

OLD-FASHIONED

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Many godly virtues are often preceded in conversation by the phrase “Old-fashioned.” We hear of old-fashioned honesty, old-fashioned marriages, old-fashioned hospitality, old-fashioned love, etc. The term “old-fashioned” is defined as a fashion that is no longer in style. Sadly, the reason these things are deemed old-fashioned is because they are so rarely seen anymore.

We live in a nation that is corrupted with deceit, selfishness, divorce, etc. Situation ethics has taken a stronghold in the minds of otherwise decent citizens. Folks will justify lying, cheating, and stealing if the situation

calls for it.

Even the Bible, God’s word, has been called old-fashioned and many are trying to amend it so it will be up to date with current trends and beliefs. Listen; God’s truths are timeless and unchanging (Hebrews 13:8). God’s word is not there to be bent to conform to the whims of the current society. Beloved, *“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God”* (Romans 12:2). Folks today desperately need to *“Ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it;”* (Jeremiah 6:16).

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



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- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3rd Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- 5th Sunday Men’s Training Class, 3:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men’s Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.



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“They...searched the scriptures daily...” –Acts 17:11

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GODLY SPEECH

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There are all types of speech and various different languages across the world and across our nation. Each language has its own dialect depending on what part of the country one lives in. Language sets people apart from one another and accents can give away where one is from. To a trained ear, one can tell what State, or even what part of a State you are a citizen in. Should the Christian’s language give him away? Philippians 3:20 tells us that we are citizens of heaven. Should our language not reflect our citizenship? Absolutely! Our language should let people know that We are citizens of heaven; that we are Christians; that we are the people of God. Godly Speech is that which is...

Seasoned With Salt. *“Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one”* (Colossians 4:5-6). Speech that is seasoned with salt is gracious; not mean-spirited, rude, or even cruel. Salt seasoned speech is also good; not filthy, lewd or impure (Colossians 3:8). It is also genuine. Christians should be known as people who speak the truth. Their words are

honest and dependable. *“Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds”* (Colossians 3:9). Salted speech is also glad. Let the world do the complaining and let the Christian rejoice! (Philippians 4:4).

Sanctified For Service. Our speech should not be like the world’s, it should be set apart, holy, ready to glorify God. Our prayer lives should be active (1 Thessalonians 5:17). We should be speaking the Gospel to our friends, neighbors; etc (Acts 8:4). We should be ready to use our mouths to worship God (Ephesians 5:19; Hebrews 10:25).

Scary To Satan. In the latter part of his famous poem about prayer Cowper wrote, “Restraining prayer we cease to fight, prayer makes the Christian’s armor bright; And Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees.” It’s true; Satan does not want us praying. If you want to defeat the master of evil you must have an active, devoted prayer life. Many passages urge us to pray regularly about all things (Ephesians 6:18, etc.). Someone has said “When Satan knocks you to your knees; he has put you in a perfect position to pray!” But you need to pray before he gets you there! Prayer is an essential part of Godly Speech.

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

EVERYONE WELCOME!

SPIRITUAL CANNIBALISM

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We've all heard of cannibalism. Cannibals are savages who actually devour and consume the flesh of other people. This is naturally repulsive to us; but consider something that is really more repulsive and yet not always viewed as such by many "Religious" people – Spiritual cannibalism.

Spiritual cannibalism is practiced with the mouth as well. There's no doubt that Paul had in mind some of the things Christians say to and about one another when he wrote, "But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another" (Galatians 5:15).

Words mean something, and how we use our tongues can and will determine where we will spend eternity. "*For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned*" (Matthew 12:37).

There are many different uses of the tongue which can condemn us: Filthy language and blasphemy (Colossians 3:8), lewd talk, dirty jokes, etc (Galatians 5:19-21), and every type of lie (Ephesians 4:25; Colossians 3:9;

Revelation 21:8). Our concern here is with the type of language that hurts, harms and destroys others.

Paul wrote, "*Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice*" (Ephesians 4:31). In speaking of the tongue, James wrote "*Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so*" (James 3:10). So before you get into "running down" your brother or sister, or anyone else for that matter, consider the consequences of your words.

Instead of spiritual cannibalism, let's practice spiritual concern and spiritual care with our mouths. "*And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you*" (Ephesians 4:32). Let's speak things that edify and encourage the hearer in a graceful way (Hebrews 3:12-13; Colossians 4:6). We cannot tame the tongue on our own (James 3:8), but with the help and strength of Christ, we can do all things (Philippians 4:13). 🔍

Don't Forget About Our Singing Practice Tonight At 5:00.

Tonight's Lesson:

Our Source of Religious Authority

SERMON NOTES

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

STUDY DAILY!
Acts
17:11

Hear Him!

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Sam Miller
Reading: Matthew 17:1-5
- Song Leader.....Robert Johnson
- Opening Prayer.....Ben Green
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Lynn Buttrey
Serve.....Tony Jenkins
Serve.....Frank Anderson
- Closing Prayer.....Ben Reagh

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Sam Miller
- Lord's Table.....Lynn Buttrey

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Invitation.....Kenny Johnson

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!