

IN THE BEGINNING GOD

GEN. 1:1

GOD SHOULD BE IN THE BEGINNING OF YOUR...

ACCOUNTABILITY

REMEMBER THY CREATOR - ECCL. 12:1
LEARN SCRIPTURES FROM CHILDHOOD - 2TIM. 3:14,15
OBEY PARENTS - EPH. 6:1-3; COL. 3:20
SEEK KINGDOM FIRST - MT. 6:33

MARRIAGE

GOD'S PLAN - MT. 19:3-6
PROPER RELATIONSHIP - EPH. 5:22-33; COL. 3:18,19
HUSBAND PROVIDER - 1TIM. 5:8

WEEK

WORSHIP HIM - JO. 4:23,24; ACTS 2:7-2:42; 1COR. 16:1,2; COL. 3:16; HEB. 10:25
STUDY HIS WORD - 2TIM. 2:15
PRAY - LK. 18:1; 1THESS. 5:17

DAY

WORK

PROPER GOALS - COL. 3:1,2
HONEST WITH ALL - ROM. 12:17
TREATMENT OF OTHERS - MT. 7:12
NOT SLOTHFUL - ROM. 12:11
GIVE TO NEEDY - EPH. 4:21

FAMILY

LOVE CHILDREN - GUIDE HOUSE - 1TIM. 5:14; TIT. 2:3-5
TRAIN CHILDREN - PROV. 22:6; EPH. 6:4; COL. 3:21

IS HE ??

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:** 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



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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DANCING

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Much confusion and debate exists over the practice of dancing. TV programs such as "Dancing with the stars," exercise programs involving dancing, and certain types of dancing in the Olympics (Dancing on ice) has catapulted the popularity of dancing in our society...

Prohibition. The Bible never says, "Thou shalt not dance." On the contrary, the Bible says that there is "a time to dance." (Ecclesiastes 3:4). But Galatians 5:19 condemns "lewdness." The Greek word is *aselgeia* which Thayer defines as "wanton (acts or) manners... indecent bodily movements, unchaste handling of males and females." Notice the mention of "indecent bodily movements" and "unchaste handling of males and females." This type of behavior is common on the dance floors of proms, etc. even in "innocent" slow dances as the bodies of males and females rub together to the sway of the music. It's sweet? It's romantic? It's innocent? Don't be deceived, "Make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lust" (Romans 13:14). Whatever dancing the Bible condones would not include the elements of *aselgeia* that are present in most modern dances.

Problems. The sin of lewdness often leads to the sin of fornication. Being guilty of lewdness will cost someone their soul; but practicing fornication can lead to many earthly woes such as unwanted pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases, etc. Again, make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lust. We are to ask God that we not be led into temptation (Matthew 6:13), so why then go and practice something that engenders within us the temptation to commit fornication? Another problem is that many have become desensitized to the dangers of dancing by insisting on entertaining themselves with shows like "Dancing With The Stars." The Bible warns against drifting to the point to where we can't discern between good and evil (Hebrews 5:13-14). "Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good" (Romans 12:9).

Pressure. Our young people are often pressured by their peers to attend the Prom. Consider another passage that condemns *aselgeia*, "For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties..." (1 Peter 4:3). We must strive to be like Christ, not like those in the world (1 John 2:6). 🔍

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ASHAMED!

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“For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father’s, and of the holy angels”

-Luke 9:26

We’re not comfortable with the idea of shame. There are many things we should not be ashamed of being ashamed of. I’m not ashamed of the fact that I would be ashamed to use filthy language, etc. There are many things we should be ashamed of, and many things we must not be ashamed of.

The Lord said, “For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father’s, and of the holy angels” (Luke 9:26). Now there are many who would claim that they are not ashamed of the Lord Jesus Christ, and yet when you begin to discuss bible matters with them, you find they are indeed ashamed of some of His words.

For example, Jesus plainly declared in Mark 16:16, “*He who believes and is*

baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned”

(Mark 16:16). Now I’m not ashamed of these words. I will boldly use them in print, in sermons, and even on the internet. After all, the Lord spoke them – they are His words! But ever since the Lord spoke these words many have been ashamed of them. Man has tried to exclude them from the Bible but that hasn’t worked out. Men have tried diligently to explain why they don’t mean what they say but I’m not buying it. Neither should you! Because if you do, Jesus promised He will be ashamed of you on the last day! Don’t be ashamed of Christ’s words, Trust Him!

We are ashamed of Christ when we try to keep the fact that we are Christians from certain friends, co-workers, etc. We even display shame by refusing to “Talk religion” with those in the world. Jesus wants us to “*Preach it on the housetops*” (Matthew 10:27). Be ashamed when you sin, but never be ashamed to wear the name of Christ, even if it brings reproach (1 Peter 4:14-16). 🔍

SERMON NOTES

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

STUDY DAILY!
Acts 17:11

The Good Life

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Michael Pickford
Reading: John 10:7-14
- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Todd
- Lord’s Table:
Lead.....John Nelson
Serve.....Michael Pickford
Serve.....Lynn Buttrey
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Lord’s Table.....John Nelson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Invitation.....Kenny Todd

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.)

BOTH SIDES:

ARE YOU WASHED IN THE BLOOD?

REV. 1:5 / ACTS 22:16

