

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...

June 14
Men's Meeting

June 24
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; 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

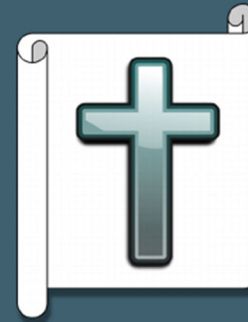


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

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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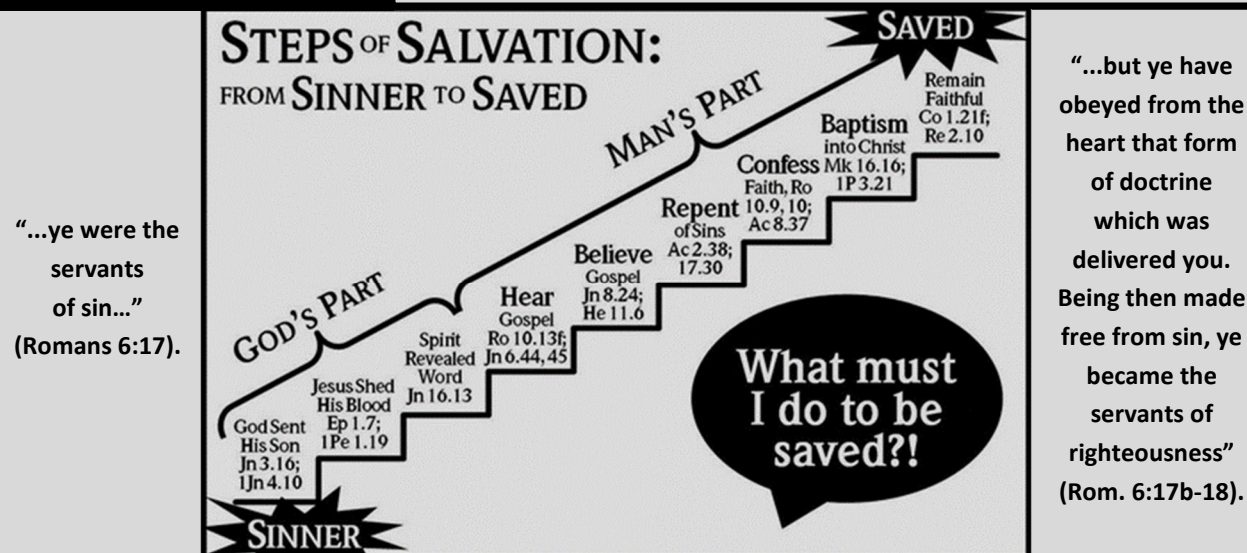
Speak as the Oracles of God

Garland M. Robinson

"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God" (1 Peter 4:11). The word "oracle" here appears three other times in the New Testament. In Acts 7:38 *"the lively (living) oracles"* refers to the Mosaic Law. *"The oracles of God"* in Romans 3:2 speaks of all the written utterances of God through Old Testament writers. *"The first principles of the oracles of God"* is used to indicate the entire substance of Bible doctrine in Hebrews 5:12. The thought in First Peter 4:11 is that if any man (neuter: anyone, whomsoever) speaks, let him speak as the oracles (utterances, word) of God.

The most powerful influence in all the world is **the word of God**. It is God's power unto salvation (Rom. 1:16). It is through the Word that men **hear** the Gospel (Rom. 10:14). Through the word men are **convicted** of their sins (Titus 1:9). Men are **born** and **begotten** of God by obeying the Word (James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:22-23). The Word of God is able to **save** and **sanctify** us (James 1:21; John 17:17). It is able to **strengthen** and **cleanse** us (Psalm 119:9,28). Through the Word we receive **instruction** (Deut. 4:36) and through the Word we **understand** God's will (Psalm

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119:104). Therefore, when we speak, we are commanded to speak the word of God. Even in the common daily conversation of any and all Christians (men and women), we are to be governed by what God has said and as He has commanded and, with the Psalmist we should say, *“O how I love thy law! It is my meditation all the day”* (Psalm 119:97).

God's people are to speak the commands of God. We read in Titus 2:1, *“But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine.”* The Old Testament prophet Micaiah said, *“As the Lord liveth, what the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak”* (1 Kings 22:14). Paul instructed Timothy to *“preach the word; be instant in season out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine”* (2 Tim. 4:2). God told Isaiah, *“I have put my words in thy mouth”* (Isa. 51:16). But those of Isaiah's day said, *“Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits”* (Isa. 30:10). The terrible thing of it was that the people *“loved to have it so”* (Jer. 5:31). We have no authority but the Word of God, and when we speak, it must be from the Scriptures which are inspired of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

The first century preachers accepted this command and spoke boldly in the name of Jesus. To speak boldly means to speak *openly, plainly* and *without fear*. Paul sets the tone when he asks the brethren in Ephesus to pray for him *“that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel. For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak”* (Eph. 6:19-20). The brethren in Philippi grew confident by Paul's chains and were *“much more bold to speak the word without fear”* (Phil. 1:14). After being commanded not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus, Peter, John and the other apostles were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spake the word of God with boldness (Acts 4:29,31). Please note several other passages which speak of these early disciples' boldness (Acts 9:27; 13:46; 14:3; 19:8; 1 Thess. 2:2).

Note what happened when the word of God was preached with boldness. *“Their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world”* (Rom. 10:18). *“And believers were the more added to the Lord,*

multitudes both of men and women” (Acts 5:14). The Gospel was preached to every creature under heaven (Col. 1:6,23). *“And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith”* (Acts 6:7). When we get busy today teaching and preaching the Gospel around the world without favor or compromise, it will obtain the results for which God intended.

Speaking as the oracles of God is also respecting **the silence of the Scriptures**. God intended for us to respect his silence. Think of Nadab and Abihu who were destroyed by fire for their disrespect of the silence of God's word (Lev. 10:1-2). God had instructed the priests to use fire from the altar in their sacrifices (Lev. 6:1,12). God did not say another fire could not be used. However, Nadab and Abihu used a *“strange fire which he commanded them not”* and were punished for it with their lives. By God telling them what to use, he eliminated everything else. When God says a thing, it is final, everything else is eliminated!

God's people say, **“We will do only what the Bible authorizes”** (commands, allows). Other religious people say, **“We will do everything the Bible does not specifically condemn.”** We respect silence in every other walk of life, why not when it comes to the Bible? When you go to a restaurant to eat, you tell the waiter what you want. You do not go through a long list of everything you do not want. By specifying what you want, you eliminate everything you do not want. There's no misunderstanding. The Bible is no different, God has given us exactly what he wants, no more and no less. Speaking as the oracles of God is simply a lesson on basic Bible authority.

God said to Jeremiah, *“Whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak”* (Jer. 1:7). He has so commanded every child of God in this last age when he said, *“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God.”*

The “language of Ashdod” (Neh. 13:24) is foreign to “speaking as the oracles of God.” Let us use Bible words and terms and not speak as the world. Let us speak as the oracles of God. <http://www.SeektheOldPaths.com>