

ADORNING THE DOCTRINE OF GOD

ADORN - TO ORNAMENT. EMBELLISH WITH HONOR. BEAUTIFY. DECORATE.

TITUS 2:7-10

THE ONLY BIBLE SOME READ IS IN THE LIVES OF CHRISTIANS - PHIL. 1:20

ADORN BY LIFE

LET LIGHT SHINE - MT.5:14-16:EPH.5:8

BECOME GOSPEL - PHIL. 1:27:1PET.1:15,16

DENY UNGODLINESS - TIT. 2:11,12

ABSTAIN FROM FLESHLY LUSTS - 1PET.2:11,12

OVERCOME EVIL - ROM.12:21:1THESS. 5:22

PURITY OF SPEECH - MT.12:35:EPH. 4:29:COL. 4:6

BE EXAMPLE - 1TIM.4:12:1COR. 11:1

PROPER ATTITUDE ONE TO ANOTHER - EPH. 4:32:1PET.3:8

OBEDIENT TO AUTHORITY - 1PET. 2:13-16



REV. 21:2

ADORN BY SOUNDNESS & TEACHING

TAKE HEED TO DOCTRINE - 1TIM. 4:16

ABIDE IN DOCTRINE - 2JO. 9

SOUND IN DOCTRINE - 2TIM.1:13:TIT. 2:1

TEACH & ADMONISH ONE ANOTHER -

COL. 3:16:ROM. 15:14

TEACHING OTHERS - 2TIM. 2:24-26

BY BEING DOERS OF WORD

JS 1:22

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.
- Children's Class: Every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 5:30 pm
- 5th Sunday 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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RELIGIOUS DIVISION

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It's no secret that the religious world is divided. Among those claiming the Christian religion, there is great religious division. Many believe God is behind this division, claiming that Denominationalism is a blessing from God, saying it gives us lots of choices to find a church that fits our own lifestyle. But the various contradictions in doctrine existing among different denominations cause confusion, and God is not the author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33). The opposite of division is unity, and in the Bible we see a....

Strong Desire For Unity. In John 17:20-23 Jesus prayed four times that His disciples might be one. He strongly desired for them to possess the same unity as He and the Father possessed, "As You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in us..." (Vs 21). Jesus and the Father have no differences in their beliefs, so Jesus isn't praying for unity in diversity. He isn't praying for His disciples to lay aside biblical truths for the sake of peace. God Desires that we be unified, but that unity must be based on Truth - His truth (John 17:17).

Solid Demand For Unity. There

were those in the church at Corinth who were trying to divide up the body in a way very much the same as denominationalism exists today. Some wanted to follow Apollos, some Cephas, some Paul, etc. Paul told them, "Now I Plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:10). This verse speaks for itself and Paul would say the same thing to today's proponents of denominationalism; It's a solid demand for unity based on the Gospel.

Scriptural Design For Unity. Ephesians 4:1-6, offers us the key to unity, the kind of unity God desires and demands. Paul wrote in verse 3, "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit..." Unity of the Spirit! What did the Spirit do? He revealed the Gospel (1 Corinthians 2:10; John 16:13). So to have unity of the Spirit is to be unified based upon the product of the Spirit - The Gospel! Again, God wants us unified, but not at the expense of Gospel truths. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133:1). ☞

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UNIQUE

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“Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works”

-Titus 2:14

It’s interesting how we try to emulate the latest style, partake in the latest fad, and then try to pass ourselves off as unique. If one is in Christ his mission is not to try to be different just for the sake of being different; he is just simply different!

Through His sacrifice, Christ has purified us from the defilement of the world and made us His own special possession. The word “Peculiar” is normally used in today’s vernacular with a negative connotation. But in our text above, it speaks of the highest

honor bestowed upon man. As a result of being different, we are to now strive to be, well, different! *“And 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). The idea is that we are not to pattern ourselves after the sinful things in this world.

There’s nothing wrong with the latest style if it doesn’t violate the biblical principles of modesty. There’s nothing wrong with the latest fad unless that fad is to go see a popular movie filled with vulgar language and sexual immorality. We need to think less about being “Cool” in the eyes of our peers and more about being holy in the eyes of our Creator! It takes moral courage to be unique. You can do it! 🔍

SERMON NOTES

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

STUDY DAILY!
Acts 17:11

Religious Diversity

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Glenn Isbell
Reading: Psalm 133
- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Todd
- Lord’s Table:
Lead.....John Nelson
Serve.....Robert Johnson
Serve.....Michael Pickford
- Closing Prayer.....Tony Jenkins

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord’s Table.....John Nelson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- 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!

THIS WEEK’S MESSAGE FOR OUTSIDE SIGN
(Thanks to anyone who can stay after services tonight and help change the sign.)

ONE SIDE:
SALVATION IS IN CHRIST
2 TIMOTHY 2:10

OTHER SIDE:
ARE YOU IN CHRIST?
GALATIANS 3:26-27

