

Steps To Salvation

- **Hear:** Romans 10:17
- **Believe:** Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- **Repent:** Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
- **Confess Faith:** Romans 10:9,10;
Acts 8:37
- **Be Baptized:** Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38;
Acts 22:16
- **Remain Faithful:** Revelation 2:10
*Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9

Have You Obeyed?

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

Why Not Now?!

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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SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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A couple of decades ago I heard a story on the radio about a little boy who had fallen out of bed. When his mom asked him why he fell, he said, "I guess I stayed too close to where I got in."

New Christians are Babes in Christ. The Bible teaches us that salvation is found only in Christ. "That they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory" (2 Timothy 2:10). We are also told how to get into Christ where that salvation is. "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27). When someone is first baptized into Christ, he is a babe in Christ; and he must begin to grow spiritually, or he will die spiritually. He must not stay too close to where he got in; he must grow from there, lest he fall.

How do we grow? Peter enjoined saints to add certain elements to their faith. Virtue (courage, purity), knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love (2 Peter 1:5-11). These will move us away from the edge, from where we got in, so that we will not fall (vs. 10). It boils down to this: Read the Bible daily and put it into practice in your life. Peter emphasizes this often. He wrote "As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). And he ended his second epistle with these words, "But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

A Daily Routine. Those in Acts 17:11 were commended for searching the scriptures "Daily". How foolish I am when I clutter up my schedule so much that there's no time to read and study the word of life each day, so that I may grow and be fruitful in the Lord.

My encouragement to us all today is: Let's read the Bible more. Let's read it daily. Let's study it with the intent to learn God's will, not justify our own. And let's become skillful in the word of righteousness by putting what we learn into practice (Hebrews 5:12-14).

Let's not stay too close to where we got in. 🔍

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Daily Bible Study

by Michael Pickford

This Week's Theme: Being Like Jesus

Weekly Memory Verse: 1 John 2:6

Introduction: According to Acts 11:26, a Christian is a disciple. A disciple is a learner, a follower. It goes without saying that one who calls himself a Christian should strive to be like the one from which he is named. A Christian should be like Christ. Fortunately, the New Testament, especially the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John tell us a great deal about Jesus' teaching and actions; and how He related to others as a man on earth. John wrote of Christ, "He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as he walked" (1 John 2:6). Do you say you abide in Christ? Good, then let's do some investigation together this week and learn about some of the ways Jesus walked so that we can know better about what is entailed in **being like Jesus**.

Monday: Jesus' First Priority Was To Obey His Father.

1. John 4:34; Ecc. 12:13. What did Jesus say His "Food" was? What did He mean by this? What should be "Man's all?"
2. Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 16:16. What did Jesus do in order to "Fulfill all righteousness?" Can we be like Jesus without doing the same?
3. Php 2:8; Heb 5:8-9. What did Jesus do to the point of death? What did Jesus learn? Jesus authored eternal salvation for all who do what? What does this say about the popular notion that salvation is by faith alone without the need for obedience?

Tuesday: Jesus' Purpose on Earth Was To Seek and to Save The Lost.

1. Luke 19:10; Matthew 28:18-19. Why did Jesus say he had come? What did Jesus command His disciples to do?
2. Proverbs 11:30. Who does this verse identify as "Wise?"
3. 2 Timothy 2:2. What was Timothy told to do? Once Timothy taught others, what were they to do?

Wednesday: Jesus Refused To Go Beyond What God Revealed.

1. John 8:28; 12:48; 1 Pt. 4:11. What did Jesus "Speak?" What should man "Speak?"
2. 2 Timothy 4:1-5. Timothy was told to preach the _____.
3. Gal. 1:6-9. What should happen to the man who would "Preach any other Gospel?"
4. 1 Cor. 4:6. Man is "Not to _____ beyond what is _____."

Thursday: Jesus Had Compassion For Others.

1. Matthew 9:35-38. Why did Jesus have compassion on the people in this context?

2. Mtt 14:14; Mt. 25:36. What did Jesus' compassion move Him to do for the sick? What is our responsibility towards the sick? In what ways can we "visit" the sick?
3. 3. Matthew 18:21-35. Find the two verses in this reading that have the word "Compassion." From this context, we learn that compassion should lead us to do what?

Friday: Jesus Desired To Go (Back) To Heaven.

1. John 17:1-5. What did Jesus ask the Father to do in verse 5? What did He mean by this? Should we pray for a home in heaven?
2. Hebrews 12:1-2; "The joy that was set before Him." Where was this joy located? What can a strong desire to go to heaven do for us? (Vs 1)
3. Hebrews 11:13-16; Titus 1:1-2; Php 3:20. What should we desire? What has God, Who cannot lie, promised us? Where is the christian's true citizenship?
4. Php 2:8-9; Matthew 7:21-23. What did Jesus do in order to be "Highly exalted?" Is there something we must do in order to "Enter the kingdom of heaven?" What must we do?
5. Colossians 3:1-2. Where is Christ? What must we seek? Where must we set our minds?

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Tony Jenkins
Reading: Psalm 75:1-7
- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Johnson
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Kenny Todd
Serve.....Michael Pickford
Serve.....John Nelson
- Closing Prayer.....Sam Miller

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord's Table.....Tony Jenkins

WEDNESDAY EVENING

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

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!

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