

JUST LIKE SPOCK!

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Star Trek portrays a character named Spock who was from a planet where emotions such as love, hate, anger, etc. were said to be “irrational.”

What about our planet where mothers are murdering their young children? Are emotions “irrational” to them? Then there’s abortion, the senseless killing of unborn children. Do these women who have their helpless children slaughtered not have any emotions? What about the doctors who perform them? Have they no “feelings;” are they just like Spock? God condemned some who were “*without natural affection*” (Romans 1:31). The Greek indicates those who had become

so hardened that they no longer felt the kind of love which ought to just naturally exist among family members. Those abusing their family members and children today are just like Spock and God condemns them (Romans 1:31, 32).

Let’s bring it closer to home. How do we feel about those dead in sins? When first converted, many of us were ready to convert the world! We wanted them to escape the wrath to come (2 Corinthians 5:10-11). But by and by, many become desensitized. When they look into the eyes of their neighbors, etc, they no longer see a soul destined for hell. Don’t be like Spock! 🔍

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



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- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3rd Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- 5th Sunday Men’s Training Class, 3:30 pm, Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men’s Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.

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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DENOMINATIONALISM

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Denominationalism is rampant in our society. It is one of Satan’s greatest accomplishments. By it, he has deceived thousands by making them think they are true servants of God. From the Bible, we learn that denominationalism...

Ignores The Plan of God. God has told us what one must do to be saved. Hear (Romans 10:17), believe (Mark 16:16; John 8:24), repent (Acts 2:38), confess faith (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 22:16) in order to be saved (1 Peter 3:21). Those in denominations deny this plan and replace it with man-made plans such as “Faith only” (James 2:24). God tells us we must remain faithful to Christ (Revelation 2:10). Denominationalism replaces this truth with the “Once saved always saved” doctrine which teaches that once one has become a child of God he can never so sin as to lose his salvation. A Christian can sin, if not, why does John tell them what to do when they do sin? (1 John 1:7-9)

Infects The People of God. If we’re not careful, we find ourselves speaking and acting like those in the denominations. I have heard Christians refer to themselves as “A

church of Christ,” “or “A church of Christer;” just as a Baptist will refer to himself as a “Baptist,” or a Methodist “A Methodist.” A Christian is a member of the Lord’s church; he is not a church. Some churches have been infected by the denominations. They have turned the Lord’s church into a place of food, fun and frolic. “*The kingdom of God is not eating and drinking...*” (Romans 14:17). Some churches have introduced into their worship hand clapping, instrumental music and other elements foreign to the Gospel but common in denominations.

Ignites The Passion of God. Many in denominations believe that God has blessed us in giving us so many different kinds of churches to choose from. But God is unhappy with religious division. When those at Corinth were beginning to denominate into “Paulites,” “Apollosites,” and “Cephasites” (1 Corinthians 1:12), Paul said to them “*Now I plead with you brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment*” (1 Corinthians 1:10). 🔍

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A PAUPER THERE!

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A rich man lay dying. His little daughter couldn't understand why her daddy was so helpless now. She asked, "Daddy, are you going away?" "Yes, dear, I am going away, and I am afraid you won't see me again," her father answered. The little girl asked, "Daddy, have you got a nice house to go to?" The rich man was silent for a moment, and then began to cry. He lamented, "What a fool I have been! I have built a great business here; and have amassed riches here, but I shall be a pauper there."

People in our society seem to be very anxious about getting more and more in this life. They "need" more in order to fulfill their desires, or to have a high social standard. They love the material! The New Testament is filled with warnings against this.

In a lengthy address on this topic, Jesus Himself said, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal." For where your treasure is, there

your heart will be also" ((Matthew 6:19-21). He told a story similar to the one above in Luke 12:13-21. John said "Do not love the world or the things in the world..." (1 John 2:15), and James warns against friendship with the world (James 4:4).

Paul encouraged those who were rich to do things in order to amass riches where it really counts, in heaven (1 Tim. 6:17-19). On and on the New Testament goes encouraging people to cast aside the love for the world and embrace a love for heavenly things. Is the rat race causing you to neglect your responsibilities in the race of righteousness? After all, "What profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul" (Matt. 16:26). "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:1, 2). You may be a great success here, attaining great riches and many possessions, but if you neglected spiritual matters in doing so, when you leave this world, you will be a pauper there! 🔍

MEN'S TRAINING CLASS

Please don't forget about our Men's Training Class Next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 here at the building. Leading in worship is one of the greatest works you can do in this life. This class is designed to teach, remind, and improve. We discuss the details of leading singing, leading prayer, presiding and serving at the Lord's Table, doing the scripture reading, and giving an invitation. If you have years of experience, there is much we can learn from you; come and share. Mark your calendars!



SERMON NOTES

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

Religious Division

STUDY DAILY!
Acts 17:11

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Kenny Todd
- Bible Reading by.....Sam Miller
Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Ben Green
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Kenny Todd
Serve.....Chris Meade
Serve.....Lynn Buttrey
- Closing Prayer.....Frank Anderson

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Lord's Table.....John Nelson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Invitation.....Michael Pickford

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!