

FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

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Through the ages in many different societies there have been diligent efforts to find that elusive "Fountain of youth." It has been said to be found in certain foods, or in certain springs, or in certain climates. At times, people have traveled great distances and dispensed large amounts of money in order to partake of "the fountain of youth." All of this is done so that they may find perfect health again, or possibly even escape the cold, clammy hands of the dreaded reaper.

In reality, there is a fountain of youth; that is, there is a remedy to death. Surprisingly, this fountain is very inexpensive and one does not have

to travel far to obtain it. We sometimes sing a song that speaks of this fountain, "There's a fountain free tis for you and me: Let us haste oh haste to the brink."

This fountain is found in Christ and is accessed through obedience to the word of God (Heb. 5:8,9). Jesus said "*He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die*" (John 11:25-26).

The fountain of eternal life truly is free. So, what are you waiting on? Drink up! "*For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne...shall lead them unto living fountains of water*" (Rev. 7:17).

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

EVERYONE WELCOME!



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." –Acts 17:11

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WWJD?

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Some years ago, the acronym WWJD became very popular among many religious people and began to appear on Tee-Shirts, bumper stickers, Lunch Boxes, key chains, etc. It asks the question "What Would Jesus Do?" This article is not intended to comment on the acceptability of its use, but rather to examine the sincerity of many who use it. For example, The Jesus of the Gospels would...

Rebuke Error. Many religious institutions are paralyzed with the concept of "Political Correctness." No one should ever use language for the purpose of being offensive and mean-spirited, but very often, things need to be called what they are (Isaiah 5:20). Many preachers refuse to call sin by name, or to identify and expose error, for fear of "Offending" someone. Many churches seek preachers who won't preach such "offensive" sermons. But Jesus didn't equivocate when it came to rebuking error. If a person was a hypocrite, He called them a hypocrite! (Matthew 23:13, 14, 15, 23, 25, 27, 29). Those who taught religious error weren't treated as harmless sincere people to be accepted and fellowshiped, they were "Ravenous wolves" (Matthew 7:15).

Religious error condemns souls; it must be identified and rebuked!

Reject Evil. Many of the WWJD users would be quick to argue in favor of those who social drink, dress immodestly, or even practice homosexuality. What would Jesus do? He would condemn all three (1 Peter 4:3; 1 Timothy 2:9; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10), along with many other sinful things some who claim to follow Him advocate. Many WWJD users would give in without a thought to the devil's temptations to do evil. What did Jesus do? He rejected Satan's temptations with the word of God (Matt. 4:4, 7, 10).

Receive Everyone. Some religious institutions are prejudiced when it comes to who they want in their "Churches." "The poor, the sick, the criminals – these would just be a burden on us." "We only want clean respectable sinners in our churches." Not Jesus! He hung on that cross for everyone (John 3:16; 1 Timothy 4:10). No one has been so sinful that Jesus will not receive them if they come to Him repenting and obeying (Acts 2:38; Hebrews 5:8-9).

What would Jesus Do? How about "What DID Jesus Do?" Find out, and "Walk just as He walked" (1 John 2:6).

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THOSE WHO MOURN

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“Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted” (Matt. 5:4). What does Jesus mean by those who mourn? He was **not** encouraging people to be continuous crybabies. Nor was He advocating pessimism. He wasn’t recommending a gloom and doom attitude, or a mad and sad disposition. Being a child of God includes rejoicing always in the Lord (Phil. 4:4). There are some saints who look as if they have been sentenced to Christianity. We need to be a joyous people!

Jesus was also not speaking here of the type of mourning that is done over the loss of an investment, a home, money, a job, health, or even the loss of a loved one. These are worthy things to mourn over, but this isn’t the type of mourning Jesus had in mind. **Jesus is speaking here about mourning over sins.** Those who will receive the blessing; those who will receive the comfort are those who have the emotional capacity, the mental capability, and the moral sensitivity to mourn over their sins. Many Don’t!

Some mock sin while others become so desensitized that they no longer have the ability to feel remorse over their transgressions. We will never be able to take the necessary steps toward forgiveness until we have the ability to feel godly sorrow over the wrongs we commit. Paul spoke of two kinds of sorrow: Godly sorrow, and worldly sorrow (2 Cor. 7:8-11). Worldly sorrow comes from having to pay the penalty for a wrong done. For example, a thief may sit in prison feeling sorry for himself because he got caught. This is worldly sorrow; it only focuses on selfish affliction. On the other hand, the thief who has godly sorrow feels mournful over the fact that he has sinned against God. This is the kind of mourning Jesus is talking about.

This beatitude follows up perfectly with the previous one. When we feel our own spiritual bankruptcy, we will feel godly sorrow over our sins, which will lead to the type of mourning Jesus is speaking of here. This will in turn lead us to repentance, obedience, and forgiveness (Acts 2:38).

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BROKEN PROMISES

Someone once said “Promises are like crying babies in church services – they should be carried out immediately.” Shakespeare wrote “A promise made is a debt unpaid.” These folks don’t hold the Patent on the importance and significance of a promise. God has always expected people to keep their word. Promise breaking is lying (Revelation 21:8). “Like clouds and winds without rain is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give” (Proverbs 25:14, ESV). -MP



SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

Apollos – A Great Preacher

STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Chris Meade
Reading: Acts 18:24-28
- Song Leader.....Robert Johnson
- Lord’s Table:
Lead.....Lynn Buttrey
Serve.....Brad Todd
Serve.....Frank Anderson

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Lord’s Table.....Brad Todd

Wednesday Evening

- Song Leader..... Kenny Todd
- Invitation.....Ben Green

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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