

In Our Prayers

Of Our Number
Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
Jennifer Derrick—health problems
Rick Hemphill—dental procedures
Jeff Mashburn—health problems
Jim Nivison—health problems

Others in Need
Kristen Adam—stage 4 cancer
Francis Adams—passed away
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
Kenny Parsons—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.

Pray for our evangelistic efforts and for more opportunities.

Events

October 4-8
Bellview Gospel Meeting

October 18-21
Our Gospel Meeting by Baker Men
Sunday 10AM, 11AM - Glenn Howze
Sunday 2PM - Ethan Howze
Monday 7PM - Jason Hilburn
Tuesday 7PM - Leo Derrick
Wednesday 7PM - Mark Howze

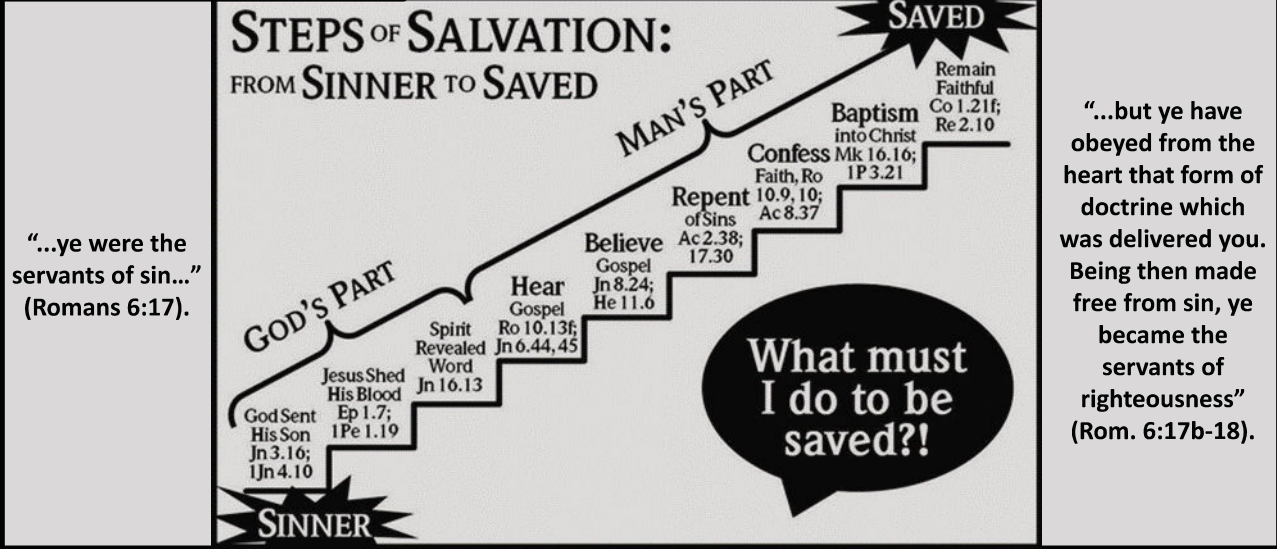
Faithful Worship — 1) Praying to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Php. 4:6); 2) Singing without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); 3) Preaching God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); 4) Giving weekly as prospered, 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: Leo Derrick
Song Leading: Sunday—David Howze; Wednesday—Jacob Mashburn
Serving the Lord's Supper
Head: Ethan Howze; Helpers: Mark Howze, Trey Miles, Johnny Moss
Lord's Supper PM
Head: Mark Howze
Helper: Ezra Howze
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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You Cannot Hear God's Words, Because You Are Not of God

By Jason Patrick Hilburn

Jesus did not soften His language when confronting those who claimed to know God but rejected His teachings. In John 8:43-47, Jesus expressed the same idea repeatedly: "Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word" (v. 43). He then concluded, "He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God" (v. 47). Their problem was not that Jesus had failed to make the truth understandable, but that they were unwilling to receive it. They could hear His words with their ears, but they could not hear them with receptive hearts.

This theme runs throughout the Bible. Jesus repeatedly said, "He that hath an ear, let him hear" (Rev. 2-3). He also said, "their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed" (Mt. 13:15). Stephen accused Israel of being "uncircumcised in heart and ears" and of resisting the Holy Spirit (Acts 7:51). In these passages, the problem was not confusion, but resistance.

What often happens is *selective hearing*. A person hears God's Word gladly when it agrees with what he already believes, but resists or explains away other passages that are just as clear. In modern terms, this reaction is sometimes called *cognitive dissonance*—the discomfort that arises when the truth challenges long-held beliefs. Instead of adjusting beliefs to fit God's Word, many try to reshape God's Word to fit their beliefs.

Not every rejection of a plain verse comes from malice; sometimes it comes from incomplete study or the false belief that

These are not isolated phrases taken out of context. Each passage harmonizes with the rest of the Bible when the full context is considered. Are you able to hear them? As Jesus said, *“He that is of God heareth God’s words.”* In many cases the issue is not the clarity of such passages, but the condition of the heart when hearing them. May we all be the good soil God desires: *“But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience”* (Luke 8:15).
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