

**DUTY LIST...**

**SUNDAY MORNING**

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Jeff Isbell  
Reading: Jeremiah 39:11-18
- Song Leader.....Robert Johnson
- Opening Prayer.....TBA
- Lord's Table:  
Lead.....Michael Pickford  
Serve.....Eli Todd  
Serve.....
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

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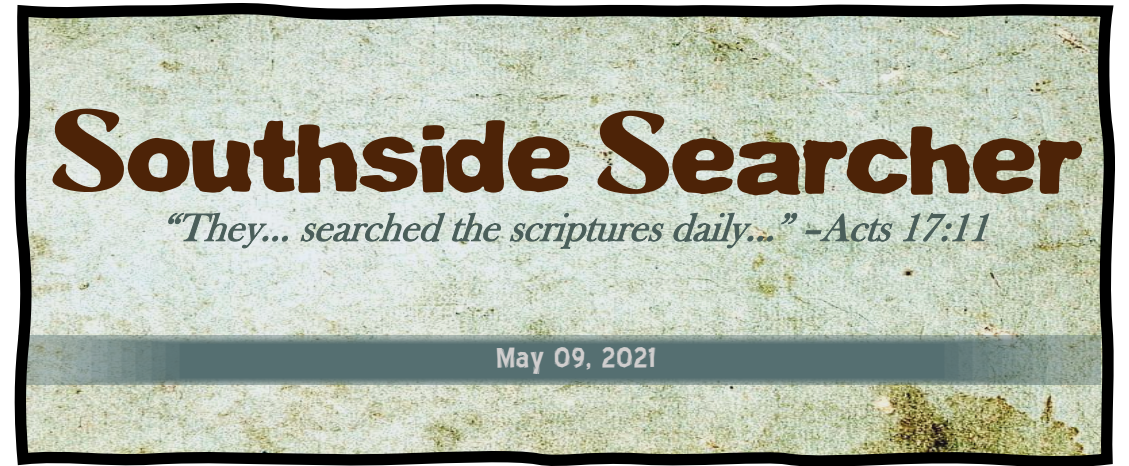
- Song Leader..... Kenny Johnson
- Opening Prayer.... Eli Todd
- Invitation..... Kenny Todd
- Lord's Supper.....Mike P. / Eli T.
- Closing Prayer..... Michael Pickford
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**God's Plan of Salvation**

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; Acts 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!**



## Judging According To Appearance

AT A CIVIC MEETING, a “Woman of society” tried to speak with a “Chinese-looking” man sitting across from her. She said, “Like-ee soup-ee?” Looking confused, the man said nothing. Moments later, the man got up to give a speech. He spoke in perfect English for twenty-five minutes with no hint of an accent. He took his seat, looked over at the woman, and with a sly smile he said to her, “Like-ee speech-ee?”

It is possible to draw misguided conclusions about others based merely on their appearance. It is sad when this happens. It is unfair, dishonest, and can potentially do a lot of damage. Prejudice is an ugly word for a reason.

Nathaniel almost rejected Jesus because, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” (John 1:46). Prejudice against the gentile Christians led many Jews who had converted to Christ to pervert the gospel by trying to add in elements of the Old Testament (Galatians 1:6-9).

The most tragic result of such pre-judging is that it sometimes keeps us from trying to share the Gospel with folks that we deem, “would never listen.” “They’re too poor,” “They’re too rich,” “They’re too educated,” “They’re too sinful,” “They’re too steeped in error.” Never use prejudice, just sow the seed.

Jesus said, “Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment” (John 7:24).

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# The Meek

“BLESSED ARE THE MEEK, for they shall inherit the earth” (Matthew 5:5). Meekness is not weakness. Meekness, as Jesus views it, is submissiveness to God’s word and will. Some hear the word of God and rebel against it, while others obey it (This is meekness!). “Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your soul” (James 1:21).

The apostle Paul exemplified meekness. Someone says, “No way! Paul was dashing and daring, he traveled fearlessly around the world facing persecution and trials for the cause of Christ.” But remember, meekness is NOT weakness! Paul was not weak, but he was very meek. He wrote, “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me” (Galatians 2:20). This is the very essence of meekness!

A Mustang is one of the fastest, strongest, and most energetic of horses. Envision a wild Mustang running free in the wide-open fields doing as he wishes with no restraints. Now envision this same Mustang being captured and harnessed, taken to the stable, and “broken.” Now he is tame. Does this mean he is now weak; that he has lost his strength, speed, and vigor? Certainly not! These attributes have simply been redirected to do the bidding of man. Paul lived his life killing Christians, and then he lived his life making Christians. He went from maliciousness to meekness. He possessed great zeal traveling from city to city imprisoning and killing Christians, persecuting them in a persistent and energetic way. But when he became a Christian and submitted his will to Christ, he used just as much strength, zeal, and energy - if not more- making Christians, as he had massacring Christians. What was the difference? He became meek. He redirected his zeal and energy toward serving the Lord.

The church today would grow with much more rapidity if more Christians would serve Christ as zealously as they once served sin.

Blessed are the meek!

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# False Teaching/Teachers

*“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.”*

-Matthew 7:15

*“Then Jesus said to them, “Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees.” “Then they understood that He did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”*

-Matthew 16:6, 12

*“Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.”*

-Romans 16:17-18

*“But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.”*

-2 Peter 2:1-3

*“But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.”*

-Galatians 1:8

*“Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.”*

-2 John 1:9-11

*“Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.”*

-Colossians 2:8

*“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”*

-1 John 4:1

*“...they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.”*

-Acts 17:11