

VAIN WISDOM

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A young man prepared feverishly for his business presentation. He worked hard on his PowerPoint charts and rehearsed his words for each slide. He gave his presentation, and afterwards, no one said anything, and most just got up and left the room. He appealed to an older gentleman in the room, who told him, "Son, you were standing in front of the screen the whole time, we couldn't see the slides." How often we let ourselves get in the way of others seeing the Lord in us!

"The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile"

-1 Corinthians 3:20

Any preacher or bible teacher can fall victim to the notion of inserting man's wisdom too often into the presentation of the pure Gospel of Christ. Many church members begin to clamor if they aren't getting certain details, often details that aren't even found on the written text of scripture. They want pithy statements of man-made wisdom. Fine, but those pithy statements and details are futile if they are not scripturally sound and biblically based. We need to downplay the vain wisdom of man and emphasize the simplicity of the divine wisdom of scripture. Otherwise our preaching and teaching become vain exercises in futility. 🔍

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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DO YOU KNOW JESUS?

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We sometimes sing a song that asked the question, "Do you know my Jesus?" It's astounding how many people there are who claim to know Jesus, but are really very ignorant about both Him and His ways. Let's briefly consider three things that seem to be often overlooked about Jesus ...

Jesus The Maker. We've all heard the phrase, "Meet your Maker." When we think of the Creator, our minds usually go to God the Father. He certainly is Creator, but the Bible emphasizes the fact that Jesus too is our Creator. John 1:3 tells us that, "All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made." Paul wrote about Jesus, "For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth..." (Colossians 1:16). We need to appreciate Jesus the Creator! Many believe He Himself was a created being, or that He was just a good man, or just a great prophet. Not so, He is God the Creator! This qualifies His deity to be on par with that of the Father.

Jesus The Man. While many deny the fact that Jesus was fully God on earth, others deny His full humanity. The Bible does not present Jesus as half-man half-God. It presents Him as fully and wholly man, and fully and wholly God. I don't believe man is capable of wrapping His brain around this fact, and many have gotten themselves into trouble trying to do so. Paul spoke of it as a great mystery (1 Timothy 3:16). Hebrews chapter one establishes His full deity while chapter two establishes His full manhood. He was made like His brethren in "All things" (Hebrews 2:17), and "All" the fullness of the Godhead dwelt in Him bodily (Colossians 2:9). He was fully God and fully man!

Jesus The Master. Jesus possesses all authority on heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18). Most in religion do not appreciate or respect the authority of the Lord. He is master of all! He is the head of the church (Ephesians 1:22-23). He is the one lawgiver (James 4:12). Folks do many things in religion that are not authorized by the Lord, but all things are to be done in His name, that is, by His authority (Colossians 3:17). To fail to respect Jesus as the Master is to lose fellowship with God (2 John 1:9). One may do many "Good works" in religion, but unless those good works are authorized by Christ, those doing them will lose their souls (Matthew 7:21-23). 🔍

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Gospel Meeting

October 18-23

Southside church of Christ

1167 S. Lowry Street, Smyrna, TN 37167

(Located on Murfreesboro Rd. Right next to the Nissan Fitness Center)

For Directions Call (615) 785-0646

Preaching

Dave Morrison

Everyone Welcome!

Meeting Times

Sunday: 9 & 10 am

Sunday: 6:00 pm

Mon–Fri: 7:00 pm

Bring A Bible! Bring A Friend!

SERMON NOTES

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

Title: _____

**STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11**

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Frank Anderson
Reading: 1 Peter 4:7-11
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Ben Reagh
- Lord's Table:
 - Lead.....Kenny Johnson
 - Serve.....John Nelson
 - Serve.....Michael Pickford
- Closing Prayer.....Tony Jenkins

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Lord's Table.....Kenny Johnson

MEETING SONG LEADERS

- Monday.....Kenny Todd
- Tuesday.....Ben Reagh
- Wednesday.....Tony Jenkins
- Thursday.....Ben Reagh
- Friday.....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!

***Home Bible Studies
Available Upon Request!***