

DO YOU REMEMBER?

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It would be difficult for us to forget the great tragedy of 9/11/2001 when the twin towers were destroyed, along with many innocent lives. It was a reminder of many things.

Remember that there is evil in the world. There have always been those who have violently opposed Christianity. There always will be. We should remember this lest when oppression comes we turn away from the Lord (Revelation 2:10).

Remember that Life is short. There are doubtless several who lost their lives that day who were younger and thought they had many exciting, successful years ahead of them. That was their plan, yet they should have been planning for eternity. Life is short, spend it serving the Lord (James 4:13-17).

Remember that Death can be sudden. Just this week I read another report of someone who had died “Suddenly.” Have you heard of this? Death can come very quickly, suddenly, and unexpectedly. It is important for us to prepare for eternity today, for tomorrow is not promised. “Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2). ☞

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:**

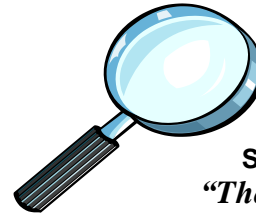
- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



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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PAUL'S HEART

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We cannot miraculously look into the hearts of others and know what they are thinking, feeling, etc (1 Corinthians 2:11). But we can sometimes know what's in someone's heart by listening to their words, and observing their actions. Such is the case with the statement made by the apostle Paul to Barnabas in Acts 15:36. They had gone throughout Asia Minor preaching and establishing churches, and Paul said, “Let us now go back and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing” ...

We See Paul's Desire. Paul's desire was for his brethren, and for their faithfulness to the Lord.” He wanted to go visit “Our brethren.” This speaks of Christians, those who had been baptized into Christ (Galatians 3:26-27). Peter speaks of our brethren as being those who share with us a “Like precious faith” (2 Peter 1:10). Paul wanted to “See how they are doing.” I'm certain he cared about their physical health, just as we cared about each other's physical well being (3 John 1:2), but Paul's primary concern was that they were remaining faithful to the Lord (Php 2:19; Gal. 3:1). We often see Paul's “deep concern for all the churches” (2 Cor. 11:28).

We See Paul's Duty. Paul mentioned “Every city where we have preached the word of the Lord” (Acts 15:36). That was his unique duty and responsibility as an apostle to the Gentiles (Acts 9:15). He didn't do it merely out of a sense of duty, he did it because he wanted souls to be saved (1 Corinthians 9:16-22). “That I might by all means save some” (vs. 22). Like Paul, we should desire that churches remain faithful to the Lord, and that those who are lost will be converted.

We See Paul's Determination In his heart, more than anything else, Paul wanted men to become Christians and remain faithful to the Lord. This gave him a tireless and fearless determination to preach to the lost and the saved. He wanted to return to every city where they had preached, yet his first visit to these cities nearly cost him his life. He was persecuted and expelled from Antioch, a violent attempt was made to abuse and stone him at Iconium, and he was stoned at Lystra and left for dead outside the city (Acts 13:50; 14:5; 14:19). And, he was persecuted when he returned to these cities (2 Timothy 3:10-12). But he was determined to share the soul saving message! What deters us from trying to share the Gospel with others? Are we as determined as Paul to do so regardless of the costs? ☞

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ARE YOU LIKE NOAH?

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One of the most familiar accounts in the Bible is that of Noah and his ark. Have you ever stopped to enumerate the great lessons which radiate from this story? Think about these.

The importance of spiritual relationships. Our story begins with the “*sons of God saw the daughters of men*” and took them as “*wives*” (**Genesis 6:2**). This was the beginning of the end — and it will be for us too if we constantly and consistently keep company with those who lack faith and belief (**I Corinthians 15:33**).

The Lord sees all. As wickedness began to grow rampantly on the earth, the Lord, as always, was watching and taking note (**Genesis 6:5**). It matters not where man lives or what he does, the eyes of the Lord are in “*every place*” (**Proverbs 15:3**).

The Biblical role of grace. Based upon the wickedness of man, God devised a plan in which He would destroy mankind. Noah, however, “*found grace in the eyes of the Lord*” (**Genesis 6:8**). This simply and purely meant Noah was being given something he did not deserve...life! We are “*saved by grace*” in the same exact way — by virtue of the fact God gives all mankind gifts which he does not deserve or cannot earn (**Ephesians 2:5,8**). Without the grace of God, Noah and we would be eternally lost without remedy.

The need for following God’s pattern. God was very specific concerning the pattern regarding the construction of the ark — height, width, length, type of wood, outfitting, door, window, etc. God commended the patriarch by saying “*Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he*” (**Genesis 6:22**) and “*And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him*” (**Genesis 7:5**). If, at the end of our earthly journey, this can said of us by God, then we have walked a very successful life.

On this day, may we look thousands of years in the past to learn very valuable present day lessons (**Romans 15:4**). We are expected to keep the pattern found in the New Testament and in so doing taking advantage of the grace so freely given by God. Such is done in part by keeping good company (**I Corinthians 15:33**) and remembering the Lord is watching. Are you like Noah? -

A GOOD DEED HELPS EVERYONE!

If the devil cannot make you puffed up with pride, he will try to dampen your spirit by discouragement and anxiety. I’ve always thought that the best remedy for a dampened spirit due to worry over a problem is to encourage and help someone else who is dealing with a difficult situation. “Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, but a good word makes it glad” (Proverbs 12:25). -MP

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...Sam Miller
Reading: Hebrews 10:19-25
- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Todd
- Lord’s Table:
Lead.....John Nelson
Serve.....Michael Pickford
Serve.....Ben Reagh
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

SUNDAY EVENING

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING

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

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!

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Available Upon Request!*