

GOD IS JUST

Michael Pickford

God will never do the wrong thing. He will also always do what must be rightly done. He will punish even His covenant people for their wickedness just the same as He punishes heathen nations for their sins.

This also tells us that He is fair. He always warns man when He intends to bring punishment.

“Surely the Lord God does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7).

Through Noah, He warned that wicked world of the impending flood. Through Moses, He warned Israel of the curses they would receive if they failed to keep His commandments. Through the Lord, along with the apostles, prophets, and other inspired writers, He has warned us that if we do not obey the Gospel we will be punished with everlasting destruction (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

God is patient towards those who have not yet repented (2 Peter 3:9), but be sure that judgment day is coming! *“The Lord has spoken!”* (Amos 3:8). 🔍

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:**

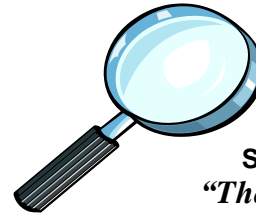
- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



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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DO NOT BE DECEIVED!

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Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 3:13, *“But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.”* The declining moral nature of our society should cause all of us much alarm. It is imperative that we do not let our adversary, the devil, deceive us regarding sin....

Alcohol. *“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise”* (Proverbs 20:1). Most Christians recognize drunkenness as a work of the flesh (Galatians 5:21), and that drunkards will not inherit the kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 6:9-10). But Satan attempts to deceive us by trying to get us to reason in such a way as to justify one drink, or even social drinking.

Interestingly, Peter used three Greek words which condemns all stages of drinking, from that first drink to the “Slobbering drunk” state (1 Peter 4:3).

Associations. *“Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits”* (1 Corinthians 15:33). We must live in the wicked world around us without allowing it to influence us to evil (1 Cor.5:9-10; Rom.12:1-2). Even though we must go to school with, work with, and shop with the wicked people of the world, we must be careful about our friendships with them. While we should seek some level of friendship with them in order to influence and teach them for good, we cannot be around them while they are partaking in their evil deeds. We don't watch the ball game with them while they're drinking. We don't drive them around while they are drinking. We don't listen to and laugh at their lewd jokes and comments. Some think they can handle it, that they won't be influenced. Don't be deceived!

Accountability. *“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap”* (Galatians 6:7).” Often, there are severe earthly consequences for the sins men commit. But often, men think they are getting away with their sins because there seems to be no earthly consequences. Sometimes men take their secrets to the grave. But do not be deceived, you have not escaped accountability for your sins. *“Some men's sins are clearly evident, preceding them to judgment, but those of some men follow later”* (1 Timothy 5:24). Repent before it's too late. Don't think God will not punish you for the sins you keep hidden from others. God sees all (Proverbs 15:3). 🔍

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SERMON NOTES

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

CHEATING SPOUSES

Mike Thomas

It sounds like a television drama, but unfortunately “Cheating Spouses” is a reality for some families. Adultery can happen at any time, and no family, community, or church is immune to it. Because of the devastation caused by it, God warns, “Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; he who does so destroys his own soul” (Pro. 6:32). Adultery brings a disgrace that never quite goes away. “Wounds and dishonor he will get, and his reproach will not be wiped away” (v. 33). Maybe this is why people lie about their infidelity when confronted; they don’t want the shame that comes from being a cheating spouse. God would spare us such misery by getting us to see the harmful consequences of this sin before we yield to its temptation.

Jesus got to the root of adultery when He said it begins in the heart (Matt. 15:19). The reason people break their wedding vows is because they were first unfaithful to their spouse in their heart, by either developing feelings for someone else or by habitually lusting after images they see on television and the Internet. They have “eyes full of adultery” because they have a heart “trained in covetous practices” (2 Pet. 2:14). For this reason Jesus said that “whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (Matt. 5:28). He wants us to be pure and faithful in heart.

The good news is God forgives every kind of sin, even those of a sexual nature. But, we must first repent of it by discontinuing it (1 Cor. 6:9-11). This may require repenting of marriages that Jesus considers adulterous (Matt. 19:9). Nevertheless, if we humbly obey God (Heb. 5:9) and turn to Him through Christ (Acts 2:38), we will find peace, joy, and honor on the way to heaven. -

**STUDY
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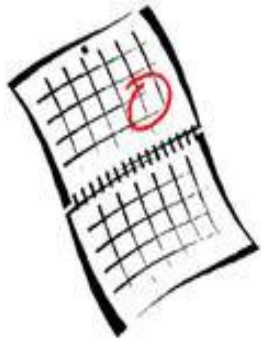
Jesus Is Wonderful

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III. _____

Mark Your Calendars!



- ✓ Tonight: Business Meeting; following pm service
- ✓ Bible Reading, May 22nd, 6 pm, at the Johnsons
- ✓ June 14-19: Gospel Meeting with Larry Ping

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Tony Jenkins
Reading: Philippians 2:5-11
- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Opening Prayer.....Sam Miller
- Lord’s Table:
Lead.....Ben Reagh
Serve.....John Nelson
Serve.....Frank Anderson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord’s Table.....Ben Reagh

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Invitation.....Kenny 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!

Thank You For Serving!

*Home Bible Studies
Available Upon Request!*