

CALVARY'S REVELATION

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It has been said that Calvary reveals the vileness of our sins, and the vastness of God's love. I believe this to be an accurate statement. After all, if man had never sinned, there would be no need for Jesus to go to the cross, and looking at the cross demonstrates to us to worse kind of consequence for sin.....

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”.

-Romans 6:23

Before we sin, we need to consider the consequences. The earthly consequences alone can be devastating; but more devastating is the eternal consequence. Yes, all men die physically because of sin, either their own or that of someone else's. Jesus' death was the direct consequence of the sin of those who put Him on trial, then the cross; but ultimately it was the consequence of all of our sins. Jesus never sinned. Let's also consider our own eternal destination in light of sin. That destination is hell, where the worm does not die and the fire is not quenched. 🔍

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:**

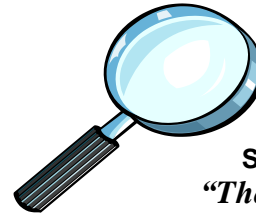
- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



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
- 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 LORD'S SUPPER

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The Lord's Supper was instituted by the Lord Himself (Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-23). Even in the first century there were some misunderstandings and abuses regarding its observance (1 Cor. 11:17-34). It is of the utmost importance that we remain well educated regarding the Lord's Supper ...

The Purpose. The purpose of the Lord's supper is not to meet the need of hunger. Paul clearly said that if anyone is hungry, he should eat at home (1 Corinthians 11:34). Paul also reminded the Corinthians of the purpose of the supper, “For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes” (1 Cor. 11:26). The Lord's supper is therefore a memorial. We are to meditate on the Lord's sacrifice on the cross during its observance.

The Elements. There are only two elements involved in the Lord's supper as Jesus instituted it, and as it is to be observed by the church. The Unleavened bread represents the body of Christ, broken on the cross for us, and the fruit of the vine represents His blood, which was shed for us (1 Corinthians 11:24-25). Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper during the “Feast of Unleavened bread,” and the “Day of Unleavened bread” (Luke 22:1, 7). We know therefore that the bread He used was unleavened bread. Therefore, unleavened bread is to be used today.

The Place The Bible is specific as to where and when the Lord's supper is to be observed. Many today observe it just about any day of the week, or once a year, or quarterly. Some observe it as a family at home or at the campsite, or even in the car while traveling. What does the Bible say? Acts 20:7 tells us both the time and the place of the Lord's supper. “Now on the first day of the week, when disciples came together to break bread...” The place of observance is to be when the church assembles together. This corresponds to Paul's statements about the observance being “When you come together as a church,” and “When you come together in one place” (1 Corinthians 11:18, 20). Some denominations offer “Drive-thru” Lord's supper, where one can pick up a piece of bread and some juice and observe it on the road. Others cater it out to nursing homes, or observe it on the trail or around the campfire. There is no biblical precedent or authority for such. The Lord's supper is to be observed when the disciples come together as a church in one place on the first day of the week. 🔍

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ANSWERING BIBLE QUESTIONS

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Question: "Is blaspheming against the Holy Spirit any more significant than blaspheming against Jesus or for that matter, the father, God?"

It is a very good question, but we want to stay focused on the blasphemy against the Spirit that Jesus had in mind. To blaspheme is to speak evil of, or to rail against. Obviously, in a general sense, it is sinful to speak evil of the Father, the Son, or the Holy Spirit. But Jesus had a specific type of blasphemy in mind in the context of Matthew 12:21-32.

God had sent the prophets and they rejected them. But then God sent Jesus, and those who had rejected the prophets could repent at Jesus' teachings, but most didn't. After Jesus was to leave the earth, God was going to send the Holy Spirit to finish the revelation of His will. "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you" (John 14:26). "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for he will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come" (John 16:13). When the apostles (after Jesus' ascension) began to preach the things the Spirit revealed to them, folks who had rejected Jesus could believe those teachings and repent and be forgiven. But if they did not believe the things the Holy Spirit revealed after Jesus had ascended, there was nothing more coming to convince them.

The Holy Spirit was going to reveal ALL truth (John 16:13), after he had accomplished this, God was not going to send any more truth to convince; so there would be nothing more to persuade them. And if they were not persuaded, they would never repent, so they would never be forgiven. Hence, their blasphemy against the Spirit could not be forgiven.

Again, Many rejected Jesus, but later repented when they heard the teachings and saw the miracles given by the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:36-38). But those who railed against (blasphemed) the revelations of the Spirit through the apostles would never find forgiveness because there was nothing more coming in order to convince them to repent. No sin can be forgiven without repentance on part of the one committing the sin.

I believe this to be the only reasonable explanation of the blasphemy against the Spirit Jesus spoke of. 🔍

Submit Your Bible Question!

If you would like your Bible question answered in the Bulletin in the section above, you can submit it **Anonymously** in a box that will be placed in the foyer.

Note!

SERMON NOTES

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

Title: _____

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

**STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11**

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Johnny Blair
Reading: Acts 1:1-8
- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Opening Prayer.....Eli Todd
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....John Nelson
Serve.....Michael Pickford
Serve.....Lynn Buttrey
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Lord's Table.....John Nelson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- 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!*