

## BLAH. . .BLAH. . .BLAH. . .BYE BYE

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Small children are unwittingly a wealth of spiritual lessons. Earlier this week as I was studying at my desk, I overheard Justin going “Blah, Mum, mmm, hmm, blah...Bye Bye” (Or something to that effect). Well, I just had to see what was going on and when I turned around he had one of my old cell phones up to his ear and mouth!

Is this his perspective of the conversations we adults have on the phone? Just a bunch of idle mumbling? It’s more likely that he’s just trying to make words into the phone like we do, but there is a lesson here.

Many phone conversions are probably just harmless chat, but are they always?

Back before telephones existed Paul warned against going from house to house meddling into others’ affairs and stirring up strife with idle gossip, slander and such like (2 Thessalonians 3:11, 1 Timothy 5:13). Phones are useful devices, but like other such things they must not be abused. I wonder how many relatives, friends, preachers, elders, etc. have been the subject of a phone roast?

Be careful! Jesus warned that we would be either justified or condemned based simply on the words we speak (Matthew 12:37). Perhaps daily exhortation would be a good use for the phone (Hebrews 3:12-13). 🔍

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
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Men’s Training Class, 4:30 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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## PARENTAL DON’TS

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As part of providing protection for their children, parents often have to tell them, “Don’t do this,” or “Don’t do that.” As our Father in heaven, there are many times when God tells us “don’t.”...

**Don’t Slouch.** Children often have the tendency to slouch in their seat, or while they stand or walk; and parents will say, “Don’t slouch.” Also figuratively, children will sometimes slouch when it comes to their chores, or their homework; and their parents will tell them, “Don’t slouch.” But sadly, when it comes to the spiritual family, there are those who slouch in the kingdom of God. They have adopted the “do-nothing Christianity” mentality. And God is saying in His word, “Don’t slouch!” Romans 12:11 says, “*Not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.*” Folks sometimes slouch in their attendance (Hebrews 10:25), their prayer life (1 Thessalonians 5:17), their soul winning (Acts 8:4), their exhortation of brethren (Hebrews 3:12-13), and the list goes on. Don’t slouch!

**Don’t Squabble.** “*v. To engage in a disagreeable argument, usually over a trivial matter; wrangle. n. A noisy quarrel, usually about a trivial matter.*”

This is certainly one I’m familiar with, having grown up with a brother close to my age. As many brothers do, we certainly had our share of arguments, fights and squabbles. It’s never a good thing when brothers and sisters in Christ squabble over trivial matters (Romans 14:1-8). Many friendships and churches have suffered division over senseless squabbles. I’ve seen some of the worse squabbles among God’s children over the color of the carpet, whether the fan should be on or off, or what kind of curtains should be hung in the auditorium. Shameful! As brethren, we must strive to “*Avoid foolish disputes*” (Titus 3:9). God says “Don’t squabble!”

**Don’t Slip.** When going out the door to go down those snow and ice covered steps, our mom would say, “Don’t slip.” In a figurative sense, people in the kingdom will sometimes slip. They’ll slip back into the world (2 Peter 2:20). They’ll slip back into sin (James 5:19). They’ll slip back into spiritual darkness in the kingdom of the evil one. Well, God is saying in His word, “Don’t slip!” We must “*Give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away*” (Hebrews 2:1). Be faithful until death (Revelation 2:10). Don’t Slip! 🔍

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# THE LORD'S SUPPER

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The Lord's Supper is a God instituted act of worship for the purpose of proclaiming the Lord's death until He comes again (1 Corinthians 11:26).

The two emblems involved are the unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine (grape juice). They are emblematic of (they represent) the body and blood of Christ. "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you..." "This cup in the New Covenant in My blood..." (1 Corinthians 11:24-25).

Some religions today observe the Lord's Supper once a year, or quarterly, or twice a year, etc. The Bible informs us that the New Testament church observed it every first day of the week (Acts 20:7).

The Lord's Supper is not to be observed privately in one's home, on the roadside in a parked car with family, around the campsite with family; nor is it to be catered out to individuals in hospitals or nursing homes. It is to be observed "When you

come together as a church" "In one place" (1 Corinthians 11:18, 20). The first century church observed the Lord's Supper when they "Came together" (Acts 20:7). If someone has a truly acceptable reason for not being able to assemble with the saints, they are excused from fulfilling the command to partake of the Lord's Supper; just as they are excused from the command to sing should sickness rob them of their voice, etc.

While observing the supper, one is to examine himself, that is, discipline his mind so as to make sure he is keeping his focus upon the Lord's sacrifice on the cross. While the church is observing the Supper, one is not to think about what's for lunch, or how they're going to pay a certain bill, etc. One is not to be looking around seeing what everyone else is up to. "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (1 Corinthians 11:28). 🔍

"But those who wait on the Lord  
Shall renew their strength;  
They shall mount up with wings like  
eagles,  
They shall run and not be weary,  
They shall walk and not faint."

– Isaiah 40:31

## SERMON NOTES

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

STUDY  
DAILY!  
Acts  
17:11

### It Is Well With My Soul

Introduction:

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II. \_\_\_\_\_

III. \_\_\_\_\_

#### **DUTY LIST...**

##### **SUNDAY MORNING**

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Kenny Johnson  
Reading: Psalm 62:5-8
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Ben Green
- Lord's Table:  
Lead.....Tony Jenkins  
Serve.....John Nelson  
Serve.....Ben Reagh
- Closing Prayer.....Justin Prugel

##### **SUNDAY EVENING**

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord's Table.....Kenny Todd

##### **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

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

*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!**