

# 1 Peter 3:15. Be Ready To Give A Defense...

**Regarding Faith Only:** James 2:24; Hebrews 5:8-9; Matthew 7:21-23

**Regarding Baptism:** Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Galatians 3:26-27; Romans 6:1-5, 17; Colossians 2:12

**Regarding Mechanical Instruments of Music:** Ephesians 5:18-19; Colossians 3:16-17; 2 John 9

**Regarding Modest Apparel:** 1 Timothy 2:9-10; Proverbs 11:22; Matthew 18:6; Romans 12:1-2; Romans 13:12-14

**Regarding Once Saved Always Saved:** Galatians 5:4; 1 Corinthians 10:12; Luke 9:62; Hebrews 3:12; James 5:19-20; 2 Peter 2:20-22

**Regarding Calling The Preacher Pastor, Reverend, Father, etc:** Matthew 23:8-12; Acts 21:8

**Regarding Homosexuality & Gay Marriage:** Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Matthew 19:4-5

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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:**

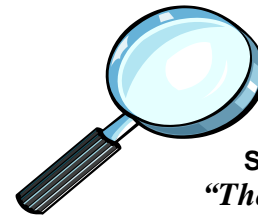
- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



## 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](http://www.defendthegospel.com)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
- Men's Business Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evenings following services.



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." -Acts 17:11

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### YOU ARE NOT ALONE

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Satan wants us to feel alone, to feel lonely. He realizes there is strength in numbers, and one reason there is strength in numbers is that when we know others are standing with us, we feel stronger, empowered. Satan wants to rob us of this, so that he might make us weak and vulnerable. Consider some areas in which the Christian might sometimes find himself feeling alone...

**In Your Faith.** This could especially happen to those who are a part of a small local church. We see the thousands around us attending the large denominations of the world. We know their following error, but they keep growing, they seem to lead such blessed lives. We begin to wonder if we're on the right path after all. We question our faith, our beliefs, our convictions. We become weak and discouraged. Remember, we're not alone. There are many faithful saints throughout the world. There are other congregations of people who share the same faith, the one true faith. Numbers and an appearance of being blessed, these are not the standards of right and wrong. God's word, the Gospel of Christ, is the true measuring rod of what is acceptable to God (John 12:48). Elijah felt alone, became discouraged, and needed to be reminded that there were other faithful saints (Romans 11:3-4). Visit Gospel meetings often at other faithful churches, this will help tremendously.

**In Your Failures.** Sometimes we get discouraged because we are failing to convert folks when we try to teach them, so we stop trying! That's just what Satan wants us to do. But remember, Even Jesus the Master teacher converted very few true disciples during His stay on earth. He was viewed as a radical who was teaching strange and unacceptable things, Sound familiar? Keep sowing the seed at every opportunity; you never know when it will fall on the right kind of heart. And remember, God will not judge us based on how many we convert, He will judge us based on whether or not we tried to convert others. (Mark 16:15; Acts 8:4)

**In Your Fight.** Sometimes we feel alone in our struggles against error, against temptations, against sickness and disease. We're not! Everyone faces them, and have faced them down through the halls of history. It is important for us to encourage and exhort one another daily, to weep together and to rejoice together, so that we're always aware of one another's presence, and sharing in these calamities of life. (Hebrews 3:12-13; Romans 12:12, 15; 1 Cor. 10:13; 1 Peter 4:12-13). ☞

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# CHRISTIAN DAILIES

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We understand the need for many things in life that are daily. Eating, bathing, breathing, etc. For the child of God, there are many things that should be recognized and done daily, yet are often neglected. Consider a few “Dailies” in the life of the child of God ...

**Renewing of Inner Man.** 2 Corinthians 4:16. Paul wrote this in light of the relentless persecutions and challenges he faced every day in trying to teach the Gospel and live faithfully to it. No wonder he described his faithfulness as a “Fight” (2 Tim 4:6-8). He renewed himself, that is, he refreshed and strengthened himself by staying focused on what it was all for – the ultimate prize, his home in heaven. If we are distracted from our reward, the struggles we face may defeat our faith.

**Reading God’s Word.** Those in Acts 17:11 searched the scriptures “Daily.” In Nehemiah’s day, they recognized the value of reading God’s law “Day by day” (Nehemiah 8:18). We watch TV daily, and do other things that entertain on a regular basis. Do we read the Bible daily? If not, we are weak and vulnerable.

**Prayer.** A lack of daily prayer can cause us to lose heart (Luke 18:1). We should daily ask God to forgive us of our sins (Psalm 86:3). We face daily temptations, daily struggles, daily challenges. We need our daily food. Others need our prayers every day. Pray without ceasing! (Psalm 88:9; Matthew 6:11; 1 Ths. 5:17).

**Worship.** We are certainly commanded to come together with the church and worship God. This is critical to our steadfastness (1 Cor 16:1-3; Acts 20:7; Heb 10:25). But we can and should worship God every day, whether it be alone, and with our families in our home. We can Pray, sing, and study God’s word daily. These are acts of worship (James 5:13; 1 Ths 5:17; Acts 17:11).

**Exhortation.** It is important for us to be aware of one another on a daily basis, not just a couple of times a week at services. The Hebrews writer recognized the value of daily exhortation against temptations (Hebrews 3:12-13). Those in Acts two were clearly a large part of each other’s daily lives (Acts 2:46).

**Cross.** As Christians, we will face a daily onslaught from the devil. He’s always looking for a way to bring us down, either through temptations to sin or be deceived by error, persecutions, rejection by friends or loved ones, ridicule from those in the world, or discouragement. It is important for us to make daily sacrifices in order to faithfully serve the Lord; To take up our cross daily (Luke 9:23). The Psalmist recognized that his enemy never took a day off, and often prayed for strength and deliverance, and the backbone he needed to overcome and remain steadfast (Psalm 13:2; 56:2; Psalm 88:18).

**Blessings.** In many ways we have become spoiled by the blessings we are engulfed in. This has caused us to sometimes be discontented, and selfish with our worldly possessions. We need to daily be reminded of the source of those blessings, to daily thank God for them, and to daily ask God humbly for the simple necessities of life. “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights” (James 1:17; Matthew 6:11). Like the Psalmist, let’s burst out into praise and thankfulness daily with the words, “Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loads us with benefits” Psalm 68:19). ☺

# SERMON NOTES

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

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**STUDY  
DAILY!  
Acts  
17:11**

## DUTY LIST...

### SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Sam Miller  
Reading: Matthew 5:13-16
- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Opening Prayer.....Michael Pickford
- Lord’s Table:  
Lead.....Tony Jenkins  
Serve.....Michael Pickford  
Serve.....Frank Anderson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd

### SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Invitation.....Kenny Todd
- Lord’s Table.....Michael Pickford

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Johnson
- Invitation.....Michael Pickford

**Thank You For Serving!**

## 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!**