

desires the salvation of all accountable individuals. (Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:47; Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:21-23; 4:4; 5:23).

One must learn the truth to be saved. While one is not required to know the truth about the entire Bible in order to become a Christian, one is required to know that which is essentially linked to both Christ and our response in obedience to God's scheme of Redemption. If not, then why did Christ affirm that we are sanctified by truth and that we must know such (John 17:17; 8:32). If not, then why must we be taught of God and understand that which is essentially connected to God forgiving sin (John 6:44-45; Acts 28:23-27).

One must obey the truth to be saved. One must obey the **form** of doctrine from the heart, with proper understanding (Romans 6:17-18). Upon one's confession of their penitent faith in Christ one must die to sin, be buried in baptism and rise to walk in a new life in a new relationship which is the church of the Lord (Romans 6:1-7; Acts 2:37-47).

To be saved not only must one become a Christian; the Christian must add graces (2 Peter 1:5-11), and the unfaithful child of God must repent and return to the Lord (Acts 8:22). Let us not neglect salvation (Hebrews 2:1-3).

— *Kent Bailey*

Welcome Visitors!

Prayer List

Doris Reyes Fernandez, Marc Genua, Ashleigh Green, Eleanor Green, Amanda Hatcher, Gordon Hatcher, Juan Mandujano, Mary Lynn McAleer, Betty Miller, Bernice Mock, Early Phillips, Chris Ragle, Ronald Russell, Tim Smith, Dolores Snyder, Sheila Sollars, Kevin (Chela Keever's nephew)

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, March 3	15/16/15
	Wednesday, March 6	17
Offering	Sunday, March 3	\$659.00

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Barry Simmons

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer	Tommy Sanders
Songs	Keith Keever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution	Lance Green
Assistant	Levy Cox
Closing Prayer	David Snyder

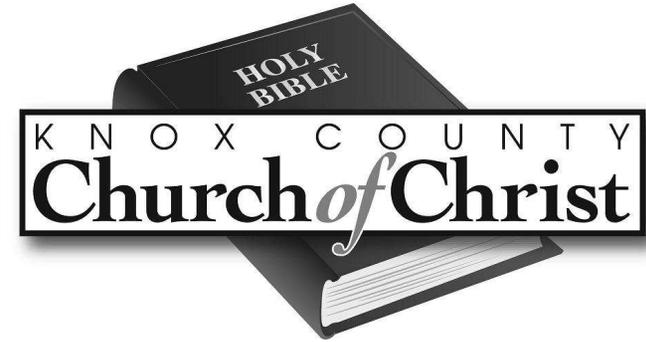
Sunday Afternoon Worship

First Prayer	Barry Simmons
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Lance Green
Closing Prayer	Tommy Sanders

Wednesday Night

Songs	Lance Green
First Prayer	David Snyder
Devotional	Keith Keever
Closing Prayer	Barry Simmons

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study.....9:30 AM
Worship.....10:30AM & 1:30 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 PM

From The Preacher's Pen

"GOD DESIRES ALL ACCOUNTABLE INDIVIDUALS TO BE SAVED"

[This article was written by Kent Bailey, and appeared in the February 17, 2013 bulletin of the Northside Church of Christ in Calhoun, GA]

The gospel of Christ declares that accountable individuals by personal choice become sinners, and because of such sin, become separated from the fellowship of God (Romans 3:23; 6:23).

Among those lost individuals in need of God's salvation from sin we note five specific classes of individuals:

- Those who are unconcerned about salvation from sin.
- Those who believe that morality alone without Christ or the gospel, or obedience to such is sufficient for salvation.
- Those who sincerely believe that they have been too wicked and/or sinful for God to be willing to save them.
- Those who mistakenly and falsely believe that they have already been saved when in reality they have not.
- Those who are willing to search for truth, accept such truth, obey the conditions for salvation, and be saved from sin.

Salvation defined. As we consider the importance of salvation we must properly define the term so as to come to a Biblical conclusion as to that which we are discussing.

By the term Salvation we refer to that of

"rescue from danger of destination; saved from the punitive wrath of God of the last day" (Thayer). We are not discussing the aspect of being rescued from physical or temporal danger. While situations do arise where individuals need such a deliverance, our concern is that of spiritual danger that leads to eternal destruction in the lake of fire as described in Revelation 20:11-15.

Because of making wrong choices that lead us to disobey God the accountable individual stands condemned before God in sin, and thus stands in need of salvation from such sin (Isaiah 59:1-2; Luke 19:10; John 3:1-5; Titus 2:11-15).

In examination of our text we read of God's desire for individuals to return to him in accepting divine truth and obeying the conditions that are necessary for salvation from sin: ***The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all come to repentance*** (2 Peter 3:9).

Such does not mean that those who remain in a lost condition will not face Christ in Judgment in a condemned state or condition. On the contrary; such means that in view of the destruction of this world those who go to the Judgment unprepared will face eternal separation from God in Hell (Revelation 20:11-15).

There are five arguments demonstrating that God desires the salvation of the lost. The

case that there is one God, who is creator of us all, proves that God truly loves us and makes provision for our salvation (Acts 17:28-29; Hebrews 12:9; 1 Peter 4:19; 1 Corinthians 2:6-7).

The case being that Christ is one mediator provided for all (Isaiah 59:1-2; John 1:4; 1 Timothy 1:15; 2:1-6). Because of the very nature of the on going work of Christ, salvation is made possible if individuals obey the conditions of salvation.

The case being that There is one ransom that has been paid for sin demonstrates that God desires the salvation of all accountable individuals.

Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he that put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand (Isaiah 53:10).

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).

The case being that there is one testimony, the gospel of Christ, given to all accountable individuals proves that God desires the salvation of all accountable individuals (Romans 1:16-17).

The case being that Christ built only one church, one exclusive called out assembly, comprised of all those who have been saved from past alien sins gives evidence that God