DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- > Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Michael Pickford Reading: TBA
- ➤ Song Leader.....Eli Todd
- > Opening Prayer.....Lynn Buttrey
- ➤ 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 Johnson
- 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.

- > Hear the Gospel: Romans 10:17
- ➤ Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- > Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30

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Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter

> Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, ➤ Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; 3:21 > Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10 Obey Today!

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.

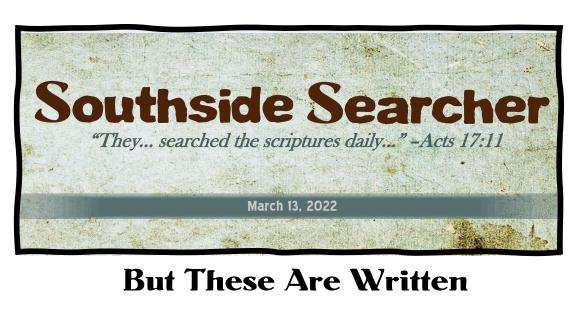
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You may have been approached by a Ladder Day Saint. We know them as Mormons. One of their favorite passages is John 20:30, "And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book."

They then refer you to their creed book known as The Book of Mormon, specifically the third book of Nephi, which speaks of Jesus' visit to "America" after His ascension. They speak of this in the context of the passage quoted above—John 20:30. They tell you that the things not written in that book (The Gospels) were recorded in the Book of Mormon. Therefore, they claim, the Book of Mormon is as essential as the Bible to make a true disciple of Christ.

There are many problems with this. But the most glaring is the one found in the next verse in John chapter 20. In verse 31, John continues by saying, "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." That's all I'm looking for—life! And if I can get it by reading John's Gospel along with the rest of the New Testament, then why would I need the Book of Mormon?

When the Mormons come calling and quoting John 20:30, be sure to make them keep reading on through verse 31. They need to see how unnecessary their manmade Book of Mormon really is. -

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Transubstantiation

THE DOCTRINE OF Transubstantiation was developed by the Catholic Church in the 12th century and expanded by theologians from the 13th through the 15th centuries. It was then incorporated into the Council of Trent (1545-1563). It teaches that during the Eucharist (The Lord's Supper), the bread literally becomes Christ's body (His flesh), and the fruit of the vine literally becomes His Blood. It is considered to be a miraculous change. But they hold that the emblems do not change their appearance. This is just another fallacy born in the minds of fallible men. It cannot be true based on the following thoughts...

Jesus Was Present When He Instituted the Lord's Supper. In Matthew 26:26, 28, Jesus said, "This is my body," and "This is my blood." Catholics (and some Protestants) take these statements literally. But they must be understood figuratively because Jesus was there in the flesh. They couldn't have been eating His flesh. In other places, Jesus claimed to be a door, a vine (John 10:7; 15:1), and other things. He was not these things literally, but figuratively. The two emblems were meant to represent His body and blood. Their purpose is to draw the worshipper's mind to Christ's death on the cross (1 Co. 11:23-26).

Miraculous Spiritual Gifts Have Ceased. If the Catholic Priest officiating at the Eucharist possesses the ability to transform the emblems into the literal flesh and blood of Christ, then miraculous spiritual gifts are still with us today. But the Bible affirms that they have ceased. Only the twelve apostles possessed the ability to impart miraculous spiritual gifts to others (Acts 8:14-18). So, it takes an apostle! But no one living today can meet the qualifications to become an apostle (Acts 1:18-22). Furthermore, Paul taught that the miraculous spiritual gifts would cease when revelation was complete (1 Corinthians 13:8-13). Revelation was completed in the First Century (John 16:13; 2 Pt 1:3; Jude 1:3).

Let's avoid this perversion of the Lord's Supper, and cling rather to its simple and intended purpose—to focus our hearts and minds on Christ's great sacrifice of love on the cross for our sins. If we'll do this, we will scripturally "proclaim the Lord's death till He comes" (1 Co. 11:26).

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One Another

"Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;"

-Romans 12:10

"Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another."

-Galatians 5:26

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

-Galatians 6:2

"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."

-Ephesians 4:32

"submitting to one another in the fear of God."

-Ephesians 5:21

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

-Colossians 3:16

"Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,"
-Colossians 3:9

"Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing."
-1 Thessalonians 5:11

"Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."

-Hebrews 3:12-13

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

-Hebrews 10:24-25

"Do not speak evil of one another, brethren..."

-James 4:11

"Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!"

-James 5:9

"Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

-James 5:16