

“BECOME”

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We often ask questions like, “What will I become?” Or “What has become of him?” God is interested in what we become...

1. **Become fishers of men:** Mk 1:17; 1 Cor 9:19-23
2. **Become as little children:** Matt 18:3; 1 Cor 14:20
3. **Become a Christian:** Acts 26:28-30; Mtt 27:57; Mtt 28:16-20
4. **Become Dead to the law of Moses:** Romans 7:4
5. **Don’t become a Betrayer of Jesus:** Acts 7:52; Heb 3:12-13
6. **Don’t become God’s counselor by changing his word:** Rom. 11:24; Prov 30:5-6; Gal 1:6-9
7. **Become a fool, that you may be wise in what really matters:** 1 Cor 3:18

The elements of our worship, as prescribed by God’s word, are as follows:

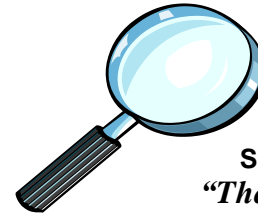
- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD’S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7

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
- 1st Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- 5th Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
- 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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LAMECH

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Lamech, a descendant of Cain, is only mentioned briefly on the pages of inspiration (Genesis 4:16-24). In some ways his life was beneficial to mankind. He was the father of the first musician, and of the first metalworker. But one thing we can learn from his story is how rapidly sin can grow and spread among the population. It’s interesting to compare his life and times with our own modern world.

1) **We See A Disregard For The Law Of Marriage.** Lamech was the first polygamist on record. This showed a disregard and disrespect for the original marriage law that God had put in place – one man for one woman for life (Genesis 2:23-25; Matthew 19:4-9; Romans 7:1-4). In our times, from the high rate of divorce and remarriage, and the glorifying of homosexuality and the legalizing of same-sex marriages, we can see how rapid the sin of disregarding God’s law of marriage has spread.

2) **We See A Disregard For The Life Of Man.** Lamech evidently had no regard for the life of the young man he had killed. He showed only concern for himself and his own well being went he arrogantly proclaimed should anyone try to harm him, he would be avenged seventy-sevenfold. Again, today, we see so much disregard for human life. Some of it may stem from the teaching of evolution, which reduces the value of a man’s life to that of an animal. Abortion, the murder of the unborn, also diminishes the value of life. No wonder the crime rate continues to skyrocket in this country. We need to instill within our young people a love and respect for their own life, and for their fellowman’s.

3) **We See A Disregard For The Love of Mercy.** Lamech evidently saw no need for mercy regarding the young man who had harmed him. His reaction was that of vengeance. This is something we see in our world as well. There are so many who live their lives with the dog eat dog mentality. If someone wrongs them, they have no qualms about exacting vengeance upon them. But love does not keep an account of evils done against us (1 Cor 13:5). Those who serve a loving God will keep thoughts of vengeance at bay, realizing that vengeance belong to the Lord (Rom 12:17-21). Our reaction to those who wrong us should not be one of vengeance or violence, but of love, prayer, and service (Matthew 5:43-48).

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Daily Bible Study

by Michael Pickford

This Week's Theme: Overcoming Weakness

Weekly Memory Verse: Isaiah 40:29

Introduction: Overcoming Weakness is the plight of every man (and woman). If God wants me strong, then why am I so weak? Why is it so difficult to lay aside that way of thinking that is contrary to purity and righteousness, or that way of speaking, or acting in certain situations? In His wisdom and love, God has provided for us all of the tools we need to become strong, the way He wants us!

Monday: To overcome weakness, we must first identify our weaknesses by the right standard, and own them. Being afraid to face our own weaknesses is common. It's often due to pride, or fear, two things that hinder our fellowship with God. It's tempting to use a loose standard when "Judging" ourselves (1 Cor 4:3-5).

1. 2 Corinthians 13:5. Why were they to examine themselves? How often do you think we should do this?
2. 2 Cor. 10:12; John 12:48. Should we examine ourselves using others' weaknesses or strengths as our standard? What should be our standard to which we compare our lives?

Tuesday: We must understand God's presence in our lives as a reality! We read, sing, and hear sermons about God's "All seeing eye," But it needs to cement itself in our minds as something that is real. God is real! His presence is real! He is with you daily. If recognizing the presence of my mother in the room keeps me straight, what about God's presence!

1. Proverbs 15:3; Psalm 139:7-12; Hebrews 4:12-13. Is God only watching the wicked people? Is there anything he doesn't see? Can I ever escape the presence of God? How can this help me to be stronger?

Wednesday: We Must Realize We Are Not Alone. There are others around us who face their weaknesses, and we can draw strength from them. Also, we can gain strength by actively encouraging others.

1. Hebrews 3:12-14: Have you always thought of this passage from the perspective of others responsibility in exhorting you, or have you considered it as an obligation you have to exhort others? What can you do today to exhort another Christian?

Thursday: Don't fall into the trap of seeking to justify your weaknesses. We sometimes justify ourselves in our weaknesses by

thinking that there are others worse than us, or that our many strong points will tip the scales in our favor. Don't be deceived.

1. Hebrews 12:1-2: What does God want us to do with that weakness that makes us stumble? How can we accomplish this? (vs 2)
2. Ezekiel 18:24: if a man does many righteous things, then commits some wickedness, what is his state before God?
3. Mark 10:17-22: Did the man have many good things going for him spiritually? How many weaknesses did Jesus say he had? Would this prevent him from inheriting eternal life?

Friday: Be in attendance when the church gathers together.

God has directed us to assemble with the saints for our own good; to strengthen us and protect us against weakness.

1. Heb. 10:24-25; Colossians 3:16: What is the stated purpose for assembling together in the Hebrews passage? What two things are we accomplishing for "One another" when we sing?
2. Acts 11:23-24: What did Barnabas do for the brethren at Antioch? What was the result?
3. Acts 14:21-22: How did they strengthen the souls of the disciples? List some things about the assemblies that strengthen you.

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Kenny Todd
Reading: Mark 1:16-20
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....John Nelson
Serve.....Kenny Johnson
Serve.....Lynn Buttrey
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd

SUNDAY EVENING

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Johnson
- 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!*

