

## DOES IT FIT?

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We have all witnessed in disgust the impropriety of ill fitting clothes on some folks. There's a reason most stores have "Fitting Rooms." They know people are concerned about their clothes fitting them right. If it doesn't fit, we don't wear it.

I think about the fact that Christians are clothed with Christ (Gal 3:26-27). As such, we are to be clothed with righteousness. There are some things which just don't fit our lives spiritually speaking. We should not wear them!

A Christian should not be found hanging out in questionable places like bars etc. A Christian should never be found lying, stealing, pilfering, using

lewd language, telling or listening to smutty jokes, etc. (1 Cor. 6:9-11). These things don't fit! What does fit is the armor of God. "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand" (Ephesians 6:13). The truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the preparation of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; these are the clothes that suits the saint (Ephesians 6:14-17). Wear them well!

"I put on righteousness and it clothed me; My justice was like a robe and a turban" (Job 29:14). 🔍

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



## COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00  
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00  
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00  
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." -Acts 17:11

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## TRUSTING THE LORD

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There are many in the religious world today who claim to trust The Lord. However, upon closer examination, do they really? The Bible says to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5-6). Some lean on their own understanding. To truly trust in the Lord, one must...

**Trust in His Purposes.** God had a purpose in sending His Son into the world. This purpose was to crush the head of Satan (Genesis 3:15). This purpose was to save man from his sins. "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). We must also trust in God's eternal purpose for the church. Many do not. God's purpose was for the church to make known the manifold wisdom of God (Ephesians 3:10); to sound forth the Gospel (1 Thessalonians 1:8). But many have neglected this purpose, turning the church into nothing more than a social club, or a playhouse.

**Trust in His Precepts.** A precept is a direct command or a direct statement. If one really trusts in the Lord, this will be reflected in believing and doing what He says. Jesus said "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me" (John 14:21).

Many are emphatic in their declaration of love and trust for Jesus, yet they are even more emphatic in denying a simple statement The Lord made in Mark 16:16, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved..." Some have tried to teach that the verse doesn't belong in scripture; others twist the statement beyond recognition. Why not just believe and obey it? Why not just trust Jesus? Baptism saves because it is the point at which we contact the precious blood of Jesus, otherwise, how could it be said to wash away sins (Revelation 1:5; Ephesians 1:7; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21)? Many trust in their preacher, some scholar, some commentator, a creed book, a tradition, or in what their grandparents believed more than they trust in Jesus.

**Trust in His Promises.** So many are riding the worry train. They claim to trust Jesus, yet they worry themselves into a stress attack, a heart attack, or an ulcer over how they are going to pay the bills, eat, buy clothes, etc. This worry and anxiety demonstrates a distinct distrust in the Lord. Jesus Has promised that if we'll seek God first in our lives, we will have the things we need (Matthew 6:25, 33). Pray, trust God, and have peace (Philippians 4:6-7). 🔍

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# MISPLACED TRUST

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It is very clear from God's word that we should always place our trust in God and His word. There are, however, some things in which man will foolishly place his trust. This could cost him his eternal soul.

Consider a couple of things in which we allow our trust in them to trump God's word.

Money. Paul told Timothy to "Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life" (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

Money is something we need in order to obtain the necessities of life. The Bible urges us to be responsible and work in order to provide for our needs and for those of our family (2 Thessalonians 3:10; 1 Tim 5:8).

We should also work so that we may have something to give those who have need; and to give to the Lord (Eph 4:28; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2). But it is a tragic mistake when we place our trust

in money. We cannot buy our way into heaven, and the desire to be rich has caused many to neglect their responsibilities of labor in the kingdom, and even caused many to depart from the faith (1 Timothy 6:8-10).

Don't love money, love God! Place your trust in Him alone (Proverbs 3:5-6). "Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him..." (Psalm 37:5).

Men. We should certainly have respect for our religious teachers and leaders (1 Corinthians 11:1; Heb 13:7, 17). But we should never place our full trust in men, for sometimes men will depart from the truth. As Paul said, we should follow men as long as they are following Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1).

Men's teachings should be compared with God's word to make sure they are accurate (Acts 17:11). If they teach error and do not repent after being properly confronted they should be marked and avoided (Romans 16:17-18).

Benefit from the proper advantages of money and men, but keep your full trust in God! Don't lose your soul because of misplaced trust. 🔍

## OPTIMISM

The story is told of a frustrated man held up in a traffic jam. He walked up ahead to see what the problem was. He found that there was a man on the bridge threatening to jump off. The man said, "I'll handle this." He went and spoke with the man for about 10 minutes, after which, they both jumped off the bridge. Should a Christian be optimistic? Does our disposition reflect upon and influence the disposition of those around us? Absolutely! Paul commanded, "Rejoice in the Lord always, Again I will say, rejoice!" (Phil 4:4). -MP



## SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

### Problems With The Bible

Introduction:

I. \_\_\_\_\_

II. \_\_\_\_\_

III. \_\_\_\_\_

STUDY  
DAILY!  
Acts  
17:11

#### DUTY LIST...

##### SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....John Nelson  
Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9
- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Opening Prayer.....Sam Miller
- Lord's Table:  
Lead.....Kenny Johnson  
Serve.....Chris Meade  
Serve.....Robert Johnson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd

##### SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord's Table.....Kenny Johnson

##### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Invitation.....Kenny Todd

Home Bible Studies  
Available Upon Request!

##### GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!