

CONTINUING EDUCATION

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Many who have achieved their High School diploma continue on to a higher level of education. After securing a job there are often yearly training programs one must attend. As Christians, there is never a time when we are too old to stop educating ourselves in the word of God. "It is always in season for old men to learn." -Aeschylus

Peter insists that we "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). We can never know enough, and we often forget things we've learned without ongoing study and reminders. Some settle in and think they are wise enough in the ways of God. But once a wise

man feels he has nothing more to learn, it's at that moment he becomes a fool. Even Proverbs instructs us that "A wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel" (Proverbs 1:5).

If one is upset that the church begins studying the same book they studied three years ago? Why? If the preacher often repeats a point he just made three weeks ago, good for him! If you read the entire Bible last year, read it again this year! The devil smiles when we "Retire" from diligent study of God's word, and God will allow him to deceive us into believing a lie (2 Thessalonians 2:10-11). 

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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HE WROTE THE BOOK ON...

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We often use the phrase, "He wrote the book on..." as a figure of speech. For example, we might say about a great baseball player, "He wrote the book on baseball." The figure is sometimes used negatively, such as, "She wrote the book on gossip." Let's employ this figure in regards to spiritual matters. ...

He wrote the book on Sin. This might be said about the devil. Jesus called him the father of lying (John 8:44). It is incumbent upon God's children to never live in such a way that someone might say about us, "He wrote the book on lying," or "He wrote the book on cussing," or "He wrote the book on sin." We must be known as a people who Abhor what is evil... and cling to what is good (Romans 12:9). Our life is like a book that the world reads; let's make sure we're using untainted ink. Let's live in such a way that others might see our "Honorable" conduct and desire to emulate it in their own lives (1 Peter 2:12).

He wrote the book on Salvation. This might be said of Christ; after all, He is the "Author of eternal salvation" (Hebrews 5:8-9). It might also be said of God the Father inasmuch as it was His will and work Jesus was doing on

earth, including His dying on the cross (John 4:34). It might also be said of the Holy Spirit in that it was He who inspired men to record the Bible, including the Gospel, which is God's power unto salvation (1 Corinthians 2:10; Romans 1:16). In either case, we must understand that while Christ is the Author of eternal salvation, it is only those who "Obey Him" who will receive this salvation (Hebrews 5:9). Jesus said, "He who believes and is baptize will be saved..." (Mark 16:16). Obey Him!

He wrote the book on Service. I suppose it could be said that Jesus wrote the book on serving others. In fact He once said, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). His ultimate service was to die on the cross for man's sins; but even during His life on earth He served others in many ways. Peter said Jesus "Went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil..." (Acts 10:38). Are we living in such a way that others might say about any one of us, "He wrote the book on serving others?" It is those who obey God and dedicate themselves to serving Him and others who will finally inherit eternal life (Matthew 25:35-37, 46). 

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WHAT KIND OF DOCTRINE ARE YOU TEACHING?

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It is vitally important that one watches the doctrine he is teaching. The word "Doctrine" simply means teaching. Notice some of the following "doctrines" that were being taught in the Scriptures.

The Doctrines of Men. Matthew 15:9, Matthew 16:12, and Mark 7:7 all indicate there were men teaching their own doctrines. This cannot be in the Lord's church. Solomon warned, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25). We need to learn once and for all that we cannot improve upon the plan of God. Evil comes as a result of man doing "That which was right in his own eyes" (Judges 17:6). Let's all do our best to ensure that what is being taught is from the word of God (1 Peter 4:11)!

Sound Doctrine. There is teaching that can be classified as "Sound doctrine" (1 Timothy 1:10). For doctrine to be sound, it must be based completely and solely upon the word of God. To teach "Sound doctrine," one must be willing to ask the same question as: "Have ye not read?" (Matthew 19:4). That is, what does the Bible say? Sound doctrine is used to "convince" false teachers (Titus 1:9). Be sure your teaching is sound and biblical.

Strange Doctrines. The Hebrew author wrote about "strange doctrines" in Hebrews 13:9. We certainly have our share of these types of teachings today. It is strange to hear that faith alone is enough to save a man when the Bible teaches differently (James 2:24). It is odd to be told that once a man is saved he is always saved when the Bible teaches that faithfulness till death is required (Revelation 2:10). It is peculiar to hear men suggest that the six days of creation were actually eons, not days as we know them and as the word of God teaches (Hebrews 11:3). I suppose the days of strange doctrines will not soon come to an end. Let us be sure we are not "Carried about with every wind of doctrine" and "sleight of men" (Ephesians 4:14).

There may be some who are "astonished" (Mark 1:22) at the doctrine we teach. Yet, there are those who will live "contrary" to God's doctrine (Romans 16:17). Even so, we must "Preach the word..." as God intended (2 Timothy 4:2). Which doctrine are you teaching? Let us be the ones that hold high the royal banner of good, sound doctrine. Make the determination here and now to stand fast in the word of God! -

Each One Teach One!

SERMON NOTES

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

**STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11**

God's Amazing Grace

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Bible Reading by.....Robert Johnson
Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10
- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Opening Prayer.....Sam Miller
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Ben Reagh
Serve.....Kenny Johnson
Serve.....Frank Anderson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Lord's Table.....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!