

Prayer List

- Of Our Number
- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
 - ♦ Jennifer Derrick—vertigo
 - ♦ Larry Derrick—health problems
 - ♦ Rick Hemphill—dental procedures
 - ♦ 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
 - ♦ Annette Garrett - Non-H. lymphoma
 - ♦ Kiptyn Gillis—non-cancerous tumor
 - ♦ Lucinda Lingor—heart problems
 - ♦ Jerry Madden—cancer
 - ♦ Paul Mays—Lyme disease
 - ♦ Dan Sikes—back pain, surgery
 - ♦ Michael Totoro—cancer

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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 11
Men's Leadership Breakfast
- July 12
Men's Meeting

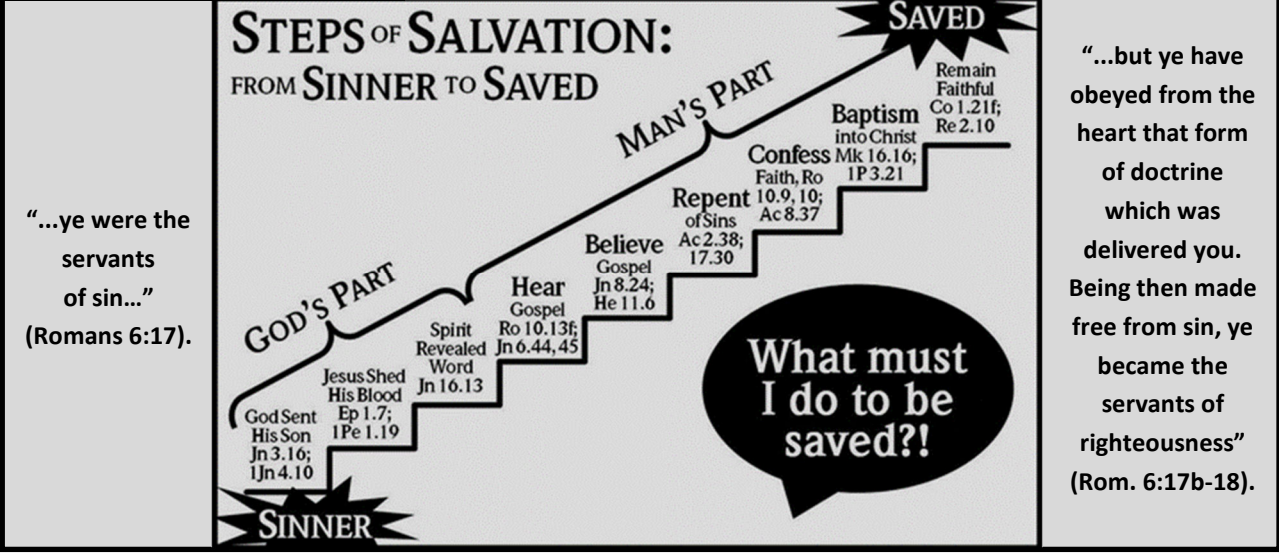
Faithful Worship — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Php. 4:6); **2) Singing** without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); **3) Preaching** God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); **4) Giving** 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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A Few Words from Jason

We are happy to announce that we have 2 new brothers in Christ in Cameroon, Africa! The congregation supports the work of Eti Paul Zephaniah, and two men, Michael and Gabriel, were recently baptized into Christ. Please pray for these and other new converts to be strong when Satan comes to tempt them away from their salvation. These brothers' names are easy to remember, because they have the names of the only two angels identified by name in God's Word—Michael and Gabriel. Please also pray for the Bible studies that are taking place in our area and elsewhere.

What Darwin Didn't Know

By Jason Patrick Hilburn

In 1859, Charles Darwin proposed that all living organisms descended from a common ancestor and that one species could gradually evolve into another, producing increasingly complex forms of life. His theory contradicts the Bible (Mark 10:6, for example) and many well-established scientific observations. Today, we know many things that Charles Darwin did not know when he wrote *On the Origin of Species*. Perhaps if he had had access to this information, he would have changed his mind.

