



## Pastor David's Weekly Devotional

“What must I do to be saved?” is truly the most significant question anyone can ask. How we personally answer this will impact not only how we live this life, but also where we spend eternity. Thankfully, in the Bible God gives us clear instructions that answer this eternally important question. It can be helpful to examine the Biblical answer to this question in five distinct parts or steps – referred to as “The five-fingered plan for becoming a Christian.”

### **1. Realize that you are a sinner**

Before anyone can be saved they must first realize they are in need of being saved. No one is righteous (that is, right with God) apart from believing in Jesus Christ. The Bible is clear that “*There is no one righteous, not even one...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*” (Romans 3:10, 23). Every human being, with Jesus Christ being the only exception, is a sinner and stands in need of God’s saving grace. The apostle John stated it bluntly, “*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ... If we say we have not sinned, we make [God] a liar, and His word is not in us*” (1 John 1:8-10).

To be saved we must ask God to forgive the sin in our life. The Bible calls this “confession.” To confess is to admit or acknowledge something. Literally it means “saying the same thing.” This implies that our sincere confession agrees with what God already knows and says to be true about us – that we are sinners before a holy God.

Confession is seeing your life as God sees your life, and acknowledging the sins God already knows you have committed. It’s saying, “God, I see me as You see me. I confess that I am a sinner, and I stand in need of Your saving grace.”

### **2. Repent from your sinful life**

The Biblical word for “repentance” literally means to change one’s mind or course. To repent is to turn away from one thing, and to turn toward something else (both actions are required for true repentance). In other words, it describes a complete transformation of the purpose and direction of one’s life. Specifically, repentance is turning from sin and to God.

The Bible commands all sinners to “*Repent and be baptized...in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins*” (Acts 2:38). Being a Christian is more than simply going to church or saying a simple prayer. It is much more than merely acknowledging Christ’s existence, or feeling bad about sin. A Christian is someone who belongs to Jesus Christ, who desires to live by and for Christ. We are to “[b]ear fruit in keeping with repentance” (Matthew 3:8).

When someone becomes a Christian they become a whole new person: they are “*a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*” (2 Corinthians 5:17). The person who has truly received Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior, is radically changed from the inside out. God has graciously given them a new nature, a new heart and mind, new affections, a new purpose and a new destiny.

*(to be continued, Lord willing, next week)*

Together in and for Christ,  
Pastor David

**Scripture Readings for the week** (Monday – Sunday ~ Week #37):

*Numbers 17-20; 1 Chronicles 25-29; Psalm 108-110; Proverbs 23-24; Amos 1-4; John 16-18; Titus*

**Recommended Reading:**

*“The Gospel Call and True Conversion” by Paul Washer*

Calendar of  
Events:

September 13  
AWANA Begins  
September 17  
Christmas Program  
Rehearsals Begin  
October 4 & 11  
Membership  
Orientation Class  
October 13 & 14  
Women's Weekend

Looking Ahead....

October 29  
Reformation Sunday

For prayer requests,  
email Amy Woodruff  
at [prayer@sbcnb.org](mailto:prayer@sbcnb.org)  
or call 541-404-0547

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[sbcnb.org](http://sbcnb.org)

## Growth & Study.....

### Men's Group Studies

#### Mondays ~

**6:30pm** "On the Christian Life" by John Calvin *Begins September 18th*  
w/Jeff Etzel

#### Wednesdays ~

**6:30-7:30am** "The Gospel According to Paul"  
w/Pastor David

**8:15-9:30pm** "Zechariah" *Begins September 20th*  
w/Pastor Josh

#### Thursdays ~

**6:30-7:30am** "Let Us Pray"  
*Begins September 14th*  
w/Pastor Tim

#### Fridays ~

**6:30-7:30am** "The Gospel According to Paul" *Begins September 22nd*  
w/Pastor David

### Adult Group Studies

#### Sundays ~

**6:30-7:30pm** "The Sermon on the Mount"  
At the Woodruff's Home (541-756-3311)

### College & Young Adults

#### Thursdays ~

**7:00-9:00pm** w/Pastor Tim 541-756-3311

### Women's Group Studies

#### Mondays ~

**6:30pm** "Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians" *Beginning September 11th*  
w/Renee Middleton (541-297-2500)

#### Tuesdays ~

**6:30-7:30am** "The Sermon on the Mount" *Begins September 19th*  
w/Loy Huntzinger (360-607-0022)

**8:30am** "Isaiah, the Lord Saves" *Beginning September 12th*  
w/Beth Wallstrom (541-404-0112)

**9:00am** "Graceful Living"  
w/Lois-Elaine Rencehausen (541-267-3106)

**7:00-8:15pm** "Romans"  
*Beginning September 26th*  
w/Barb Young (541-404-6242)

#### Wednesdays ~

**9:00-10:30am** "Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians" *Beginning September 13th*  
w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

**10:00am** "Acts"  
w/Jeanette Murphy (541-266-7575)

**6:30-8:00pm** "Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians" *Beginning September 13th*  
w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

## Connect & Encourage.....

**Building Project Construction** ~ The building project is underway! There are many different tasks available and everyone is welcome to volunteer regardless of experience. Sign-up in the hallway outside of the kitchen or check our website at [www.sbcnb.org](http://www.sbcnb.org) for daily volunteer updates. Contact Keri in the church office with any questions or for more information.

**"The Sanctuary" Play & Fellowship Time, October 4th** - Moms & their little ones are invited to come enjoy a time of fellowship and play in the Sanctuary on the first Wednesday of every month from 9:00am to 11:30am. Everyone is welcome with little ones from birth to age 5! Contact Anna Kintigh with any questions 541-914-8013.

**Membership Orientation Class** - This is a two-week class on October 4th & 11th at 6:30pm in Pastor David's office for those interested in membership. Please plan on attending both weeks. Contact Pastor David or the church office for more information and to register.

**Women's Weekend** - Ladies are invited to join us on October 13th & 14th for our women's weekend event. Register in the foyer after services on September 24th, October 1st & 8th. The cost is \$35 and includes continental breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday.

## Children's Ministries.....

**AWANA** – Awana begins this Wednesday at 6:30pm! We can't wait to spend this year growing in the Lord with your kid(s).

**Children's Christmas Program, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** – You won't want to miss when King Herod sends Sherlock Watson to find out why the kings from the East did not return to him, & discover, along with Sherlock, that Jesus is the "King of kings!" **Weekly rehearsals for grades 1 thru 6 begin Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**. Preschool & kindergarten may join in with an accompanying adult. Volunteers needed for rehearsals, costumes, sets, refreshments, etc. For more info contact Loy Huntzinger @ [loy@sbcnb.org](mailto:loy@sbcnb.org) or 541-756-3311 x 26



## Youth Ministries.....

### **Youth Group ~**

September 10<sup>th</sup> – High School youth group fall kick-off.  
Sunday night 6 to 8pm.

September 13<sup>th</sup> – Junior High youth group fall kick-off.  
Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8pm.

**High School Winter Retreat ~** December 28 to 31, 2017