

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Eli Todd
Reading: Mark 14:3-9
- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Opening Prayer.....Jeff Isbell
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Michael Pickford
Serve.....Eli Todd
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer...Michael Pickford
- Invitation: Kenny Todd
- Closing Prayer: TBA

WEDNESDAY EVENING

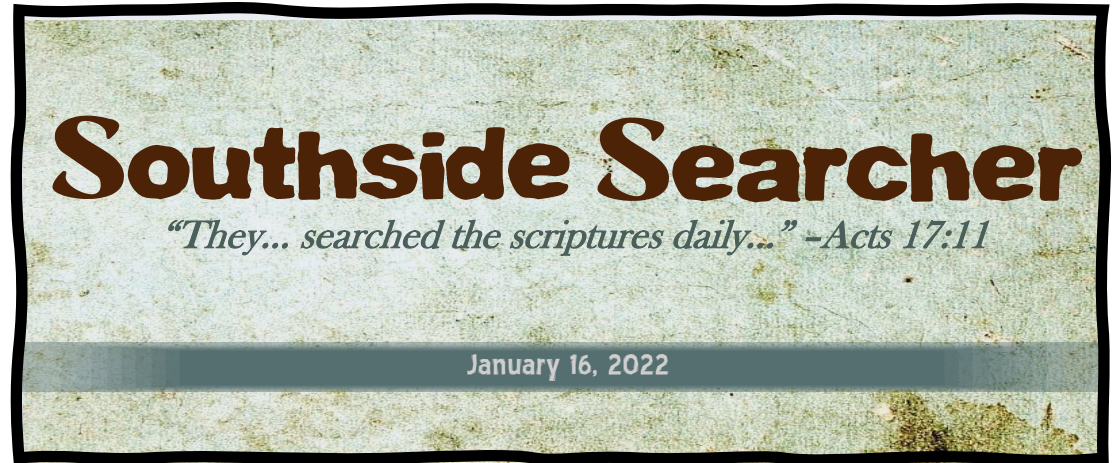
God's Plan of Salvation

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.

- 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

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Guarding The Supplies

AN OLDER SISTER IN the nursing home told me, “I feel so helpless to the church being bedridden in this place” (paraphrased). I told her that she could do one of the greatest works of all. Pray!

She could not assemble with the saints, but she could pray for those assembling. She could not drum up Bible studies with the lost, but she could pray for those of us who could. She could not visit the sick or feed the hungry. There was very little that she could physically do. But she could guard the supplies for the soldiers!

Huh? Well, there’s a wonderful story buried in the thirtieth chapter of 1 Samuel about David avenging Ziklag which had been invaded and burned by the Amalekites. All its inhabitants were carried away captive. David and his six hundred men pursued the invaders, and being led by a young Egyptian, they found them, overtook them, and rescued all the captives.

But on their way to the battle, two hundred of David’s men were too exhausted to carry on, so they stayed behind to guard the supplies. After the battle, those who fought did not want to share the spoils with them. But David gave credit to God for the victory, and then said, “But as his part is who goes down to battle, so shall his part be who stays by the supplies; they shall share alike” (1 Samuel 30:24).

God expects us to do what we can with what we’ve got. Even if it’s merely guarding the supplies. Don’t get discouraged if in your mind you don’t measure up to other soldiers in the kingdom. In fact, if all you can do is pray... then pray! It moves mountains for the cause of the Lord.

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Our evangelist, Michael Pickford is the editor of this publication.

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Godly Speech

There are all types of speech and various languages across the world and across our nation. Each language has its own dialect depending on what part of the country one lives in. Language sets people apart from one another, and accents can give away where one is from. To a trained ear, one can tell what State, or even what part of a State you are a citizen in. Should the Christian's language give him away? Philippians 3:20 tells us that we are citizens of heaven. Should our language not reflect our citizenship? Absolutely! Our language should let people know that we are citizens of heaven; that we are Christians; that we are the people of God. Godly Speech is that which is...

Seasoned With Salt. *“Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one”* (Colossians 4:5-6). Speech that is seasoned with salt is gracious; not mean-spirited, rude, or even cruel. Salt seasoned speech is also good; not filthy, lewd, or impure (Colossians 3:8). It is also genuine. Christians should be known as people who speak the truth. Their words are honest and dependable. *“Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds”* (Colossians 3:9). Salted speech is also glad. Let the world do the complaining and let the Christian rejoice! (Philippians 4:4).

Sanctified For Service. Our speech should not be like the world's, it should be set apart, holy, ready to glorify God. Our prayer lives should be active (1 Thessalonians 5:17). We should be speaking the Gospel to our friends, neighbors; etc (Acts 8:4). We should be ready to use our mouths to worship God (Ephesians 5:19; Hebrews 10:25).

Scary To Satan. In the latter part of his famous poem about prayer Cowper wrote, *“Restraining prayer we cease to fight, prayer makes the Christian's armor bright; And Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees.”* It's true; Satan does not want us praying. If you want to defeat the master of evil you must have an active, devoted prayer life. Many passages urge us to pray regularly about all things (Ephesians 6:18, etc.). Someone has said, *“When Satan knocks you to your knees; he has put you in a perfect position to pray!”* But you need to pray before he gets you there! Prayer is an essential part of Godly Speech.

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Peace (With Others)

“Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.”
-Matthew 5:9

“Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”
-James 3:18

“Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.”
-Romans 14:19

“If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.”
-Romans 12:18

“Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.”
-Hebrews 12:14

“Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it.”
-Psalm 34:14; 1 Peter 3:11

“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.”
-Colossians 3:15

“endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”
-Ephesians 4:3

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”
-Galatians 5:22-23

“The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.”
-Isaiah 32:17

*“When a man's ways please the Lord,
He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.”*
-Proverbs 16:7

“For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,”
-Ephesians 2:14