

## HORROR STORIES

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During the time of Fall, and especially near October 31<sup>st</sup>, horror stories and movies are the talk of the town for many people.

I'm told that a lot of these horror stories are based on true events. I suspect that perhaps there may be one or two true facts with the rest being pure dramatization and imagination.

There is one horror story we should all take to heart. Not only is it the most terrifying horror story of them all, but it is absolutely one hundred percent truth. Paul spoke of it in 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 where he pictured the Lord Jesus descending from heaven with His mighty angels (in flaming fire) taking

vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the Gospel. He goes on to say that these shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.

In speaking of this horrible place, other bible writers use words and phrases like "Darkness," "death," "Destruction," "everlasting," "Weeping and gnashing of teeth," etc.

Can you think of anything more horrible than this? You don't want to be a character in this true story of horror. Avoid it by obeying the Gospel and being faithful to the Lord till death (Hebrews 5:8-9; Revelation 2:10). 🔍

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



- [www.defendthegospel.com](http://www.defendthegospel.com)
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Men's Training Class, 3:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evenings following services.



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

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## RENDERING AFFECTION DUE

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In 1 Corinthians 7:1-11, the apostle Paul goes into some detail explaining some very crucial truths regarding fornication verses the marriage relationship. In these verses, we see the...

**Permission To Marry.** Under the "*Present distress*," Paul had advised against marriage at this time (Verse 1, 26), but he wanted to clarify that this was his personal advice, not a commandment from the Lord (Vs. 25-26). If there is the possibility that fornication could occur (Pre-marital sex in this context), then one should marry instead. "*Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband*" (Vs. 2). It is better for a couple to marry than to "*Burn with passion*" (Vs. 9), because this passion could lead to fornication. Paul later clarifies that only those who are not bound have God's permission to marry (Vs. 27-28).

**Pleasure In Marriage.** It is clear from just a casual reading of this passage that one of the purposes of marriage is to fulfill the sexual desire God placed within man and woman. Man can choose to fulfill this desire outside of marriage, but such a choice

results in fornication and brings God's condemnation (Vs. 2; Hebrews 13:4). Hebrews 13:4 reminds us that it is only the marriage bed that is not defiled. 1 Corinthians 7:2 emphasizes the same truth, revealing to us that one either has his own wife or commits fornication. Paul tells married couples they are not to "*Deprive one another*" regarding the sexual relationship (Vs. 5). The wife's body belongs to her husband and vice versa (Vs. 4); therefore they are to render the "*Affection due*" one another. The "*Affection due*" refers to fulfilling the sexual desire. We have a responsibility towards our spouse in this regard. This responsibility is sometimes neglected due to excessive travel, neglect, loss of interest, or the setting of sights upon someone other than one's spouse. Shamefully, one even uses to provision of sex (Or the lack thereof) to punish or manipulate their spouse. These things ought not to be so!

**Permanency of Marriage.** Verses 10-11 emphasize that a man is not to divorce his wife and vice versa. Divorce is a sin (Matthew 19:6) and often leads to a host of other sins, including adultery (Matthew 5:32; 19:9). Fornication is the only scriptural reason one may divorce his spouse. 🔍

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### 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!**

## CERTAIN DEATH!

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Back in September, 2008, one of the big stories in the News was Hurricane Ike in the Gulf. It was set to hit Galveston, TX with a fury. Those who lived there were told that they must evacuate. It was stated one Friday afternoon that those who did not evacuate low lying areas would face "Certain death."

As I was watching the News, they were showing several individuals outside at a bar, drinking, laughing etc. with no intention of evacuating. The Newsmen were talking about how these people were foolish as they were not only putting their own lives in danger, but also the lives of those who would have to go in after the storm and try to rescue them (If they survived).

I could not help but think of those who are serving the sin of the world instead of the Savior of the world. God has issued the warning to those who do not obey the Gospel: Certain death! The exact words can be found in 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9, "and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire

*taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power."*

This is much more devastating than any hurricane or flood; and it is even worse than physical death. These will be punished with everlasting destruction in flaming fire!

So you see, it was foolish to ignore the command to evacuate in Galveston, TX; but it is more foolish still to ignore the command to obey the Gospel.

So if you've heard the Gospel (Romans 10:17), believe it (Mark 16:16), repent of your sins (Acts 2:38), confess your faith in Christ (Romans 10:9-10), and obey by being baptized into Christ (Galatians 3:26-27) so your sins may be washed away (Acts 22:16) and so that you will be saved from certain eternal destruction (Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21) from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power. 🔍

Lessons on Marriage and The Family Every First Sunday Evening.  
Remember our Singing Night  
Tonight at 6:00.

## SERMON NOTES

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

STUDY  
DAILY!  
Acts  
17:11

### Obeying God's Commands

Introduction:

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

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

#### DUTY LIST...

##### SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Kenny Johnson  
Reading: Deuteronomy 13:1-5
- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Opening Prayer.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord's Table:  
Lead.....Ben Green  
Serve.....Kenny Johnson  
Serve.....Justin Pragel
- Closing Prayer.....Robert Johnson

##### SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Lord's Table.....Ben Green
- Invitation.....Justin Pragel

##### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Justin Pragel
- Invitation.....Ben Reagh

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!**