

BEARING FRUIT IN OLD AGE

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“Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God, They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing, To declare that the Lord is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him”

(Psa 92:13-15).

It is important for young men to seek the Lord in the days of their youth. Be active in spiritual things. Be zealous in studying the Bible. Be diligent in prayers! Learn how to apply God's word as you live life. If we do these things we will continue to flourish in our old age. There will be limitations due to the burdens of physical

challenges, but we can still bear fruit for the Lord, even in our “Golden years.” We can do so by declaring the righteousness of the Lord. We can share the knowledge we have amassed from years of study. We can help enable the young by teaching them the ways of righteousness. Not only knowledge of God's word, but knowledge as to how to apply it and live it. The years of the aged men, if they have been years of faithfulness to God, have given them skills as to how to use the word of Righteousness in such a way as to stay strong in the Lord (Heb 5:12-14).. Young men, seek the wisdom of aged saints! 🔍

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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IGNORING GOD

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God said through the prophet Hosea, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge” (Hosea 4:6). The rest of the verse goes on to explain the reason for their lack of knowledge. It was because they chose to be ignorant by rejecting the knowledge of God. Sadly, there are many today in the religious world at large who are making this same mistake. They are rejecting the knowledge of God - Christ's Gospel, and substituting in its place their own wisdom or the wisdom of other men. Paul wrote of such people in Romans 10:3, “For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.” Consider some ways in which men today ignore God's righteousness.

Many teach a system of “Faith Only” salvation. They contend that all one has to do to be saved is believe on Jesus as the Son of God. Their basis for this teaching is a perversion of Romans 5:1 which states that we have been justified by faith. No one denies faith as a necessity for salvation, but the text never said faith “only.” These folks ignore what God said in James 2:24, “You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.”

Some try to ignore the fact that the Old Testament has been done away with. They seek to authorize some of their religious practices based on something taught under the Law of Moses. They ignore such passages as Hebrews 8:7-13 which plainly teaches that the old law has been made obsolete by the bringing in of the new covenant (vs. 13). The entire book of Galatians is dedicated to a discussion of how the old Law has been done away with.

Most of the religious world ignore the plain statements God's word has made about Baptism being necessary unto salvation. Jesus stated, “He who believes and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16). Paul taught in many places that baptism saves (Rom. 6:1-4; Gal. 3:26,27; Col. 2:12, etc.). Peter also made clear the necessity of baptism for salvation (Acts 2:38). He stated in 1 Peter 3:21, “There is also an antitype which now saves us - baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.” Don't be guilty of ignoring God. 🔍

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TURNING CITIES INTO ASHES

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We may have not met God face to face, yet. However, this does not mean we do not have the capability to know who God is. The Bible spares no details in describing who our Heavenly Father is and is not.

The problem is this — many only want to look at the “good” and “positive” attributes of God. God is love, God is light, and God is fair. These are all very true. But these same folks refuse to admit there is a “jealous” side to God — a side that will not, in any way, tolerate competitors. Peter made this very clear in his writings.

“For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment” (II Peter 2:4).

“And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly” (II Peter 2:5).

“And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly” (II Peter 2:6).

Think of some of the phrases in these verses. “Spared not...bringing in the flood...turning cities into ashes.” And think about this phrase that applies directly to you and me — “making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly.”

We have been Divinely warned. We have no excuse or reason to offer as to why we have lived an ungodly life.

On this day, I am very happy that God is love and light and that He only wishes for my repentance (II Peter 3:9). But on this day, I should be acutely aware that He also will be highly displeased with my ungodly living. And as we have read, such actions bring disastrous consequences.

Today, let every action and thought be that which is pleasing to God. Strive to please Him, not man. After all, in the end that is all which matters.. -

SERMON NOTES

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

Aged Men

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

**STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11**

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Sam Miller
Reading: Psalm 71:12-18
- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Johnson
- Lord's Table:
 - Lead.....Lynn Buttrey
 - Serve.....Michael Pickford
 - Serve.....Frank Anderson
- Closing Prayer.....Ben Reagh

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Lord's Table.....Lynn Buttrey

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Invitat
- ion.....Eli Todd

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!

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Thank You For Serving!