Some Things The Lord Knows...

- The Secrets Of The Heart...Psalm 44:21
- The Way of the Righteous... Psalm 1:6
- Those Who Trust Him...Nahum 1:7
- Our Bodies' Frailities...Psalm 103:14
- Those Who Are His Own...2 Timothy 2:19
- How To deliver The Godly...2 Peter 2:9
- How To Supply Our Needs...Matthew 6:8

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:* Acts2:42; 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

- **>** <u>www.defendthegospel.com</u>
- > 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- > 5th Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.

SOUTHSIDE SEARCHER

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Matthew 19 and the topic of divorce are sadly absent in many pulpits among the Lord's churches. The reason seems to be a combination of two things: (1) Folks have become disgusted with controversial subjects, and (2) There are large numbers of divorce in our society, even among brethren. Consider with me from Matthew 19 the...

Rampancy of Divorce. Jesus was asked a question that reflected how commonplace divorce was even in His time, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?" (Matthew 19:3). As far as I can determine, divorce was very rampant in the first century, just as it is today. It was said that a Jewish woman would marry to get divorced, and divorce to get married. The same could be said in our society, with 48 to 52 percent of marriages ending in divorce since the 1970's. Legally, a married couple can get divorced for virtually any cause (reason) in America. This is certainly not a subject that we need to remain silent on.

The Refutation of Divorce. I believe many have become so focused on the subject of remarriage after divorce that they have failed to notice that the Lord condemned the act of divorce itself, regardless of whether remarriage occurs. "Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate" (Matthew 19:6). It is a sin to get divorced! When a man and a woman get married, God intends for them to remain married until death. This has always been His intent (Romans 7:1-3). "Till death do you part" shouldn't just be a traditional thing to say in a wedding ceremony, it should be recognized as a foundational biblical truth from God's word.

The Reason for Divorce. From "Irreconcilable Differences" to "No-Fault Divorces," married couples can be granted a divorce for just about any reason in our society. But Jesus gave only one justifiable cause, "Whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality (fornication), and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery" (Matthew 19:9). Biblically, there are only two lawful ways a marriage can end: (1) One puts their spouse away for fornication (She/he cheats on his/her spouse), (2) One's spouse dies (Romans 7:1-3). Divorce for any other reason is sinful, and often leads to compounding sin upon sin; when one of the divorced ones remarries, he/she is now guilty of adultery on top of being guilty of divorcing for an unlawful cause.

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Gospel Meeting June 4-10 & Singing

Preaching: David Eldridge

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Sat, June 04

7 pm

Everyone Welcome!

Gospel Meeting

June 5-10

Sunday: 9:00 & 10 am Sunday: 6:00 pm Monday – Friday: 7 pm

Bring A Bible! Bring A Friend!



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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...Kenny Todd Reading: Psalm 113
- > Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- ➤ Opening Prayer......Tony Jenkins
- ➤ Lord's Table:

Lead.......John Nelson
Serve.....Michael Pickford
Serve.....Lynn Buttrey

Closing Prayer......Kenny Todd

Gospel Meeting Song Leaders

- > Tonight.....Tony Jenkins
- ➤ Monday.....Kenny Todd
- > Tuesday.....Lynn Buttrey
- ➤ Wednesday.....Tony Jenkins
- > Thursday.....Michael Pickford
- Friday.....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.

- ➤ <u>Hear The Gospel</u>: 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

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