## DUTY LIST...

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

- > Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Robert Johnson Reading: TBA
- > Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- ➤ Opening Prayer......Kenny Johnson
- ➤ Lord's Table:
  - Lead.....Michael Pickford Serve......Eli Todd
- Closing Prayer......Kenny Todd

### **SUNDAY EVENING**

- Song Leader....Eli Todd
- Opening Prayer...Michael Pickford
- Invitation: Michael Pickford
- ➤ Lord's Table...E. Todd, M. Pickford
- Closing Prayer....Jeff Isbell

# **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

### **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.

- ➤ <u>Hear the Gospel</u>: Romans 10:17
- ➤ <u>Believe</u>: 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

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We would love to have you visit with us. Our meeting times are:

SUNDAYS: 9 & 10 AM & 6 PM / WEDNESDAYS: 7 PM

We have capable Bible teachers who would be delighted to study with you at your request and convenience.

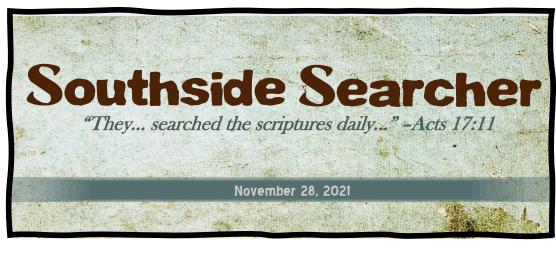
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# Supposing

**JESUS' PARENTS WERE** returning home from Jerusalem and supposed that Jesus was in the company (Luke 2:43-44). But He was not.

How many people today suppose that Jesus is in their company when He isn't? "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" (2 John 1:9).

How many suppose Jesus is in their company and yet they do not assemble with the saints faithfully? (Hebrews 10:25). How many suppose Jesus is in their company while living in immorality, such as an unscriptural marriage? (Matthew 19:9; Colossians 3:5-7). How many suppose Jesus to be in their company while they persist in telling "white" lies of convenience (Revelation 21:8). How many churches suppose Jesus to be in their company when He has long since removed His candlestick from among them due to their persistence in false doctrine and unauthorized practices? (Revelation 2:4-7; Colossians 3:16-17).

Don't suppose! Know! Verify the presence of Jesus in your life by examining yourself alongside His words as recorded in the New Testament (2 Corinthians 13:5; John 12:48).

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# Jesus Is Wonderful

"Jesus Is Wonderful" is one of my favorite Hymns. Isaiah prophesied, "And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God..." (Isaiah 9:6). Consider Jesus...

THE CHRIST. There are two words we need to be familiar with. "Messiah" comes from the Hebrew and "Christ" comes from the Greek. Both mean, "The Anointed One." Jews had been waiting for the Messiah to come for hundreds of years. In fact, the promise was first made in Genesis 3:15. "Christ" is not Jesus' last name, it is what He was, and is. It was a title. He was anointed of God to take away the sins of the world (John 1:29). Men of Jesus' day said He was many things, but Peter affirmed, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). Paul often referred to Him as "Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:18; Ephesians 3:14, etc), and "Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 3:1, 21, Philippians 2:5, etc). James, Peter, John, Jude, and the Hebrews writer all refer to Him as "Jesus Christ." If we do not believe and confess this, we will be lost in our sins (John 8:24; Acts 8:37).

**THE CRUCIFIED**. Remembering Jesus the crucified is the very purpose of the Lord's Supper. In observing the supper every first day of the week (Acts 20:7), we "Proclaim the Lord's death till He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:26). This is a time when "examine" ourselves to make sure our focus isn't distracted from the crucifixion of the Lord of Glory; a time to consider exclusively that grand sacrifice of love on the cruel, despised cross at Calvary (1 Corinthians 11:28). If we do not focus solely on the Lord's crucifixion during the Lord's supper, we are partaking in an "Unworthy manner," guilty of the Lord's body and blood, failing to discern the Lord's body, and eating and drinking condemnation to ourselves (1 Corinthians 11:27-30). His crucifixion is God's greatest expression of love towards man (Romans 5:6-9). Now consider Jesus...

**THE CARPENTER**. Like His legal father before Him, Jesus was a carpenter (Mark 6:3), but His greatest carpentry work was of a spiritual nature. He promised to build His church (Matthew 16:17-18), and He fulfilled this promise when He added obedient souls to the church (Acts 2:47; see vss 38, 41). Only those in the church (The body) will be saved (Ephesians 5:23), and one enters through baptism (Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:4; 1 Corinthians 12:13).

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# **Character/Influence**

"A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold."

-Proverbs 22:1

"The memory of the righteous is blessed, But the name of the wicked will rot."
-Proverbs 10:7

"A good name is better than precious ointment, And the day of death than the day of one's birth;"

-Ecclesiastes 7:1

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

-*Matthew 5:13-16* 

"having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation."

-1 Peter 2:12

"Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life..."

-Philippians 2:14-16

"Even a child is known by his deeds, Whether what he does is pure and right."
-Proverbs 20:11

"Therefore by their fruits you will know them."
-Matthew 7:20

"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
-John 13:35

"You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men;" -2 Corinthians 3:2

"Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back, not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things."

-Titus 2:9-10