

## TIME FLIES

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On several occasions I have heard someone use the phrase, "Time flies." This statement is meant to give the connotation that time seems to be passing by rather rapidly. Although each day of the year contains the same amount of time, it does sometimes seem that "Time flies."

There is a great need for time management in the life of a Christian. As we budget out our days and our lives, we need to give special attention to spiritual things. There should be in each day a time for prayer, Bible study, doing good, helping someone else make it to heaven, etc..

We live in a wicked world and a

wicked society and there is always the need for us to spread our salt (Matthew 5:13-16). It's sometimes very easy to waste a good deal of our time. If we've put in a hard day's work on our jobs, we sometimes feel justified if we just sit around and waste the entire evening watching television. However, the time is limited and there is much work to do in the Lord's kingdom.

Don't let time fly away. Seize every opportunity you have to do spiritual work. Create opportunities to do good. This is what the apostle Paul taught in Ephesians 5:16 when he wrote, "Redeeming the time, for the days are evil."

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!**

- [www.defendthegospel.com](http://www.defendthegospel.com)
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Children's Class, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 5:30 pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Men's Training Class, 3:30 pm, Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evenings following services.



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

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## SINGING IN WORSHIP

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We often hear our denominational friends declare "You don't believe in music in worship." What they mean is that we don't believe in using mechanical instruments of music in worship. We believe in appealing only to Christ's doctrine for authority for whatever we do in worship (Colossians 3:17; 2 John 9). Regarding singing, consider from scripture...

**The Right to Sing.** God has given us the right (authority) to sing. "Speaking to one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:19). Whatever "Psalms, Hymns and spiritual songs" are, they are to be spoken, not played. Paul said "Speaking to yourselves." "Making melody" comes from a verb which literally means "To pluck." The idea is to pluck on the strings of an instrument, such as a harp. But we know Paul isn't using the term literally because he specifies the instrument to be plucked – The heart. Since it is literally impossible to pluck strings on our heart, Paul must be speaking figuratively. He's simply demanding that we put our hearts into the singing, that we sing with the spirit and with the understanding (1 Corinthians 14:15).

**The Reasons for Singing.** Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16 reveal to us why God wants us to sing. We sing to teach one another. "Teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs..." (Colossians 3:16). It takes words to teach. Mechanical instruments do not produce words so they cannot meet the needs of the command. Further, those playing a wind instrument cannot sing, so they're neglecting the command to teach with words. We also sing to "admonish" one another. The Greek word denotes "To put in mind, to caution or reprove gently;--admonish, warn." Again, this requires words. Thirdly, we are to sing as an act of worship "To the Lord." Both passages above use the phrase "To the Lord."

**The Rewards of Singing.** We are rewarded from the satisfaction of having edified our brethren, and of having been edified by our brethren. We are rewarded from having praised the Lord. Ultimately, we are rewarded with eternal life for having kept the command of the Lord to sing to Him and to one another, thus simply doing what the Lord said without adding to His word by using the mechanical instrument.

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## SERMON NOTES

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

STUDY  
DAILY!  
Acts  
17:11

## THE MEEK

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“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth” (Matthew 5:5). Meekness is not weakness. Meekness, as Jesus views it, is submissiveness to God’s word and will. Some hear the word of God and rebel against it, while others obey it (This is meekness!) “Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your soul” (James 1:21).

The apostle Paul exemplified meekness. Someone says, “No way! Paul was dashing and daring, he traveled fearlessly around the world facing persecution and trials for the cause of Christ.” But remember, meekness is NOT weakness! Paul was not weak, but he was very meek. He wrote, “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me” (Galatians 2:20). This is the very essence of meekness!

A Mustang is considered to be one of the fastest, strongest, and most

energetic of horses. Envision a wild Mustang running free in the wide open fields doing as he wishes with no restraints. Envision now this same Mustang being captured and harnessed, taken to the stable, and “broken.” Now he is tame. Does this mean he is now weak; that he has lost his strength, speed and vigor? Certainly not! They have simply been redirected to do the bidding of man. Paul lived his life killing Christians, and then he lived his life making Christians. He went from maliciousness to meekness. He possessed great zeal traveling from city to city imprisoning and killing Christians; persecuting them in a persistent and energetic way. But when he became a Christian, he used just as much strength, zeal, and energy - if not more- making Christians, as he had massacring Christians. What was the difference? He became meek. He redirected his zeal and energy towards serving the Lord.

The church today would grow with much more rapidity if more Christians would serve Christ as zealously as they once served sin. Blessed are the meek!

### GARBAGE IN GARBAGE OUT

A young girl asked her mom “Can I go to an R rated movie with my friends tonight? Their parents say it’s okay.” From the garbage can Mom removed a handful of vegetable peels, eggshells, etc. and placed them on the girl’s salad. The girl asked why she did this. Mom said “I figured if you don’t mind putting garbage in your mind, you shouldn’t mind putting garbage in your body.” “Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.” –Proverbs 4:23 –MP



Introduction:

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### DUTY LIST...

#### SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....K. Todd or Mike P
- Bible Reading by.....Frank Anderson  
Reading: Colossians 2:1-5
- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Lord’s Table:  
Lead.....Ben Green  
Serve.....Kenny Johnson  
Serve.....Chris Meade

#### SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Lord’s Table.....Ben Green

#### Wednesday Evening

- Song Leader.....
- Invitation.....

**Home Bible Studies  
Available Upon Request!**

### 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

**Obey Today!**