

THE LORD *lift* Up His

*countenance*

upon you,  
and give you **PEACE.**

- Numbers 6:26

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 night of each month Following Services.



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

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### **THE GOSPEL CALL**

Michael Pickford

Many people are confused about how God calls sinners to salvation. A small still voice in the night? The appearance of an angel or other heavenly being? A dream? A vision? No one was called to salvation in any of these ways in the New Testament. Paul reminded those at Thessalonica how God called them, "to which He called you by our Gospel." (2 Thessalonians 2:14). Let's think about the Gospel Call...

**It Must Be Heard:** Faith comes by hearing the Gospel (Romans 10:17). That's why Jesus told His disciples to go into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature (All nations). He knew men needed to hear it! "And how shall they believe in Him of Whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:14). Never underestimate the value of Gospel preaching!

**It Must Be Heeded:** One must hear and believe the Gospel. But he still can't be saved if he does heed it. The Gospel must be obeyed in one wants eternal salvation. Paul told us what happens to those who do not obey the Gospel. He pictured the Lord Jesus being revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, "In flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power" (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). Don't be deceived by those who teach a "Faith only" salvation. We must obey to be saved (Hebrews 5:8-9).

**It Must Be Held:** We must stay true to the Gospel until we die—or until the Lord returns. The Lord promised the crown of life only to those who are faithful until death (Revelation 2:10). The possibility of "departing from the living God" is real (Hebrews 3:12).

Obey the Gospel today and hold it faithfully until the end. 🔍

## PREACH THE WORD

David Eldridge

“I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching” (2 Tim. 4:1-2). With these words, Paul gives Timothy one of the most solemn charges given in Scripture. Consider some things we learn from this great charge.

What To Do – “Preach The Word”: The word “preach” means to herald or to proclaim. There is a message that needs to be proclaimed and heralded across the world. What is that message? It is the word of God! It is sad to see that there are many, even those claiming to be gospel preachers, who proclaim and herald just about anything and everything but the word. May we ever stand firm in the knowledge and determination that the preaching of man’s wit, wisdom, and philosophies cannot fulfill this charge! Why? Only the word is inspired by God (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Only the word is God’s power to save the soul (Rom. 1:16). Only the word can build up and establish (Ac. 20:32; 2 Pet. 1:12). Only the word will be the standard of Judgment (Jn. 12:46; Rom. 2:16). Only the word points the way to eternal life (Jn. 6:68). Those who preach need only proclaim one thing – the word of God!

When To Preach The Word – “Be Ready In Season And Out Of Season”: There is a planting season for everything. To plant corn seed in the spring would be “in season,” and it should bring forth fruit. To plant corn in the dead of winter would be “out of season,” and it would not bring forth fruit. The word of God is the seed (Lk. 8:11). The apostle is charging the preacher to be ready to preach the word all the time. When it is “in season,” bringing forth fruit as souls are

converted and strengthened, preach the word! When it is “out of season,” and folks refuse to hear and obey the word, keep preaching the word! Those who preach need to preach the word all the time!

How To Preach The Word – Convince, Rebuke, And Exhort: These three things are the means by which the word of God is to be preached. Convincing is to expose sin and convict the one guilty of it. Rebuking involves chiding or censuring (criticizing or condemning) severely the one who is involved in sin. Exhorting is calling or inviting a person to take the right path before God. Though two of these (convincing and rebuking) may be viewed as negative preaching, all three are needed. Those who preach the word need to do so by means of convincing, reproof, and exhorting!-

### DUTY LIST...

#### SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Michael Pickford  
Reading: Proverbs 18:1-6
- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Opening Prayer.....Jason Hubbard
- Lord’s Table:
  - Lead.....Kenny Johnson
  - Serve.....Jeff Isbell
  - Serve.....Lynn Buttrey
- Closing Prayer.....Michael Pickford

#### SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Lord’s Table.....Lynn Buttrey

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- 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!***