

THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE


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If we want to be true disciples of Jesus Christ, we must come to know His truth, and abide in it. If we want to understand the truths recorded in the Gospel, then we must truly devote ourselves to being His disciples.

“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” –John 8:31-32

Freedom is a precious thing, but no freedom is more precious than the kind Jesus spoke of! Only His teachings can free us from the guilt and bondage of sin. When we obey the gospel, our sins are washed away by the precious blood of Christ (Acts 22:16; Revelation 1:5).

The truth also frees us from being servants of sin, as it instructs us in how to live holy and righteous before God.

The truth of the Gospel also frees us from religious error. Christ has set up preachers, teachers, and elders in the church to strengthen us in the knowledge of Jesus so that we're not tossed to and from by every wind of false doctrine (Ephesians 4:11-14). 

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 PERFECT LAW OF LIBERTY

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James refers to “The perfect law of liberty” (James 1:25). Let's consider this statement:

Sufficiency. The perfect law of liberty is the New Testament, the word of Christ, the doctrine of Christ. It doesn't supply us with everything God knows, but it does give us everything we need to know about God and about how to worship and serve Him in a way that pleases Him. It is perfect, complete, all sufficient. Peter declared that God has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3), and Paul emphasized that all scripture makes the man of God complete and thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17). To turn to the councils, synods, conventions, modern day “prophets,” and creed books of men is to deny that the law of liberty is perfect (Complete).

Statutes. A statute is a law. Many deny that the Gospel recorded in the New Testament is a law. They contend that obedience (works) isn't necessary for salvation. But James called the Gospel a law. Additionally, Paul referred to it as “The law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2). Paul also made it clear that the ones who would be punished with everlasting destruction would include those who “Do not obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9). The writer of Hebrews emphasized that Christ is the author of eternal salvation to those who “Obey” Him (Hebrews 5:8-9). How could anyone deny that Christ's gospel is a law that must be obeyed?

Salvation. “Liberty” means freedom, deliverance, salvation! Many are and have been confused about the true meaning of liberty in Christ. Liberty is not license to sin. “Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not!” (Romans 6:1-2). If Christians want to finally be saved, they must work to overcome sin, but be servants to it. We are even commanded to lay aside that “Little sin” that so easily ensnares us (Hebrews 12:1-2). It is still true that the soul that sins shall die. The wages of sin is death for the Christian as well as for the non-christian (Romans 6:23). As Christians, we are to conduct ourselves in holy conduct and godliness (2 Peter 3:11). It is those who serve the Lord faithfully until death who will finally receive the crown of life – salvation (Revelation 2:10). 

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Gospel Meeting



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Service Times

Sunday

9:00 am

10:00 am

6:00 pm

Weeknights

Mon. 7:00 pm

Tues. 7:00 pm

Wed. 7:00 pm

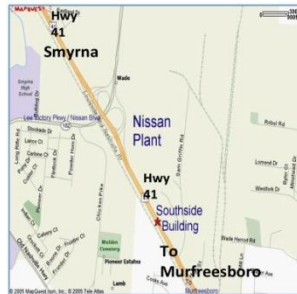
Thur. 7:00 pm

Fri. 7:00 pm

"For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth..." -1 Thessalonians 1:8

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- Pick up hard copies in foyer to mail or distribute.
- Use an electronic copy to share via email, Facebook, and other social media. You can find an electronic copy on our website at www.defendthegospel.com, or on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Southside-church-of-Christ/219256574753146?pnref=lhc>

SERMON NOTES

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

Religious Freedom

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

**STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11**

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Sam Miller
Reading: Acts 26:9-11
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Todd
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Kenny Todd
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.....Kenny Johnson
- 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; 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!**