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## Why We Need Salvation

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## Services

### Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 am
A.M. Worship	10:20 am
P.M. Worship	2:00 pm

### Wednesday

Bible Class	7:00 pm
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**Elders:** Mike Gerber, Travis Hall

**Deacons:** John Frost, Dave Goff,  
Roger Sholders

*Visitors are welcome*

*We offer Bible classes for all ages*

*We also offer in-home Bible studies*

We have Bible lessons on the radio  
(92.9 FM) Sundays from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

The central theme of the Bible is God's plan to save mankind through Christ. To appreciate His plan of salvation, we must understand why we *need* salvation.

Notice what the angel of the Lord told Joseph in **Matthew 1:21**: ***[Mary] shall give birth to a Son. You shall name Him Jesus, for it is He who shall save His people from their sins.***

Notice also what the apostle Paul said in **Romans 5:9**: ***Much more then, being now justified by [Christ's] blood, we will be saved from God's wrath through Him.***

These passages show that what Christ saves us from is *sin and its consequences*.

All of us who've reached the "age of accountability" have sinned (**Rom. 3:23**). The significance of this is seen in **Romans 6:23**: ***For the wages of sin is death.***

When death is spoken of in Scripture, it may refer to physical death, spiritual death, or eternal death. The word generally refers to a *separation*. Sin separates us *from God*, making us *spiritually* dead (**Eph. 2:1**).

If someone dies physically being dead spiritually, he or she faces *eternal* death. This means facing eternity away from God's presence (**2 Thes. 1:9**) in hell, ***"where their worm doesn't die, and the fire is not quenched"*** (**Mark 9:48**).

This is what one sin against God "earns" us. May we appreciate our *need* to be saved, and do all that is required to receive the salvation our loving Lord offers.

# What Can I Do Better?

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A central theme of the Bible is the admonition from God to examine ourselves in light of His Word and change accordingly.

When Judah was in captivity because of their sins, the prophet urged “**let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD**” (Lam. 3:40).

When the Jews failed to rebuild the temple, God through Haggai urged, “**Consider your ways**” (Hag. 1:5, 7).

The Holy Spirit through Paul exhorts Christians to “**Examine your own selves, whether you are in the faith. Test your own selves**” (2 Cor. 13:5).

A key question that should be asked by all is, “what can I do better?”

What is far easier to do is to examine *others* and complain about faults in *their* lives. The speck in someone else’s eye can be easier to see than the beam in one’s own eye (cf. Matt. 7:5).

It can also be tempting to compare ourselves to others (2 Cor. 10:12), which is a recipe for self-righteous deception (John 7:47-49). The standard we ought to compare ourselves to is God’s Word.

This is not to say that we should never examine others, or that we should ignore others’ sins. Jesus sharply rebuked sin on occasions (cf. John 2:15-16), as did the apostle Paul (cf. 1 Cor. 11:22).

But their focus was on speaking the truth in love to *lead* others in the way of righteousness. When Jesus looked at sin, He thought about what He could do to *help*. When Paul was mistreated, he prayed that those who mistreated him would be forgiven (2 Tim. 4:16).

The examples of Jesus and those who walked in His steps are examples of disgust toward sin but love toward sinners. They are examples of asking, “How can I help?”

Consider some questions we might ask when someone we know is living in sin:

Do they see in *me* a life given wholly to God? Or do they see a hypocrite who holds some commandments in high regard but doesn’t submit wholly to God?

Do I show others the patience God has shown me? Or do I give up on others when I don’t see immediate results?

Do I pray for those in sin? Or am I spending more time talking *about* them to others than praying *for* them to God?

To help others like Jesus, we must have faith in the power of a godly influence, and ask “how can I be more like what God desire *me* to be?”

This is a key aspect of our need for self-examination. Even when examining others, we should look at self *first*, and strive to influence others like Christ.

## Area Gospel Meetings

Casey Westside Church of Christ:

Oct. 7 – 10 (with Kent Heaton)

Thurs-Fri: 7:00; Sat: 6:00; Sun: 9:30; 10:20; 6:00

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### God’s Plan for Saving Man

God’s Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ’s Blood	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit’s Gospel	Romans 1:16
Sinner’s Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner’s Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner’s Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner’s Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian’s Work	James 2:24
Christian’s Hope	Romans 8:24
Christian’s Endurance	Revelation 2:10

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### Words to Consider

***“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.” – Isaiah 53:5-6***

## Prayer List

- Holly G
- Sandy S
- Betty P
- Mabel H
- Cheryl S
- Norma C
- Dody G
- Joe B
- Allen S (Cancer)
- Raymond & Maxine
- Randy & Kim S
- Mike & Family
- Ken & Chris F
- Brandon O’s Grandmother (Lung Cancer)
- Jeff D

### Daily Bible Reading

- October 27 – Isaiah 65-66; 1 Timothy 2
- October 28 – Jeremiah 1-2; 1 Timothy 3
- October 29 – Jeremiah 3-5; 1 Timothy 4
- October 30 – Jeremiah 6-8; 1 Timothy 5
- October 31 – Jeremiah 9-11; 1 Timothy 6
- November 1 – Jeremiah 12-14; 2 Timothy 1
- November 2 – Jeremiah 15-17; 2 Timothy 2

***“For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” – Hebrews 4:12***

### **Prayer Leaders**

Sunday, October 27, 2019

Bible Study: Jim  
Worship: Dave  
Evening: Dan D

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Carlyle

### **Clean Building**

Cynde (Oct) / Deb (Nov)

### **Prepare Communion**

Donna (Oct) / Deb (Nov)

### **Upcoming Reminders**

**Nov. 23: Ladies' Bible Class @ 9:30 a.m.**

*Study: Redeeming the Land (Ruth 4:1-6) &*

*"Take Off Your Sandal" (Ruth 4:7-12)*

### **Assignments**

Sunday, November 3, 2019

Reading: Darrell  
Announcements: Travis  
Table: Harold  
Serve: Carlyle  
Mason  
Roger  
Dan D

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Invitation: Dave

### **Anniversaries**

October 27 – Carlyle & Donna  
November 20 – Mike & Rowena

### **Birthdays**

October 29 – Morgan  
November 6 – Lindsay  
November 13 – Misty  
November 20 – Patsy  
November 25 – Mason  
November 27 – Roger