

ARE YOU STRONG?

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What is the difference between a strong cup of tea and a weak cup of tea? After all, the same ingredients are used – Tea and water. The difference is in how long the water is exposed to the tea leaves. The longer the cup of tea steeps, the more the tea will get into the water and the water into the tea, resulting in stronger tea. Likewise, the amount of time we spend in the word of God will determine how much we get into the word and how much the word gets into us. If the “Steeping” time is short and scattered, we will be weak spiritually.

The more time we spend in the word, the more the word will get into us, and the stronger we will be.

Paul wrote, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom...” (Col. 3:16). We can only accomplish this by daily, diligent Bible study (Acts 17:11). We must, “as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby” (1 Peter 2:2).

The writer of Hebrews rebuked his audience because, though they had been Christians long enough to be capable of teaching the word, they were instead weak and unknowable, needing to be taught again the basic principles of God’s truths. They were weak! (He. 5:12-14). Let’s resolve to spend more time daily in God’s word so that we might be strong! 🔍

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

- 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.
- 5th Sunday Men’s Training Class, 4:30 pm. 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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THE SEVENTY

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Luke records for us the sending out of the seventy (Luke 10:1-20). There are lessons to be learned from this account...

Jesus Enjoined Them To Preach. He tells them that the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. They were to pray the Lord of harvest to send out laborers into the field. Jesus wasn’t concerned about farming here, he was concerned about the preaching of the Gospel to a world full of lost souls. He said, “Go your way.” Jesus enjoins His followers today to share the Gospel with the lost world (Mark 16:15; Acts 8:4). He Himself came to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10). He has put into our hands the saving Gospel message (Romans 1:16). Like Paul, we should be ready to preach it, if not publically, then certainly in our day to day associations with others.

Jesus Endowed Them With Power. They were able to heal the sick and cast out demons (vs 9, 17). The age of miraculous spiritual gifts have ceased (1 Corinthians 13), but they have successfully fulfilled their purpose in revealing and conforming the Gospel message; and it is the Gospel message that has power to save. This is the power we possess today, the power to share the Gospel with lost souls in hopes that they will be converted. God chose to save men “Through the foolishness of the message preached” (1 Corinthians 1:21). Am I busy sharing the power of the Gospel?

Jesus Enriched Them With Perspective. When they returned to the Lord, they rejoiced because they had power to heal the sick and that even the demons were subject to them (vs 17). Jesus gave them a clearer and nobler perspective. He assured them that the true cause for their rejoicing should be the prospect of eternal life. “Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven” (vs 20). Regardless of what great things we may accomplish on this earth, our foremost passion should be to get our names written in heaven, and to keep them there. There are many legitimate and noble things to rejoice over in this life, but our greatest joy comes from the fact that we have a living hope of one day spending eternity in glory. All other reasons for rejoicing pale in comparison to this, if we have the proper perspective! 🔍

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DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

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Trying to be “clean” in a “dirty” world is becoming increasingly difficult. Attempting to maintain “integrity” in an “immoral” world is becoming progressively tough. Endeavoring to remain “upright” in such a “down and dirty” world is becoming gradually more daunting.

But doing these things is the charge we have from God — so we will do it! No matter how challenging it is to be different and distinct from the world, we must rise up to the test!

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord”
-(II Corinthians 6:14-17).

There is no doubt, we live in what the Bible accurately refers to as a “crooked and perverse” world (**Philippians 2:15**). It is quite difficult to find any television programs that do not take the Lord’s name in vain. It is next to impossible to locate a movie that is not only unfit to see, but hear. We must be careful what we allow our eyes to see and our ears to hear.

On this day, come out from the world and begin to shine as a bright light. Stop giving in to the “pressure” of the world to be like the world, and dare to be different and distinct. -

SERMON NOTES

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

“Must Do”

**STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11**

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Frank Anderson
Reading: Acts 9:1-6
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Sam Miller
- Lord’s Table:
 - Lead.....John Nelson
 - Serve.....Michael Pickford
 - Serve.....Lynn Buttrey
- Closing Prayer.....Tony Jenkins

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord’s Table.....John Nelson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Johnson
- Invitation.....Ben Green

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; 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!

Thank You For Serving!

*Home Bible Studies
Available Upon Request!*