CONSIDER THESE BLESSINGS

FPH 1:3

SINS WASHED AWAY-REV.1:5

REDEMPTION - EPH. 1:7

SALVATION - 2 TIM. 2:10

PEACE WITH GOD-ROM. 5:1

BECOME NEW CREATURE-2 COR. 5:17

ETERNAL LIFE - 1 JO. 5:11

PRIVILEGE OF PRAYER-1 PET. 3:12

A WAY TO GOD - 1 JO. 2:1, 2
INTERCESSION OF CHRIST - HEB. 7:25
INCORRUPTIBLE INHERITANCE - 1 PET. 1:3-5
DEATH IN CHRIST - REV. 14:13
ABUNDANT ENTRANCE INTO HEAVEN - 2 PET. 1:11
CROWN OF LIFE - REV. 2:10



THESE BLESSINGS CAN BE YOURS!

THEY ARE ALL IN CHRIST-EPH. 1:3

YOU CAN BE IN CHRIST-ROM.6:3-5: GAL. 3:27

MUST REMAIN FAITHFUL IN CHRIST-IPET. 1:3-5

Steve Hudgins, Via http://executableoutlines.com/charts

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:** Acts2:42; 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!

- > www.defendthegospel.com
- ➤ 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, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.

SOUTHSIDE SEARCHER

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POLITICS & RELIGION Michael Pickford

Some aspects of politics have no place in the pulpit. But shouldn't our faith influence every aspect of our lives (Matthew 6:33)? We are blessed to live in a country that allows us to have a say in who our leaders will be (via voting). Should my religious beliefs not influence my decision in who I want running the country in which I live? Just like the government, the family unit is a God-ordained institution separate and apart from the church, but no one suggests that we should not allow our religious convictions to influence our family life. Consider three biblical concepts that coincide with politics...

Provisions. We are to ask the Lord for the things we need (Matthew 6:11), but God also expects us to work in order to obtain them (2 Thessalonians 3:10; 1 Timothy 5:8). We often ask God to provide us good employment, and for health and strength to work a job. Would it really be wrong to pray for government policies that would create an environment that's friendly to job creation?

<u>Principles</u>. As Christians, we have principles that often differ from those in the world. For example, abortion is nothing more than the cruel murder of

innocent unborn children. God opposes murder and so do I. According to scripture, life begins at conception (Psalm 51:5) and a babe in the womb is presented as a living child (Luke 1:41). I realize that some folks will choose to sin even if the law forbids it, but millions would refuse abortion if it were against the law. If I have the opportunity to vote in such a way as to prevent the senseless murder of just one unborn child, why would I neglect to do so?

Peace. We pray that we will be able to continue to worship freely without fear of persecution. We are told to pray such (1 Timothy 2:2-3). Why pray such a prayer and then go vote for someone who unashamedly supports folks who want us arrested for preaching against things like Gay Marriage? Attempts are already being made to pass legislation that would make such preaching a "Hate Crime." Paul asked folks to pray that his mouth would be opened to boldly proclaim the Gospel (Ephesians 6:19 – read it!). Why would I vote for someone who would want Paul's mouth shut in regards to what he taught on homosexuality? (Romans 1:26-27?). Remember, "...when a wicked man rules, the people groan" (Proverbs 29:2). 🔑

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From My Collection Of Rutherford Reader Articles

OUT TO LUNCH

Michael Pickford

When someone is not fully grasping the concepts of a crucial matter, or they held traditional beliefs and practices. seem to be passive about the matter, we sometimes say he is "Out to lunch."

Sadly, there are many who seem to be "Out to lunch" regarding spiritual and scriptural matters. We are to be neither uninformed nor passive in spiritual matters. Ignorance of God's word is always destructive (Hosea 4:6) and inexcusable, inasmuch as God has given to us a full revelation of the things He expects of us in service to Him (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Some are "Out to lunch" because they don't study (Acts 17:11), others because they don't care enough (2 Thessalonians 2:10-11), and some because they choose to be out to lunch regarding some important Bible topics because the truths presented in scripture contradict their long held

beliefs and their family church's long

For example, Jesus clearly stressed the necessity of baptism for salvation (Mark 16:16), Peter stressed it (Acts 2:38; Acts 10:48; 1 Peter 3:21), Ananias stressed it (Acts 22:16), and Paul stressed it (Romans 6:1-5; Galatians 3:26-27). Lay aside all of your previous knowledge about how a man gets saved and just read these passages for what they are and see what your honest conclusion will be. Jesus' blood washes away our sins (Revelation 1:5; Ephesians 1:7) but it's at the point of baptism when this occurs, otherwise how could Ananias say, "Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins..." (Acts 22:16)?

Some truths are difficult to accept but this is no excuse to remain "Out to lunch" regarding them.

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE FOR OUTSIDE SIGN

(Thanks to anyone who can stay after services tonight and help change the sign.)

ONE SIDE:

WHEN THINGS GO WRONG... DON'T GO WITH THEM.

OTHER SIDE:

"THE LORD GAVE, AND THE LORD HAS TAKEN AWAY: BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD." **JOB 1:21**





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

STUDY DAILY! Acts 17:11

Your Speech Betrays You

SERMON NOTES

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DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- > Announcements....Michael Pickford
- ➤ Bible Reading by......Sam Miller Reading: Matthew 26:69-73
- > Song Leader.....Ben Green
- ➤ Opening Prayer......Ben Reagh
- ➤ Lord's Table:

Lead.....Kenny Todd Serve......John Nelson Serve......Robert Johnson

Closing Prayer......Kenny Johnson

SUNDAY EVENING

- > Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- > Lord's Table.....Kenny Todd

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- > Song Leader.....Ben Green
- > Invitation.....Michael Pickford

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!