

YOU ARE LOST! – UNLESS...

2 COR. 4:3-4: EPH. 2:12

YOU HAVE OBEYED THE GOSPEL

MUST DO GOD'S WILL - MT. 7:21
THOSE THAT OBEY NOT - 1 PET. 4:17
THOSE OBEY NOT PUNISHED - 2 THESS. 1:7-9
OBEYED - THEN FREED - ROM. 6:17,18
HOW? - 1 COR. 15:1-4; ROM. 6:1-5

YOU ARE IN CHRIST

SALVATION IS IN CHRIST - 2 TIM. 2:10; ACTS 4:12
REDEMPTION IS IN CHRIST - COL. 1:13,14
ETERNAL LIFE IS IN CHRIST - 1 JO. 5:11
NEW CREATURE IN CHRIST - 2 COR. 5:17
HOW? - ROM. 6:3-5; GAL. 3:27; JO. 19:32-34



YOU ARE IN THE LORD'S CHURCH

CHRIST DIED FOR CHURCH - ACTS 20:28
CHRIST GAVE HIMSELF FOR CHURCH - EPH. 5:25
SAVED ARE ADDED TO THE CHURCH - ACTS 2:41
CHRIST THE SAVIOUR OF THE CHURCH - EPH. 5:23
HOW? - ACTS 2:37-41,47; 1 COR. 12:13; EPH. 1:22,23

YOU ARE A FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN

MUST NOT BE NEGLECTFUL - HEB. 2:1-4
MUST BE SPIRITUAL MINDED - ROM. 8:5-9; GAL. 5:19-21
BELIEVE TO SAVING OF SOUL - HEB. 10:38,39
KEPT THROUGH FAITH - 1 PET. 1:3-5
BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10

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:** 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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BECOMING GOD'S CHILD

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"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him" (1 John 3:1). What an amazing thing that a worm such as I could be known as a child of the Creator. In thinking about becoming God's child, consider the...

RIGHT. "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name" (John 1:12). Notice that "Those who believe in His name" do not automatically become children of God. He has "The right" to become such. This verse clearly distinguishes between faith and obedience. We become "Sons of God" when we are "Baptized into Christ" (Galatians 3:26-27). This is why baptism saves (Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21). One is not saved by "Faith only" (James 2:24). He must act on that faith and do God's will (Hebrews 5:8-9; Matthew 7:21).

ROUTE. God's has provided the path of obedience, and unless one follows this path, he cannot be saved. First, one must hear the Gospel, for faith comes by hearing (Romans 10:17). He must then believe what he's heard; that

Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24; Mark 16:16). He must then repent of his sins (Acts 2:38), confess his faith in Christ (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized in order to have his sins washed away (Acts 22:16), "Put on Christ," (Galatians 3:26-27), and be saved (1 Peter 3:21). This is the only God-given route to becoming a child of God.

REWARDS. There are great rewards in becoming a child of God— many spiritual blessings in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). These include confidence in prayer (1 John 5:14), the love of God's family, our brethren, the church (1 John 3:18; 4:11), and ultimately, eternal life if we remain faithful to the Lord (Revelation 2:10). If you have not become a child of God the way the Bible describes, your soul is in jeopardy. We implore you to be baptized into Christ today before it's too late, for we do not know when we will die nor do we know when the Lord will return. If you have died with Christ in baptism and have fallen back into sin, please repent, confess, and pray so that you might have the forgiveness of God and the brethren (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9). Tomorrow is just a day found in a fool's calendar, obey today! (2 Corinthians 6:2) 🔍

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BITTERNESS – A KILLJOY

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A killjoy is a person who spoils the joy or pleasure of others; spoilsport. But other things can be killjoys. For example, I believe bitterness has destroyed the contentment, peace, and happiness of many people.

Paul wrote, “*Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice*” (Ephesians 4:31). One who possesses these attributes either denies it or rationalizes it. If they realize they have them, they have some sort of reason, some sort of excuse that makes them feel justified in their bitterness. They need to recognize it and reject it!

This verse is a command, which means clinging to our bitterness jeopardizes our soul; but it also makes us incapable of feeling true joy in this life.

Further, the bitter person, through

bitterness, often kills the joy of others. We should make things about other people’s joy and happiness rather than making it about ourselves (Philippians 2:3-4).

Roots (causes) of bitterness abound. Misfortunes, tragedies, bereavements, rejections – all these can make one bitter if he’s not careful. But much of our bitterness stems from jealousies. We’re jealous that others are getting the attention, or the praise, or the rewards, or all the good opportunities. So we become bitter towards them. No wonder Paul listed “Jealousies” as a work of the flesh. We must lay aside envy (1 Peter 2:1) and put on selflessness, humility, and love! (Romans 12:10; Colossians 3:12-14). Bitterness will kill your joy, poison your spirit, alienate you from your friends, and cost you your soul. 🔍

SERMON NOTES

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

**STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11**

When Silence Isn’t Golden

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

"Love one another"

JOHN 13:34

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

BOTH SIDES:
“HE BECAME THE AUTHOR OF ETERNAL SALVATION TO ALL WHO OBEY HIM”
HEBREWS 5:9



DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Kenny Todd
Reading: Acts 4:27-31
- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Opening Prayer.....Ben Green
- Lord’s Table:
Lead.....Kenny Johnson
Serve.....John Nelson
Serve.....Ben Reagh
- Closing Prayer.....Robert Johnson

SUNDAY EVENING

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- 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!