

# THE WORD

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## Sunday

Bible study: 10am

Worship: 11am

## Wednesday

Bible Study: 6pm



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*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” -----  
---Matthew 5:16---*

*Visitors: You are our honored guests. Please fill out a visitor’s card. You can place in the collection plate or hand to one of us. Please stay a few minutes after service so we can get to know you.*

**Rabun County Church of Christ**

**P.O. Box 266**

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**Tiger, GA 30576**

**ATTENDANCE week of January 20, 2018**

**Sun School-----21**

**Worship----- 25**

**Wed, night-----8**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**If you would include a special prayer for Sis Leota Weston and Sis Janice Johnson this week. As they face uncertain medical issues we hope and pray God's care and love sees them thru.**

**There are free cards in the office if you wish to send one to a fellow christian in need. A kind word goes a long way.**

**If you are going to be traveling and know you will miss service, please let us know so we can pray for your safe return.**

**PRAYER LIST:**

**Leota Weston**

**Sonny Gay**

**E.Y. Fry**

**J.D. Butler**

**Dick Godfrey**

**Michael Dixon**

**Josh McElrath**

**Janice Johnson**

**Annemarie Ruhlman**

**Margaret Schoen**

**Coleen Holt**

**Jan Townsend**

**Carolyn Ledford**

**Muriel Boyd**

**Martin Davis**

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**Birthdays:**

**Micah Pate (27)**

**Jacob McElrath (28)**

**Devin Roach (29)**

**Wednesday Night Bible Study**

**Minor Prophets (Nahum)**

# Does God Hear All Prayers?

By Jason Flowers

Does God hear the prayer of the Non-Christian (someone not baptized in accordance with the Bible and into Christ's Church)? In context of the account in **John 9:31** Christ is refuting his healing of a blind man on the Sabbath. The plain truth is an affirmation of Jesus as the Christ, having been sent by God. It is a reaffirmation of **John 3:2**. Simply saying he is a man of God.

**John 9:31** tells us that God does not hear sinners. David also said that God will not hear him if he has iniquity in his heart (**Psalm 66:18**). Maybe we need to look at a definition of sinners as seen in the context here.

If we apply this to only Non-Christians, then we would be saying we are perfect. Wouldn't we? Well as a child of God, properly baptized, we are able to have our sins continually washed away by asking for forgiveness of sins before we pray. But someone who has not been baptized cannot do this. But are they any more or less active sinners than we are? Yes, they do participate in the sin of omission by refusing to fully obey the gospel, but do they commit any more or vicious sins than us as Christians.

Notice some instances where the Bible records those not baptized having their prayers heard. We are told that Paul prayed fervently before being baptized or even instructed on what to do (**Acts 9:11**). Surely as he persecuted the Church Saul prayed that he was doing God's will, to which he received an answer and gladly changed. Cornelius was told by an angel that his prayers were being heard (**Acts 10:30**). This was before both men were baptized becoming a child of God and member of the Church.

So, would it be correct to say that if a Non-Christian prays for guidance or understanding in study that his prayers hit the ceiling never to be heard. Or does God hear them and knowing their heart use his providential care to expose them to the truth. Maybe (my opinion) God also answers many of our good friends and neighbors with the same answer we would give to someone not technically our child. That is I wish I could help you but you are not my child yet and this privilege you ask for is reserved for them. This is definitely something worth serious thought and study, please share with me your findings after doing such.

## **SCRIPTURE READING – Matt 21:42-46**

### **THOSE WHO ARE HONORED TO SERVE TODAY**

Announcements.....Ed Townsend  
Bible Class Prayer.....Ron Weston  
Song Leader .....Don Roe  
Direct Lord's Supper.... Doug McElrath  
Assist Lord's Supper.....Micah Pate  
Assist Lord's Supper.....Martin Davis  
Opening Prayer.....Jim Johnson  
Scripture Reading.....Ernest McElrath  
Sermon..... Jason Flowers  
Closing Prayer..... Ron Weston

### **WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED**

HEAR GOD'S WORD—ROMANS 10:17  
BELIEVE IN CHRIST—JOHN 3:16, MARK 16:16  
REPENT OF SINS—LUKE 13:3 ACTS 2:38  
CONFESS CHRIST—ACTS 8:37, ROMANS 10:10  
BE BAPTIZED—GALATIANS 3:27, ACTS 2:38  
LIVE FAITHFULLY—JOHN 8:31, 1<sup>ST</sup> COR 15:58

Announcements, prayer requests, or suggestions

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