### DUTY LIST...

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

- > Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- ➤ Scripture Reading...Kenny Johnson Reading: Matthew 17:1-8
- ➤ Song Leader.....Robert Johnson
- Opening Prayer......Kenny Todd
- ➤ Lord's Table:
  - Lead.....Michael Pickford Serve......Eli Todd
- Closing Prayer......Lynn Buttrey

### **SUNDAY EVENING**

- Song Leader.... Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer...Michael Pickford
- Invitation: Kenny Todd
- 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
- <u>Be Baptized</u>: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- > Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!

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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.

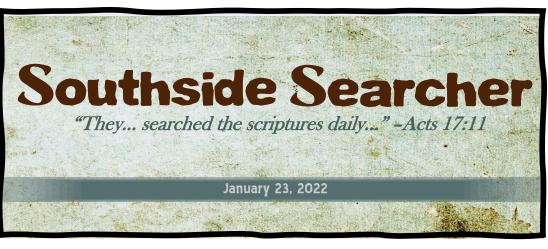
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# Lifespan From Eternity's Perspective

Eternity is forever. Plain and simple. It never ends. Every soul who ever lived will spend eternity in either the glories of heaven, or the torments of hell (John 5:28-29; Matthew 25:23, 30, 41, 46; Mark 9:42-48; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10).

There are certain negatives to one living a short life on this earth. If one dies at age twenty-five, he will miss out on many things on earth. And his family will grieve him until they die. And his friends will miss him. And perhaps the world will miss the benefits of some invention, or technological advances he might have been responsible for had he lived a "normal" life span.

But no soul will ever look down from heaven and say, "Not fair, I only got to live to be twenty-five years old." There are many mysteries about heaven. What will it be like exactly? What will we do there forever and ever? But God has given us enough glimpses in His word (word pictures) of the glories of heaven that we can know it is a significantly desirable place. Did you ever look at pictures of a beautiful place and when you saw the real thing you thought, "Those pictures did not do it justice?" That's how heaven will be.

The same is true of hell. No soul in hell will ever be concerned about how long he lived on earth. He will just wish he obeyed the Lord while he was there.

You see, how long we live on this earth pales in importance when compared to HOW we lived while on this earth. And if we will view life from eternity's perspective, perhaps we will do better in our service to the Lord.

-Michael Pickford Mpickford3@comcast.net

## **Power In The Blood**

We often sing of the power that is in the precious blood of Christ. Different song writers have written: "What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus", "There is wonderful power in the blood", "His blood can cleanse your heart and make you free." Let's investigate the "wonder working power" that is in the blood of the Lamb.

CLEANSING POWER. In 1 John 1:7, the apostle John revealed, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

FORGIVING POWER. Speaking of Christ, Paul said, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:14).

PURCHASING POWER. During Paul's farewell address to the Ephesian elders he instructed them, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28).

JUSTIFYING POWER. In writing to the Romans, Paul informs us, "Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him" (Rom. 5:9).

SANCTIFYING POWER. The Holy Spirit directed the Hebrew writer to say, "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" (Heb. 13:12).

PURGING POWER. The Hebrew writer announces, "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Heb. 9:14).

WASHING POWER. In the final book, John said, "...Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Rev. 1:5). This precious blood was shed in Christ's death (Jn. 19:33-34). When we reach the death of Christ, we contact His blood. We are "buried with him by baptism into death" (Rom. 6:3-4). Arise, and be baptized!

-John Edwards

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# The Blood Of Jesus

"Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

-Matthew 26:27-28

"and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight."

-Colossians 1:20-22

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."

-Ephesians 1:7

"how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

-Hebrews 9:14

"Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,"
-Hebrews 10:19

"But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

-1 John 1:7

"Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."

-Acts 20:28

"knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

-1 Peter 1:18-19

"Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."

-Romans 5:9

"To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood."

-Revelation 1:5

"whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed."

-Romans 3:25