

# WHAT CHRIST IS TO US

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Christ is many things to us, including the following...

1. **He Is Our Savior:** 1 Tim 1:15; 1 Tim 4:10; 1 Jn 1:2
2. **He is Our Head (Only Source of Religious Authority),** Eph 1:22-23; Col 1:18; 2:10; 2 Jn 9
3. **He Is Our Example:** 1 Pt 2:21-25; 1 Jn 2:6; Heb 12:1-2
4. **He Is Our Brother:** Heb 2:17-18; 4:14-16
5. **He Is Our Mediator:** 1 Tim 2:5; Jn 14:6; Heb 4:14
6. **He Is Our Companion:** Mtt 28:20; Jn 14:23; Eph 3:17
7. **He Is Our Judge:** Acts 17:31; Rom 2:16; 2 Cor 5:10

The elements of our worship, 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)
- 1st 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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### A LACK OF KNOWLEDGE

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Someone once said that education is expensive, but a lack of knowledge will cost you much more in the end. We are all ignorant of some things, but we must not be ignorant of the teachings of God's word, for His words lead to life (John 6:68). Consider the dangers associated with having a lack of knowledge regarding God's word.

**1) A Lack of Knowledge Leads to Discouragement.** By not studying and being familiar with God's word, we set ourselves up to be discouraged in many ways. Without regular reminders of our eternal reward for sticking with the Lord during tough times, we could drift away. Without taking the time to study our bible lesson at home, we're discouraged from attending and participating in the Bible classes. Because of our ignorance, we lack the courage to discuss religious matters with the lost throughout the week. Knowledge of God's word empowers and encourages us, giving us the confidence we need to share our faith, a thing we must do (Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 8:4).

**2) A Lack of Knowledge Leads to Deception.** Peter spoke of the possibility of Christians being led away from their own steadfastness with the error of the wicked (2 Peter 3:17). The preventative measure that he issued was to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Grow in knowledge! (2 Peter 3:18). Failing to love the truth enough to study it regularly and thoroughly sets us up to be deceived and deluded by the trickery of men (Ephesians 4:14; 2 Ths 2:11-12).

**3) A Lack of Knowledge Leads to Destruction.** Ignorance of God's word has always been a destructive force among God's people. Long ago, God said about Israel, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). With everything God has done in the days of inspiration in order to make His word known to us, coupled with all He has done through providence to keep his word with us up to the present time, there is no excuse for us to be ignorant of God's word. With all of our education and teaching skills, and the mass ability of Americans to read, there is no excuse for us to be ignorant of God's word. Let's be diligent and study God's word every day of our lives, lest we be deceived and condemned! (2 Ths 2:11-12)

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# Daily Bible Study

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## This Week's Theme: Studying The Bible

Weekly Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 2:15

**Introduction:** If we believe the Bible to be the word of God, and that adhering to it is essential in order to go to heaven, then we will recognize the need to know what is on its pages. This knowledge doesn't come miraculously, but by the time and effort put forth in studying its content. This week, we want to focus upon the concept of studying the Bible.

### **Monday: The Bible Came From God, So We Should Desire To Know Its Contents.**

Recognizing that the Bible isn't man-made ideas or opinions, but that it came from the mind of God, will cause us to respect its teachings, enough to desire a better working knowledge of it.

1. 2 Peter 1:20-21. How did the men who wrote the Bible know what to write?
2. 2 Timothy 3:16-17. How much of scripture was inspired by God?

### **Tuesday: Knowledge of the Bible Protects Us Against Religious Error.**

If you know what the truth is, being well acquainted with it, then you will recognize error when you hear it.

1. 1 John 4:1; Acts 17:11. Why is it important to test the spirits? How do we test them?
2. Acts 17:11. How often did these men search the scriptures? Why? Whose teaching were they testing? Do preachers and teachers today need to be tested? What about yours?

### **Wednesday: Study Is Essential To Prevent us From Mishandling God's Word.**

It is possible for one to twist the proper meaning of scripture to his own spiritual destruction.

1. 2 Peter 3:15-18. It was possible for these saints to be led away from their steadfastness by what? How did Peter say they could prevent being led away?
2. 2 Timothy 2:15. How can ignorance of God's word bring shame? Is it possible to mishandle God's word? Can you think of some ways people mishandle God's word today?

### **Thursday: Through Study, The Bible Can be Understood.**

Many believe that the Bible can't be understood. But the Bible affirms that it can be. We don't want to be guilty of indicting God for not

being capable of communicating with us in such a way that we can understand Him.

1. Psalm 119:125; Ephesians 5:10? What did the Psalmist say that he could "know?" What did Paul say that we could find out?
2. Ephesians 5:17. What are we commanded to understand?
3. Ephesians 3:3-4; John 7:17. God's word can be known and understood, but what two things are essential for me to understand and know His word and will?

### **Friday: Studying The Bible With Others Makes Us Stronger.**

The Lord set up in the church "Evangelists," and "Teachers, and "Pastors" (elders). Ephesians 4:11-16.

1. Coming together with the local church for both the teaching (Bible classes) and the preaching does what two things for the saints? (Eph 4:12).
2. What does studying with the church bring us to? (Eph 4:13).
3. What does studying with the church prevent? (Eph 4:14).
4. Studying with the church helps us to speak what? (Eph 4:15).

#### **DUTY LIST...**

##### **SUNDAY MORNING**

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Glenn Isbell  
Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8
- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Johnson
- Lord's Table:  
Lead.....Michael Pickford  
Serve.....Kenny Todd  
Serve.....John Nelson
- Closing Prayer.....Sam Miller

##### **SUNDAY EVENING**

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

##### **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

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

**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!***