

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Jennifer Derrick—health problems
- ♦ Rick Hemphill—dental procedures
- ♦ Jeff Mashburn—health problems

Others in Need

- ♦ Kristen Adam—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Francis Adams—health problems
- ♦ Terri Adams—cancer
- ♦ Glen Brooks—clot in carotid artery
- ♦ Fran Carlos—back surgery
- ♦ Sheila Cole—health problems
- ♦ Ruth Cook—cancer surg. recovery
- ♦ Louise Douglas—health problems
- ♦ Kim Dunn—cancer
- ♦ Joyce Faulk—health problems
- ♦ Jennifer Foxworth—health problems
- ♦ Annette Garrett - Non-H. lymphoma
- ♦ Lucinda Lingor—heart problems
- ♦ Jerry Madden—cancer
- ♦ Paul Mays—Lyme disease
- ♦ Jim Nivison—health problems

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- ♦ Kenny Parson—shoulder surgery
- ♦ Dan Sikes—back pain, surgery
- ♦ Michael Totoro—cancer
- ♦ 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...

August 26
4th Wednesday Singing

Sept. 12-13
Mt. Zion Lectures-Savannah, TN

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

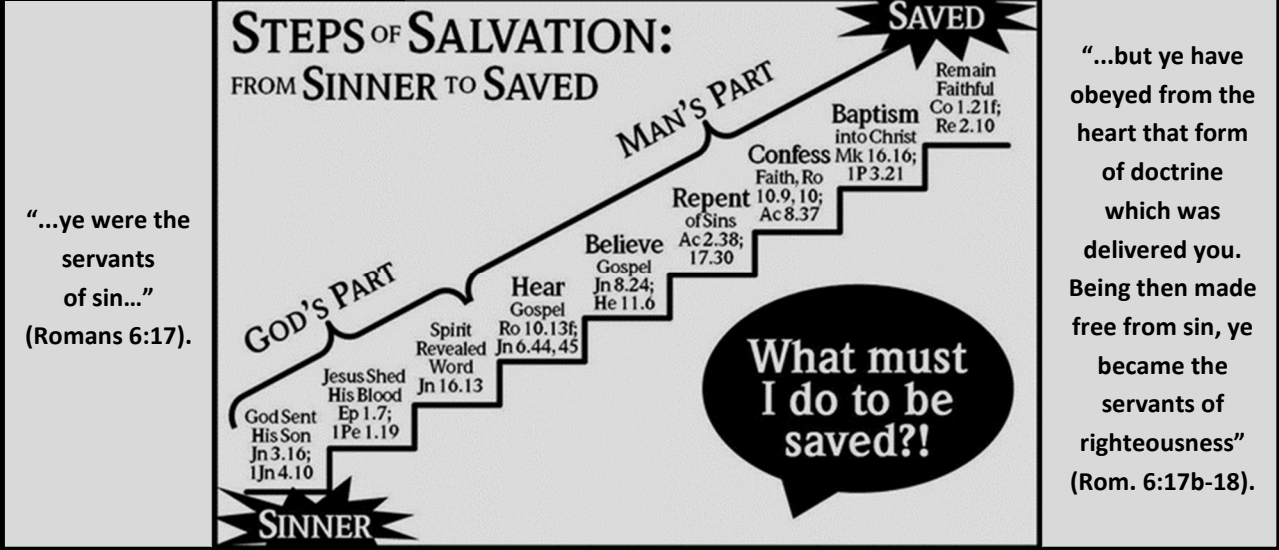


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor’s card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

Privileged to Serve



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



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Meeting Times

Sundays:
10AM Bible Class
11AM Worship
6PM Worship

Wednesdays:
7PM Bible Class

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The Amarna Tablets: Confirming the Conquest of Canaan (Part 2 of 2)

By Jason Patrick Hilburn

As noteworthy as this religious revolution was, the shift to monotheism did not last in Egypt. Following Akhenaten’s death, his successors quickly restored the old polytheistic religion. His monuments were dismantled, his name was erased from official records, and later Egyptians attempted to remove him from history altogether, which is likely why his reign was largely forgotten until relatively recently. The Amarna Tablets from his royal archives, however, remained.

The Testimony of the Tablets

The Amarna Tablets still preserve the desperate voices of rulers watching their cities fall while pleading for help from an empire no longer capable of protecting them. Near the climax of the correspondence, one governor writes: “We guard the city, but the Habiru are in the land” (EA 100, an El-Amarna letter). Another admits: “The Habiru are stronger than we” (EA 299). Another pleads: “Send archers, O king, my lord!” (EA 286). Still another laments: “There are no troops of the king here” (EA 287). One letter warns: “Should [the governor] not be here within this year, all the lands will be lost to the Habiru” (EA 243). Finally comes the most dramatic statement of all: “Lost are the lands of the king! Do you not hearken unto me? All the governors are lost; the king, my lord, does not have a single governor left! The Habiru plunder all the lands of the king... **All the lands of the king, my lord, have gone over to the Habiru**” (EA 286, Moran).

