



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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REACTIONS TO A SERMON

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The sermon is the one Paul delivered at Mars Hill in Athens, an extremely idolatrous and philosophical city of the first century (Acts 17:16-34). Paul proclaimed to them the true and living God (unknown to them) and the hope of the resurrection (Acts 17:23-24, 31). We are given three different reactions to this sermon...

Some Ridiculed. They "Mocked" when they heard about the resurrection (vs 32). They jeered at it, made fun of it, and criticized it. Their philosophical background taught them there was no resurrection. But this was no excuse. When confronted with the truth of the Gospel one is obligated to accept it regardless of what they've believed throughout life. There are many today who mock at the truths of the Gospel, often while claiming to be followers of Jesus. For example, when hearing the truth about the necessity of baptism for salvation (Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21), many mock. Those proclaiming that message have been belittled, made fun of, and sometimes cruelly criticized. How tragic to ridicule the words of the Lord Jesus!

Some Reflected. "We will hear you again on this matter" (vs 32). At least they were willing to investigate more.

It was a strange doctrine to them, one that was challenging and difficult, but they wanted to hear more. It is true that the call of Christ comes with a high price tag. As a Christian, one is open to suffering in various ways: Physical persecution, sacrifice of cherished habits and possessions, ridicule and denial from the closest of friends and family (Matthew 5:11-12; 10:34-39; 2 Timothy 3:12). Even Jesus taught that one should "Count the cost" (Luke 14:26-28). However, one should not take too long in his reflection and cost counting, and scripture indicates that it doesn't take much time. Many on this same occasion went ahead and obeyed (vs 34). Three thousand in Acts 2 responded almost immediately, and the Philippian Jailer was baptized in the same hour of the night on which he heard (Acts 16:33).

Some Received. "Some men joined him and believed" (vs 34). They did not procrastinate as Felix did (Acts 24:22-25). We have no assurance of being alive tomorrow (James 4:13-17). Today is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:1-2). If you have not obeyed the Gospel, "Why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins..." (Acts 22:16). ☞

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A BROKEN HEART

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Everyone has experienced a broken heart. Some hearts are broken by the one they love. This type of heartbreak has led to tragedies such as murder and suicide. And yet it has also produced some of the loveliest poetry and songs of beauty. Some suffer from heartbreak due to loss of a loved one to death. While these are valid concerns, there is a much more significant type of heartbreak, one that is commended and even expected. I'm speaking of a broken heart like the one in the parable who cried, "God, be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13). Our sin should break our hearts. We should be relentlessly troubled when we sin against God. In fact, the Lord placed a blessing upon the one who mourns (Matthew 5:4); He promised they would be find comfort. The mournful are those who realize their poverty of spirit (Matthew 5:1). They know they have sinned against a holy God, perhaps they have contemplated the consequences, and the guilt is crushing their spirit and breaking their heart. Good! Now they have what is essential in order for one to take the necessary actions in coming to God and finding forgiveness and acceptance. "The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as are crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18). Jesus promised rest for the souls of those who come to Him (Matthew 11:28-30). But we must come to Him on His terms if we would have salvation and comfort. Those in Acts chapter two had their hearts cut (Broken?) by the Gospel of Christ. They asked a question that conveyed a desire to be healed from their sin. They were told they must "repent... and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins" (Acts 2:37-38). When one's heart is broken he is sometimes told that time heals all wounds, but only obedience to the Gospel will heal the wounds of a heart broken by the crushing blow of sin. 🔍

SERMON NOTES

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

STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11

A Successful Family

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.)

BOTH SIDES:
"PROCLAIM THE LORD'S DEATH"

1 CORINTHIANS 11:26



DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Bible Reading by.....Robert Johnson
Reading: Psalm 142:1-7
- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Opening Prayer.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Ben Reagh
Serve.....Kenny Johnson
Serve.....Frank Anderson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Invitation.....Ben Reagh

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!