various ministries. There are, no doubt, many other interpretations about how miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit are endowed and who can and cannot receive them. In this article I will give several reasons why I believe 1) that the New Testament does not support the teaching of some that miracles still happen today and 2) that there is no longer a need for miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The modern definition of miracles seems to differ from the miracles we read about in the New Testament both in form and intent. By the standards of many of those who believe in modern miracles it seems that miracles happen anywhere at any time to anyone for any reason. A Child is born and it is referred to as the miracle of birth. A person survives a car wreck and it is called a miracle, even if the person was severely wounded. It is considered miraculous if a person accidentally misses his flight on an airplane that happens to crash. In the New Testament, in the church's infancy, miracles were done intentionally and accomplished specific purposes. When a miracle was performed, the outcome was immediate and obvious (healing of a lame person, blind receiving sight, etc.). Perhaps we can all agree that in our pursuit to honor God each of us should endeavor to speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent, do Bible things in Bible ways, and call Bible things by Bible names.

In considering the major question of whether or not miracles still happen in our day, let's first consider some related subjects. First of all, how does the New Testament define what a miracle is? The broader references to miracles in the New Testament include wonders and signs (John 20:30-31; Acts 2:22; Hebrews 2:1-4).

These are events that defy nature and can only be done by man through Divine intervention. When Nicodemus came to Jesus he said, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him" (John 3:2). A true miracle could not be logically dismissed as a natural phenomenon. For example, there is no question that the creation of the world was a miraculous event. However, God created things to progress in a natural way. Childbirth, therefore, should be considered as a naturally occurring event rather than a miraculous event. The Bible does not refer to natural childbirth as miraculous so neither should we. On the other hand, the virgin birth of Christ was a miraculous event because it defied the natural process of childbirth. We should also not confuse the providential help that God gives with miraculous intervention. Let's say, hypothetically, that a hungry person prays for food and the next morning finds a sack of groceries on his doorstep. This may well be providential—an answer to his prayer—but it cannot be proven to be miraculous. God answers our prayers and supplies our needs naturally rather than miraculously.

We know that Jesus and the apostles, to the amazement of the general population of that day, did miracles. We also know miracles were fairly common in the church in the first century. These miracles were for the purpose of confirming the truth of God's word (Mark 16:14-20; Hebrews 2:1-4). Jesus performed miracles to confirm Himself as the Christ, the Son of God (Mark 2:1-12; John 2:1-11; 20:30-31; Acts 2:22). The apostles performed miracles as proof of their preaching and about Christ being raised from the dead (Acts 2:1-38; 3:1-19). The apostles also used miracles to confirm themselves as God's chosen vessels and to strengthen the Christians of their day (Acts 2:42-47; Romans 1:11).

There are several passages that have been used to support the claim that miracles still happen today. Let's take a moment and examine some of these passages: In Mark 16:14-20 after Jesus rose from the dead He appeared to His apostles and commissioned them to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature..." (16:15). He instructed that those who believed, the gospel, and were baptized would be saved but those who did not believe would be condemned. Then He added, "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." (16:17-18).

...To be continued next week, Lord willing...