SOUND PREACHING

2 TIM. 4:1-4:TIT.2:1

EXALTS CHRIST & HIS AUTHORITY

GOD'S SON - MT. 17:5:ACTS 9:20

JESUS IS CHRIST-MT. 16:13:18:ACTS 17:2.3

HE IS LORD - ROM. 10:9.10:2 COR. 4:5

HAS ALL AUTHORITY - MT. 28:18:JO.12:4849:LK 6:46

EXPOSES ERROR

JESUS DID - MT. 6:1. 5./6:23:13.14

PAUL DID - ACTS 17:22-29: GAL. 2:11-14

FALSE TEACHERS-MT. 7:15-20: 2 PET. 2:1-3 MARK THEM-ROM. 16:17 IR

INSTRUCTS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

COMPLETELY FURNISHED - 27/M. 3:16.17

RE SERVANTS OF -ROM.6/16-18.13:8:5-14

CONTENDS FOR THE FAITH
PAUL DID-ACTS 19:8
SET FOR DEFENCE-PHILI:16.17
EXHORTED TO - JUDE 3

LIVE UNTO - 1 PET. 2:21-24

WARNS AGAINST

EMPHASIZES OBEDIENCE

TO PURITY SOULS - 1 PET. 1:22

NECESSARY TO SALVATION - MT. 7:21-23: HEB 5:89
THE END OF DISOBEDIENCE - 1 PET. 4:11: 2 TH. 1:7-9

APOSTASY - ACTS 20:28-31 COVETOUSNESS - LK. 12:15 UNGODLINESS - GAL. 6:7.8: I COR. 6:9.10

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.

SOUTHSIDE SEARCHER

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I'M IN THE ARMY NOW Michael Pickford

It is a great honor for men and women to serve in the military of our great nation. Our freedom has been won and maintained by the bravery and blood of so many. But there's a greater amount of glory associated with God's word we are not properly with being in the army of the Lord...

Enlisting. There are essential elements involved in enlisting in our Nation's army. The same is true of joining the army of the Lord. Before one can be "A good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Timothy 2:3) he must believe on the Lord Jesus (John 8:24), repent of his sins (Acts 2:38), Confess his faith in Christ (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized into Christ (Galatians 3:26-27). The Lord has now "Enlisted him as a soldier" (2 Timothy 2:4). Whether or not he's a good soldier depends on the next two points...

Equipping. Only a foolish and uncaring government will send its soldiers into battle without the proper training and equipment. The Lord is neither foolish nor uncaring; He has provided His soldiers with nothing but the best equipment so that we may be "Strong" in Him (Ephesians 6:10). This equipment includes the truth, righteousness, the Gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation,

and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God (Ephesians 6:13-17). Note how much of this equipment has to do with God's word. If we are not taking the time to become thoroughly familiar with God's word we are not properly equipped spiritually. How then can we hope to quench the fiery darts of the devil? Think how foolish a soldier would be to go into battle without his gun and/or sword. Think also how foolish it would be for him to not take the time to become familiar with his gun and how to properly use it in an effective and accurate way. Study daily! (Acts 17:11).

Engaging. We did not enlist in the Lord's army during peace time. There's a war raging, but "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds" (2 Corinthians 10:4). Jesus did not come to bring peace but a sword, and as soon as we enlist the devil comes at us with full force. There are temptations to overcome, religious errors to expose, other soldiers to encourage, etc. Our adversary is wily and cunning and anything short of extreme diligence will result in miserable failure and defeat. "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13).

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From My Collection Of Rutherford Reader Articles

Nevertheless At Your Word

Michael Pickford

"But Simon answered and said to Him, 'Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at your word I will let down the net."

- Luke 5:5

Jesus said "Let down your nets for a catch" (Luke 5:4). Simon (Peter) couldn't understand this command in light of the fact that they had been fishing all night and caught nothing (Luke 5:5). But Simon wisely said to the Lord. "Nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net" (Luke 5:5). There are many things God commands us to do that we may not understand. Perhaps it doesn't seem logical to us, or perhaps it doesn't seem fair. Sadly, many don't have Simon's attitude. Instead of just doing what the Lord commanded, they try, through the logic and wisdom of men, to rationalize their way out of keeping the Lord's word.

Consider baptism. Jesus said "He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16). Men just can't understand what getting dunked under water has to do with God forgiving them of their sins, so they try to circumvent the words of Jesus.

There's only one thing that removes our sins - The blood of Christ (Revelation 1:5; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19, etc.). But at what point does Christ's blood connect with my sins to cleanse them? Some say it's at the point of faith, but it must be at the point of baptism, otherwise how could the Lord teach that one must be baptized to be saved (Mark 16:16)? And how could Ananias say to Saul (Paul), "Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). You may not understand baptism, but "Nevertheless at Your word" Lord.

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE FOR OUTSIDE SIGN

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

ONE SIDE:
WHAT SOUNDS GOOD MAY NOT BE GOOD
AND SOUND.
2 TIMOTHY 4:3

OTHER SIDE:
WHAT SOUNDS GOOD MAY NOT BE GOOD
AND SOUND.
2 TIMOTHY 4:3





SERMON NOTES

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

STUDY DAILY! Acts 17:11

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DUTY LIST...SUNDAY MORNING

- > Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- ➤ Bible Reading by......Sam Miller Reading: Romans 6:20-23
- ➤ 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.....Michael Pickford
- ➤ Lord's Table.....Lynn Buttrey

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- ➤ Song Leader.....Kenny Johnson
- ➤ Invitation.....Ben Reagh

Home Bible Studies Available Upon Requestl

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.

- ➤ <u>Hear The Gospel</u>: Romans 10:17
- ➤ <u>Believe</u>: 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!