



"I BESEECH THEE.." BEG - PETITION MAKE REQUEST

PLEASE DON'T... **ACTS 26:3** PLEASE DO...

- BE CARELESS WITH YOUR SOUL - GEN. 1:26,27; MT. 16:24-26
- TRUST THOUGHTS & FEELINGS - PROV. 14:12; ACTS 26:9-11
- ACCEPT WAYS & THOUGHTS OF MEN - HEB. 11:7; 2PE. 2:5; IS. 55:8,9
- IGNORE GOD'S TEACHING - MT. 17:5; JO. 12:48-50
- TAKE MEN FOR AUTHORITY - GAL. 1:6-9; MT. 7:21-23
- THINK RELIGIOUS DIVISION IS GOOD - MT. 16:18; EPH. 5:23,25
- NEGLECT - DELAY TO DO GOD'S WILL - ACTS 24:25; 26:28
- FAIL TO LOVE NEIGHBOR - MK. 12:28-31
- BE DECEIVED OR NEGLECT SALVATION - EPH. 5:6;
HEB. 3:13; GAL. 6:7,8; HEB. 2:1-4
- SEEK TO KNOW THE TRUTH - JO. 8:32; ACTS 17:11
- HAVE SCRIPTURE - 1PET. 4:11; JO. 12:48
- REMEMBER JESUS SAID - MT. 7:13-20
- BELIEVE - LOVE - OBEY TRUTH - ROM. 1:16; 6:17,18;
1-5; 2TH. 2:10-12; 1:7-9; HEB. 5:8,9
- SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES - JO. 5:39; 2TIM. 3:16,17; JO. 3
- RESPECT THE PRAYER OF JESUS - JO. 17:20-23
- ACT IMMEDIATELY - 2COR. 6:2; ACTS 16:33; GAL. 1:15,16
- BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER - 1PET. 3:15
- PREPARE FOR JUDGMENT - MT. 7:21-23;
MT. 25:31-34

Steve Hudgins, Via <http://executableoutlines.com/charts>

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, 4:30 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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MISUNDERSTANDING GOD'S WORD

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It's one thing to fail to understand something in God's word, but it's another thing to misunderstand God's word. That is, to get something out of it that isn't taught there. It's a dangerous thing to understand God's word improperly, to err concerning the scriptures (Matthew 22:29), to twist something out of it that isn't there (2 Peter 3:16). There is a gross misunderstanding of God's word in religion today. Here are some reasons why....

Improper Leadership. I am speaking of those who are teachers of the word of God; whether it's the preacher, the Bible class teacher, an elder or a deacon, a Tel-evangelist, a College Professor, etc. Millions of people misunderstand the word of God because of the teachers they respect and listen to. False teachers have always been around (2 Peter 2:1-3) and they are abundant in our day and time. Those who distort the Gospel will be accursed regardless of how educated they are, how popular they are, how nice they are, how good-looking they are, how quick-witted they are, how well they speak, or how much "Good" they do (Galatians 1:6-9; Romans 16:17-18). We must test all religious

teaching to assure it accords with the Gospel (1 John 4:1; Acts 17:11) ... **Inappropriate Loyalty.** Some misunderstand God's word because their loyalty lies somewhere else. If we truly want to understand God's word, we must approach it with an attitude that says, "Regardless of what this says, I'm going to do it because I want to do God's will" (John 7:17). To properly understand God's word one must be willing to do God's will. But many would rather do the will of the family religion (Galatians 1:14). They cry, "If it was good enough for my parents and grandparents then it's good enough for me" Some are more loyal to their favorite preacher, or to their favorite sins. When they read where the Bible condemns a practice of theirs, they look for an "Alternate" understanding of that passage...

Inexcusable Laziness. To be quite frank, some people are just too lazy, or too preoccupied with other endeavors (whether good or bad) to really sit down and regularly study the word of God. Some passages are difficult and require serious mental labor (2 Peter 3:16). Do the work or you'll be "Led away with the error of the wicked" (2 Peter 3:17). Study daily (Acts 17:11) 🔍

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KISS IT GOODBYE!

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“While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

- 2 Corinthians 4:18

I've said for years, “If you can lay your eyes on it, kiss it goodbye.” Paul wrote the above words in view of his sufferings for Christ. He was able to stand firm because he refused to sit around saying “Woe is me” over his persecutions. He preferred rather to focus on and muse over the reward that was coming his way. “Keep your eye on the prize” was his motto.

But consider Matthew 6:22-23. These words were spoken by the Lord in the context of loving and focusing on material possessions. So I believe when Jesus spoke of one's eye being “Bad,”

He was saying their vision was distorted. When one's physical eye is bad his physical vision is distorted, causing him to see things improperly. When one's spiritual eye is bad his spiritual vision is distorted, causing him to see things from the wrong perspective.

When one's primary focus in life is to make more money and get more stuff to the neglect of spiritual responsibilities, his spiritual vision is distorted. He has come to the point to where he places more value on temporary things than on eternal things; so what he views as “Light” is actually “Darkness” (Verse 23b). Distorted vision! Have some of us forgotten that everything earthly will melt on the last day? (2 Peter 3:10-13). The “Bad” eye is treatable, just remember this: If you can lay your eyes on it, kiss it goodbye! 🗝

SERMON NOTES

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

STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11

Gospel Preaching

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Kenny Todd
Reading: Ezekiel 33:30-32
- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Opening Prayer.....Ben Green
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Kenny Johnson
Serve.....John Nelson
Serve.....Ben Reagh
- Closing Prayer.....Michael Pickford

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Lord's Table.....Kenny Johnson

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!

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE FOR OUTSIDE SIGN
(Thanks to anyone who can stay after services tonight and help change the sign.)

ONE SIDE:
DOES YOUR LIFE SHED LIGHT OR CAST SHADOWS?

OTHER SIDE:
“YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD”
MATTHEW 5:14

