

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES ?

HAVE FREE ACCESS - NO HINDERANCE
 WORDS OF LIFE - JO. 6:66-69
 JESUS COMMANDED - JO. 5:39
 NEED TO STUDY - 2 TIM. 2:15
 WAY OF UNDERSTANDING - PS. 119:104
 FURNISH COMPLETELY - 2 TIM. 3:16,17
 WILL BUILD UP - ACTS 20:32
 WILL JUDGE US - JO. 12:48

BELIEVE THE TRUTH ?

IT SETS FREE - JO. 8:32
 IS UNDERSTANDABLE - EPH. 5:17
 EVIDENCE IS GIVEN - JO. 20:30,31
 JESUS IS THE TRUTH - JO. 14:6
 WAY GOD CHOOSES - 2 THESS. 2:13
 IT SANCTIFIES - JO. 17:17
 BELIEVE NOT - DAMNED - 2 THESS. 2:10-12

JOHN 8:45-47



OBEY THE LORD ?

THOSE WHO LOVE HIM DO - JO. 14:15,21,23
 HIS FRIENDS DO - JO. 15:14
 TO HAVE SALVATION ONE MUST - HEB. 5:8,9
 TO ENTER KINGDOM ONE MUST - MT. 7:21
 TO FAIL, NEGLECT OR REFUSE -
 TO BE DESTROYED - 1 PET. 4:17,18 - 2 THESS. 1:7-9

DON'T PEOPLE JESUS COMMANDED

DO TO OTHERS - MT. 7:12
 LOVE ENEMIES - MT. 5:43,44
 REPENT OF SIN - LK. 13:3
 SEEK KINGDOM FIRST - MT. 6:33
 BELIEVE & BE BAPTIZED - MK. 16:15,16
 BE FAITHFUL - REV. 2:10

HAVE YOU? ARE YOU?

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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GOOD MORNING

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There is much needless weeping in the world. Many mourn because of the consequences of the sins they have committed. But there are good reasons for mourning. And when folks mourn, it does them a great deal of good. The Bible even says there is "A time to weep," and "A time to mourn" (Ecclesiastes 3:4). It's good to mourn over...

Those Who Sin. The sin of those around us should cause us to mourn. Instead of mourning, folks often laugh at the sins of others. Many modern movies are filled with the vilest of sins: fornication, filthy language, glorifications of homosexuality, et al. Like David, we must be careful to set nothing wicked before our eyes (Psalm 101:3). We inadvertently see some of these things during the course of daily living... at the store, in the workplace, etc, but there's a vast difference in this and intentionally entertaining ourselves with such. I must live in the world, and I can't control what folks will do (1 Corinthians 5:10), but I can choose what I entertain myself with. Also, when a local church fails to discipline a member in sin, this is tantamount to glorying in their sin. Paul says we should mourn instead (1 Corinthians 5:

2). Mourning over others' sins prompts us to speak to them, encouraging them to repent and save their soul. But we should also mourn over our own sin (Matthew 5:4). This leads us to repentance.

Those Who Sleep. Some religions prohibit mourning over the death of a loved one (i.e. Jehovah's Witnesses). I've even met brethren who frowned on mourning over the loss of a faithful Christian, maintaining that we should rejoice instead that they've gone to heaven. Why not do both? When a loved one goes to sleep in the Lord, we mourn, but not like those who have no hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13). This mourning is good, it ultimately comforts us. Even Jesus wept at the death of His beloved friend Lazarus (John 11:35).

Those Who Sorrow. When friends or brethren mourn, we help comfort them by mourning with them. We should "Weep with those who weep" (Romans 12:15). In fact, the specific catalyst for Jesus' weeping was that He saw the sorrow of others, "Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping [over Lazarus], and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled... Jesus wept" (John 11:33-35). ☹

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PREACHING TO THE CHOIR

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“For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth”

-2 Peter 1:12

Many years ago a friend of mine who preaches told me, “I feel like I’m just making the same points over and over again.” I told him, “You just keep on making those points, Christians need the constant reminders.” Now understand, I’ve always admired his style of preaching. He would simply preach the New Testament chapter by chapter, straight through, yet he felt he was making the “same ole points.” This tells me that the Gospel isn’t filled with millions of different points to make. There are many basic truths and these same truths are presented over and over again throughout the New Testament (Sometimes in more difficult to understand ways, but the same basic truths!).

I fear in our day and time there are many preachers trying to come up with something new. A new point, a new way to make a point. We need to simply present the truth without trying to convince folks of how “Clever” we are. I place the word “Clever” in quotations because I believe some of us are anything but clever. The cleverest and wisest thing preachers

can do is simply preach the truth!

God created us, so He knows we are prone to forget things. I can watch a movie that I haven’t watched in five years and enjoy it as if it was the first time I’d seen it. I can read a mystery novel and a year later not be able to tell you which character did the crime. We forget things; even basic, easy to grasp things.

I recently heard of a young couple who left the Lord’s church after deciding that baptism wasn’t necessary for salvation after all. How did this happen? I often hear preachers preach and fail to tell people how to get saved. Why? Is it because they assume everyone present already knows it? They might, but tell them again anyway!

Preachers neglect “Those same old worn-out sermons on bible authority, baptism, instrumental music, etc.” because they feel they’re just “Preaching to the choir.” As a result, many Christians are becoming more accepting of those who reject these essential Gospel truths, and many have joined their ranks altogether! Peter knew his readers were well established in the truths he was telling them, yet he knew he must remind them until he left this earth (“*As long as I am in this tent*” – 2 Peter 1:13). Go ahead and keep preaching to the choir, They need it! 🔍

SERMON NOTES

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

STUDY DAILY!
Acts 17:11

What Is Baptism?

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Bible Reading by.....Frank Anderson
Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22
- Song Leader.....Brad Cathey
- Opening Prayer.....Ben Green
- Lord’s Table:
Lead.....Kenny Johnson
Serve.....John Nelson
Serve.....Robert Johnson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Lord’s Table.....Kenny Johnson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- 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!

THIS WEEK’S MESSAGE FOR OUTSIDE SIGN

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

BOTH SIDES:

MAN’S WAY SEEMS RIGHT. BUT IS OFTEN WRONG. PROVERBS 14:12