Now compare those desperate words with Joshua's inspired summary of Israel's conquest: "And the LORD gave unto Israel **all the land** which he swore to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein...There failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass" (Joshua 21:43-45).

Conclusion

The rulers of Canaan mourned that "**all the lands**" had gone over to the Habiru, and Joshua declared that the Lord had given the Hebrews "**all the land**" He had promised. Those two independent records—one written by frightened Canaanite rulers and the other by inspired Biblical writers—describe the same remarkable historical turning point from opposite sides of the conflict. More importantly, they remind us that God keeps His promises (Numbers 23:19; Hebrews 10:23). The God who judged Egypt and gave Israel the promised land is the same God who caused His Son to be born in that land to those people for our eternal salvation. He kept His promises to Abraham, and He will keep His promises to us.

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Moran, William L. *The Amarna Letters*. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1992.

Redford, Donald B. *Akhenaten: The Heretic King*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1984.

Is It Enough to Just Love God and Your Neighbor?

Jason Patrick Hilburn

Some misuse Matthew 22:36-40, wrongly teaching that if we "just love God and love others," we do not need to do anything else to please God. That is false.

Just because Jesus said that loving God and loving our neighbors as ourselves are the greatest commandments does not mean they are the only commandments. In fact, love for God requires obedience to God (John 14:15, 21, 24; 1 John 5:3). The two "greatest commandments" do not eliminate Christ's other commandments. Instead, they summarize our fundamental duties toward God and man. Christ gave many specific instructions, both personally and through His inspired apostles and prophets (1 Cor. 14:37). Here are some of them:

- **Believe the Gospel** (*Mark 16:16; 1 Cor. 15:1-4*)
- **Repent** (*Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30*)

- **Confess faith in Christ to people** (*Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9-10*)
- **Be immersed for forgiveness** (*Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Col. 2:11-13*)
- **Assemble with the church** (*Heb. 10:23-31*)
- **Observe the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week** (*Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:23-29*)
- **Sing to the Lord and to one another** (*Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Acts 16:25*)
- **Pray to God in Jesus' name** (*Eph. 5:20; 1 Thess. 5:17*)
- **Give cheerfully on the first day of the week** (*1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 9:6-7*)
- **Study God's Word** (*2 Tim. 2:15; 3:14-17*)
- **Evangelize** (*Matt. 28:18-20*)
- **Support Gospel preaching** (*1 Cor. 9:14*)
- **Discipline the disorderly** (*Matt. 18:15-17; 1 Cor. 5; 2 Thess. 3:6*)
- **Mark and avoid false teachers** (*Rom. 16:17*)
- **Forgive those who repent** (*Matt. 6:14-15; Luke 17:3-4*)
- **Live soberly, righteously, and godly** (*Titus 2:11-12*)
- **Abstain from fleshly lusts** (*Gal. 5:19-21; 1 Peter 2:11*)
- **Put away lying, stealing, wrath, bitterness** (*Eph. 4:25-32*)
- **Control our thoughts** (*Matt. 5:28; Php. 4:8; 1 Jn. 3:15*)
- **Control our tongues** (*Matt. 12:36-37; Eph. 4:29; Jas. 1:26; 3:1-12*)
- **Submit to governing authorities** (*Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 2:13-17*)
- **Love the brotherhood** (*John 13:34; 1 Pet. 2:17*)
- **Help those in need** (*Gal. 6:2, 10; Jam. 2:8, 15-16*)
- **Set a good example for others** (*Matt. 5:13-16; 1 Tim. 4:12; Titus 2:7*)
- **Do not cause others to stumble** (*Rom. 14:13; 1 Cor. 8:9-13; 10:32*)
- **Be faithful unto death** (*Rev. 2:10*)

These are not optional. They are not replaced by "just love." Love motivates obedience. It does not eliminate obedience. Jesus said that only believers who obey the Father will enter Heaven, and that hearing His words without obeying them is foolish (*Matt. 7:21-27; Heb. 5:9; Jam. 1:22*).

Matthew 22:36-40 is also in the same book as Matthew 4:4 and Matthew 28:20. Jesus said that man must live by "every word" that proceeds from God, and He commanded His apostles to teach all nations to "observe all things" He had commanded them. "Loving God and loving your neighbor" cannot be used as an excuse to disregard the rest of God's commandments.

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