

NAME CALLING

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No one likes to be called names. Folks call others names out of anger, contempt, rudeness, prejudice or just plain meanness. You might be surprised to learn that God calls some people names; not for any of the above reasons, but simply to identify to people what they really are for the purpose of engendering within them a desire to change. For example, Proverbs 12:1 says, "Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, But he who hates correction is stupid." God's word calls some people "stupid" here in order to instruct us to do better. Those identified as "stupid" are those who hate correction. All scripture is given to correct us (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Those who ignore or deny parts of God's word are stupid people (so says God). For example, those "Christians" who insist on the occasional alcoholic drink choose to ignore the prohibitions against it (1 Peter 4:3; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11). Those "Christians" who insist that homosexuality is acceptable to God choose to ignore the strong condemnation of the practice (Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:25-28; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11). It's no fun being called names, but sometimes maybe we need to take the lesson. This is especially true where God's word is concerned. Don't be stupid, obey God! 🔍

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
- 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.



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

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BEFORE YOU SIN

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The Bible says that sin is lawlessness and that it separates us from God (1 John 3:4; Isaiah 59:1-2). We are also told that it put Jesus on the cross and that it is deceitful (Hebrews 3:13; 2 Corinthians 5:21). When faced with temptation, before you sin consider the...

Course of Escape. We cannot escape temptation; even Jesus Himself was submitted to such. But God has given us a way to escape each temptation, unscathed by sin (1 Corinthians 10:13). We must understand the ways of our enemy, the devil (1 Peter 5:8). He will use any means necessary, particularly deceit, in order to get us to sin. Smoking is associated with beauty and being cool. The ads don't depict charred lungs or cancer eaten mouths. Drinking is associated with parties and fun and good times. The ads don't depict the mangled cars and bodies; or the cancer eaten livers. God provides the way of escape, but we must choose to use it. We must depart from evil and do good (Psalm 37:27). Remember, God blesses those who resist temptation (James 1:12).

Consequences on Earth. Sin can bring devastating consequences in this

Life. "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap" (Galatians 6:7). Drinking and drug abuse can lead to disease, loss of possessions, loss of family, loss of job, etc. Fornication can lead to a myriad of problems similar to the ones listed under drinking. Sin also has a ripple effect, it can hurt not only the sinner but innocent people as well. Sin also divides brethren from one another (1 Corinthians 5:1-11). Do not be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin (Hebrews 3:12-13).

Cost in Eternity. As a result of sin and the absence of repentance, the sinner will be saturated in suffering. The Bible speaks of the lake of fire, eternal punishment, extreme darkness, weeping and gnashing of teeth, no rest day or night, etc (Revelation 21:8; Mark 9:42-43; 2 Thessalonians 1:9; Matthew 25:30). Before you sin, ask yourself, "Is it really worth it, this brief moment of pleasure?" The sinner will also be separated from splendor. It's not only what the sinner receives, but also what he misses out on. He will be separated from the Lord and from the glory of His power (2 Thessalonians 1:9). Missing heaven and being cast into hell is a high price; are you willing to pay it? 🔍

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PLAYING WITH FIRE

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We thought it was fun. We didn't know; didn't think! My cousin and I, when we were very young and small were striking matches out in the yard. One after another until the box was empty, and the field next to our house was ablaze. It wasn't long until the entire lot was burning and the firemen were on the scene. This empty, grownup lot was in a residential area right next to another house and our own! The destruction could have been significant. But it was so much fun, lighting those matches and throwing them into the field. Who knew such a small insignificant flame could have grown to such a fierce blaze?

Is playing with fire so much fun? Christians often get into the habit of playing with fire. They employ the devil's tools for their own amusement, but to the harm of their soul. The destruction is often not apparent until it is too late. The fire of gambling leads to the breakdown of our resources. Gambling stems from the love of money and oh how it has pierced many through with many sorrows (1 Timothy 6:10). Severe gambling woes often begin with "Just one lottery ticket."

The fire of drinking can lead to countless problems. Health problems, the loss of family, friends, and jobs are just a few of the woes that come upon the one who spends time with the bottle (Proverbs 23:29-35). This always begins with "Just one drink."

The fire of fornication can lead to the destruction of the most intimate relationships and possible physical disease. It destroys marriages, devastates children, and harms health. It often begins with "just a little harmless flirting."

The fire of lying always causes harm. The fire of jealousy, the fire of laziness, and the list goes on. Check out Galatians 5:19-21 for a list of many matches just waiting to be struck!

Just because it's fun doesn't mean it's fine. Just because it's entertaining doesn't mean it's innocent. Don't be fooled by Satan. Keep your spiritual wits about you and flee from the works of the flesh. When it comes to the Devil's fire, keep your cool. Overcome temptation to sin; lean on The Lord's strength for resistance (Philippians 4:13). 🙏

Upcoming Sermons

Tonight: "Sailing The C's of Marriage."

Next Sunday (am): "Types of Christ."

Next Sunday (pm): Song Sermon.

SERMON NOTES

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

STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11

My View of God's Word

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Ben Reagh
Reading: Psalm 119:33-40
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Sam Miller
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Kenny Todd
Serve.....John Nelson
Serve.....Robert Johnson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Lord's Table.....Kenny Todd

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- 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!