

THERE ARE



SOURCES OF TEACHING: GOD - JO. 1:17; 2 TIM. 3:16,17
 MEN - MT. 15: 8,9
 CHOICES: GOD - JOSH. 24:15
 IDOLS - 1 KGS. 18:21
 POSSIBILITIES: BLESSING- DEUT. 11:26-28; REV. 14:13
 CURSE - MT. 25: 41
 FOUNDATIONS: ROCK -
 SAND - MT. 7:24-27, 21
 FAITHS: LIVE - GAL. 5:6
 DEAD- JS. 2:24,26
 WAYS: NARROW-
 BROAD - ISA. 55:8,9; MT. 7:13,14
 ALTERNATIVES: LIFE - JS. 1:12; 1 JO. 5:11,12
 DEATH - ROM. 8:6; JS. 1:15
 APPOINTMENTS: DEATH- HEB. 9:27
 JUDGMENT- ROM. 14:12; 2 COR. 5:10
 DESTINATIONS: HEAVEN - MT. 25:31-40; REV. 22:14
 HELL - MT. 25: 41-46; 2TH. 1:7-9; 1COR. 6:9,10

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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REMAINING FAITHFUL

Michael Pickford

Despite the belief of many, it is possible for a christian to fall back into sin and lose his soul. Several biblical statements confirm this: "Fallen from grace" (Galatians 5:4); "Drift away" (Hebrews 2:1); "Departing from the living God" (Hebrews 3:12); "Being led away with the error of the wicked" (2 Peter 3:17); "Wanders from the truth" (James 5:19). The list goes on. So how can we avoid being part of those who "Draw back to perdition" and instead "Believe to the saving of the soul?" (Hebrews 10:39). Let the Hebrews writer tell us...

Stand Firm. "For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end" (Hebrews 3:14). We must stand firm when religious error threatens to draw us away from the truth (2 Peter 3:17). We must remain steadfast in an abundance of good works (1 Corinthians 15:58). We must stand firm in the face of daily temptations and endure them faithfully if we want the crown of life (James 1:12). The Lord rewards those who stand firm (Revelation 2:10).

Study Fervently. "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food" (Hebrews 5:12). Ignorance has always been a destructive force. In no other realm is this truer than in the spiritual realm. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). The Bible often makes a distinction between the "Milk" of the word and the "Meat" of the word (Hebrews 5:12; 1 Corinthians 3:1-4). Feeding only on the milk without adding to our faith "Knowledge" will cause us to "Stumble" and become unfruitful in the Lord (2 Peter 1:5-11). "Desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2).

Stay Focused. "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith..." (Hebrews 12:2). Peter walked on water, but when he allowed himself to be distracted by the surrounding storms, he took his eyes off Jesus and began to sink (Matthew 14:30). Satan seeks fervently to distract us with the trials and temptations of life. We must stay focused on the Lord in glory if we are to remain faithful. The crown of life will be worth it (Revelation 2:10). 🔍

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PERSONALIZE IT!

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Consider for just a moment that you are the only sinner. Out of all the people living, and of all those who have lived and died in times past, you're the only one who has ever committed sin. No one else has ever sinned! Now let me ask you a question: Would Jesus still have died just for you?

The answer is "Yes," absolutely! For years I've been telling folks that when they read John 3:16 they need to personalize it. Don't think of it in terms of Jesus dying for a group or a crowd of anonymous people. Think of Him as dying for each individual. Think of God as loving you personally. Read John 3:16 as if it said, "For God so loved (Me) that He gave His only begotten Son, that I might believe in

Him and not perish but have everlasting life."

Now that I've accepted God's grace and obeyed the Lord for salvation (Hebrews 5:8-9), how do I serve the Lord - Personally or impersonally? Some folks want a distant, impersonal relationship with the Lord. "Let's not get too close, too serious. Let's just be friends." Jesus wants more! Some approach church membership this way. "Let me find a big church where I can just get lost in the crowd, where I don't have to get too personal with everyone, too involved." Jesus calls me to be a personal servant of Him and His people. Take this seriously; actively look for more to do in the kingdom! Jesus took you seriously! Take Him and His church seriously! 🔍

SERMON NOTES

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

STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11

Me & My Government

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

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

ONE SIDE:

**IGNORANCE IS MORE COSTLY THAN
EDUCATION.**

OTHER SIDE:

**"MY PEOPLE ARE DESTROYED FOR LACK OF
KNOWLEDGE."
HOSEA 4:6**



DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Bible Reading by.....Robert Johnson
Reading: Titus 3:1-3
- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Todd
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....John Nelson
Serve.....Glenn Isbell
Serve.....Lynn Buttrey
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

SUNDAY EVENING

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Robert Johnson
- Invitation.....Ben Green

*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!