- Darwin thought cells were relatively simple "blobs" of protoplasm because the microscopes of his day were extremely limited. We

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now know that every living cell functions more like a microscopic factory, containing intricate molecular machinery and thousands of coordinated processes.

- He knew nothing about what has been called "irreducible complexity"—biological systems whose multiple interacting parts are all necessary for proper function.
- The double-helix structure of DNA was not discovered until 1953. Darwin knew nothing about DNA, genes, chromosomes, or the genetic code.
- He had no knowledge of the enormous amounts of coded information stored in DNA. We now know that the DNA in a single human cell contains roughly three billion chemical "letters" of genetic information.
- He did not know that if all the DNA in one adult human were laid end to end, it would reach from the Earth to the Sun and back about 500 times!
- Darwin knew nothing about the sophisticated systems within cells that detect and repair damage to DNA, demonstrating the remarkable complexity of life.
- We now know that DNA contains digitally encoded information of extraordinary complexity, similar to computer code. What evidence demonstrates that such digitally encoded information can originate apart from intelligence?
- Darwin knew nothing about proteins. DNA provides the instructions, but the proteins it produces must also fold into precise three-dimensional shapes to function properly.
- He could not explain how random mutations and natural selection could generate the vast amounts of new functional genetic information required to produce entirely new body plans—a problem that remains unresolved in evolutionary biology.
- What is called "The Cambrian Explosion" has been far better documented since Darwin's day and presents the sudden appearance of major animal body plans with no satisfactory evolutionary explanation.
- After more than 165 years of searching, the fossil record still does not display the innumerable gradual transitions from one species to another that Darwin anticipated.
- Darwin himself recognized this difficulty and expected future fossil discoveries to provide the missing intermediate forms: *"Why, if species have descended from other species by insensibly fine gradations, do we not everywhere see innumerable transitional forms?... Why then is not every geological formation and every stratum full of such intermediate links?"* (*On the Origin of Species*, Ch. 9).

Rather than strengthening Darwin's original theory, many scientific discoveries since 1859 present very compelling evidence for an intelligent Creator. Yet the evidence for God did not begin in the 1800s or with the discovery of DNA. The heavens have declared the glory of God since they were created (Psalm 19:1), and God's eternal power has always been clearly seen through the things He has made (Romans 1:20–22).

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While foretelling the destruction of Jerusalem, Jesus said: *"So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand"* (Luke 21:31). Some conclude from this passage that the kingdom did not exist until the destruction of Jerusalem. However, the New Testament repeatedly speaks of the kingdom as already existing before that event (Col. 1:13; Heb. 12:22-28; Rev. 1:9). How, then, should Luke 21:31 be understood?

By applying Psalm 2:7 to Christ's resurrection, Acts 13 illustrates an important interpretive principle. Paul said, *"God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee"* (Acts 13:33). Yet Jesus was clearly identified as the Son of God long before His resurrection. John 3:16 identifies Him as God's only begotten Son: *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son."* At Jesus' baptism, the Father declared, *"This is my beloved Son"* (Matt. 3:17). Peter confessed, *"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God"* (Matt. 16:16; Jn. 6:69).

Since Jesus was already the Son before His resurrection, Acts 13 cannot be describing the beginning of His Sonship at the resurrection. Instead, the resurrection publicly vindicated and powerfully demonstrated the Sonship Jesus already possessed. As Paul wrote elsewhere, Jesus was *"declared to be the Son of God with power... by the resurrection from the dead"* (Rom. 1:4). The resurrection was the powerful declaration and vindication of His Sonship, not its inception.

The same principle helps explain Luke 21:31. The destruction of Jerusalem did not bring Christ's kingdom into existence. Rather, it powerfully declared that Christ was reigning, vindicated His prophecy, and confirmed the reality of His kingdom, which had already begun on Pentecost (Mark 9:1; Luke 24:47-49; Acts 1:8; Acts 2).

Acts 13 illustrates an important principle of Bible interpretation: **a prophetic fulfillment does not always mark the beginning of the reality being discussed. Sometimes it marks its public vindication and powerful confirmation rather than its beginning.** That principle helps harmonize Luke 21:31 with the many passages showing that Christ's kingdom already existed before Jerusalem fell.

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