

# THE VALUE OF THE SOUL

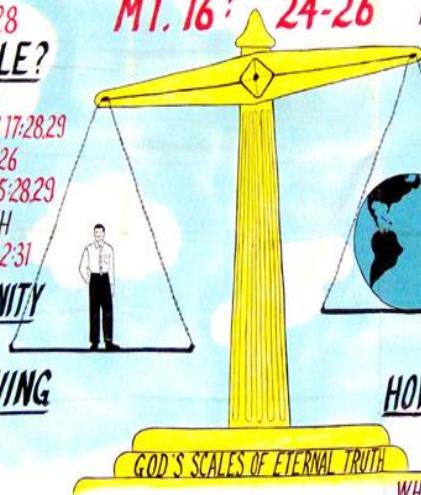
SOUL - LIFE - MT. 10:28  
**WHY SO VALUABLE?**

FROM GOD - ECC. 12:7  
OFFSPRING OF GOD - ACTS 17:28,29  
IN GOD'S IMAGE - GEN. 1:26  
ETERNAL - MT. 10:28 - JO. 5:28,29  
LEAVES BODY IN DEATH  
GEN. 35:18 - LK. 23:46 - ACTS 2:31

**LASTS FOR ETERNITY**

LK. 16:19-31 - MT. 25:46  
**SOULS NEED SAVING**  
HEB. 10:39 - JS. 1:21  
JS. 5:20 - 1 PET. 1:9

MT. 16: 24-26



MANY EFFORTS TO SAVE LIFE  
**WHAT SAVES SOULS?**

NOT INSTITUTIONS OF MEN - MT. 15:13  
NOT DOCTRINES OF MEN - MT. 15:9  
THE GOSPEL - ROM. 1:16 - 1 COR. 15:1-4  
PURE GOSPEL - GAL. 1:8,9

**HOW DOES GOSPEL SAVE?**

MUST BE PREACHED - MK. 16:15  
PREACHER SENT - ROM. 10:13-17  
HEARD - BELIEVED - OBEYED  
MK. 16:16 - 2 THESS. 1:7-9

**HOW DO YOU VALUE SOULS?**

YOUR OWN? HAVE YOU OBEYED? - ROM. 6:17,18  
OTHERS? YOUR INFLUENCE? - 1 JO. 2:15-17  
WHAT EFFORTS FOR LOST? - MK. 16:15 - 1 COR. 16:12-9:14  
DO YOU SACRIFICE THAT LOST MAY HEAR?

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](http://www.defendthegospel.com)
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- Children's Class: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 5:30 pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evenings following services.



## ***SOUTHSIDE SEARCHER***

Southside church of Christ, 1167 South Lowry  
Smyrna, TN 37167, Phone (615) 459-7854

*"They...searched the scriptures daily..."* - Acts 17:11

Volume 9, Number 28

August 04, 2013

### **NUMBERS** Michael Pickford

This article isn't about the fourth book of Moses. It's about people. We must have the proper perspective about numbers in relation to people.

A Harmful Perspective. Many churches make the mistake of playing the numbers game. They measure success and growth based purely on how many people they have. The danger here is the temptation to lay aside bible authority in order to "Fill the building." Many churches have given themselves over to the ways of denominationalism. They have turned to food, fun, and frolic to get the crowds. "God must bless this," they reason, "After all; look at how much we've grown." But remember, those who transgress the doctrine of Christ do not have God, regardless of how numerous they are (2 John 9). Another danger here is in an individual thinking a church is right simply because it is so large. "That many people couldn't be wrong," they reason. But remember, the Lord said "few" would find life (Matthew 7:13-14). The standard of right and wrong is not how many or how few believe a thing, it's the word of God (John 12:48).

A Hopeful Perspective. We are to take the Gospel to "every creature," to

"The end of the earth" (Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8). We should be trying to teach the Gospel to our family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, peers, etc. Sometimes we get discouraged because it seems so few are convinced to obey the Gospel. Remember again, there are few who will be willing to make the difficult sacrifices required to obey and follow the Lord (Matthew 7:13-14). Even Jesus, the master teacher, converted relatively few during His earthly ministry. Keep at it, if you convert one soul it will be worth it all.

A Holy Perspective. I dealt with a harmful perspective in the first point, but some take this to the other extreme, maintaining that God isn't concerned about numbers at all. The truth is, God is concerned about numbers. He sent His Son to die for the "World" (John 3:16). God is not willing that any should perish, He desires all men to be saved (2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:4). If it is our Father's desire that all be saved, and He was willing to hang His Son on the cross to create the possibility, then certainly our desire should be to diligently work at converting folks to the Lord regardless of the sacrifices we might have to make of time, money, and rejections. ☞

Evangelist & Editor: Michael Pickford, 615-785-0646, [mpickford3@comcast.net](mailto:mpickford3@comcast.net)

[www.defendthegospel.com](http://www.defendthegospel.com)

# JESUS THE CARPENTER

Michael Pickford

*“Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us? So they were offended at Him....”*

—Mark 6:3

Occasionally I will hear someone say that the Bible never actually speaks of Jesus being a carpenter, only that He was the son of Joseph, who was a carpenter. But they have overlooked Mark 6:3 which states that Jesus did in fact work as a carpenter, just like His father.

Years ago there was a popular bumper sticker that said, “My boss is a Jewish Carpenter.” Of course the intended message was that these folks serve Jesus. The fact is, Jesus was a physical carpenter while on this earth. Like most Jewish boys, He followed in his father’s footsteps, learned his father’s trade, and worked as a carpenter.

But our Lord’s most important work

was as a different kind of carpenter. In Matthew 16:18 He promised that “On this rock I will build my church.” As a spiritual carpenter, he was going to build something... His church! We find that He fulfilled this promise. Acts 2:47 informs us that He added to the church daily those who were being saved. Those who were being saved in the context were those who repented and were baptized in Jesus’ name (Acts 2:38).

The rich and famous of our time seek out the best, most renowned carpenters to build their dream house. They then glory in the fact that “Such and such, the famous and talented carpenter built my house!” But that house, regardless of how glorious, will one day burn up (2 Peter 3:10-11).

Why not be a part of a building made not with hands, a building that offers eternal life? Why not obey the Lord in baptism and become part of that everlasting house, the eternal kingdom that He, the master carpenter, built? 🔑

## SERMON NOTES

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

**STUDY DAILY!**  
Acts 17:11

### The Will of God

Introduction:

I. \_\_\_\_\_

II. \_\_\_\_\_

III. \_\_\_\_\_

#### DUTY LIST...

##### SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Sam Miller  
Reading: Hebrews 10:35-39
- 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

#### 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

*Home Bible Studies Available Upon Request!*

**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:

#### GOD DEMANDS REPENTANCE

ACTS 17:30

(ALREADY POSTED)

