

## THE SAVED SHOULD SAY SO

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“Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy” (Psalm 107:2).

To redeem means to buy back. Jesus has redeemed us from our sin with His precious blood (1 Peter 1:18-19). He has bought us back from the grasp of Satan. He has not saved us to be silent, but to share.

If we are saved, we should not be ashamed to tell people that we are born again. Why would we want to conceal the fact that we are Christians from those around us in the world? Are we ashamed of Christ? Are we afraid of being criticized, made fun of, belittled, or persecuted? Don't fear those who

kill the body, fear Him who can destroy both body and soul in eternal punishment (Matthew 10:28).

We speak of being born again, and we should speak of being blessed abundantly. The leper received the great blessing of healing and Jesus told him to tell no one (Mark 1:40-45). He told everyone! Jesus has healed us from our sin and He has commanded us to tell everyone (Mark 16:15). We tell no one! Don't be ashamed to attribute your blessings to the Lord. Let others see that you depend on God for your sustenance. And speak of your spiritual blessings to other (Eph 1:3). You might lead a soul to the Lord. 

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

- [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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## A FRIEND'S FAITHFUL WOUNDS

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“Faithful are the wounds of a friend” (Proverbs 27:6). This statement was made following these words, “Open rebuke is better than love carefully concealed” (Proverbs 27:5). The meaning of some of the Proverbs does not immediately leap to the mind, but we're all too familiar with the concept of rebuke. We don't like it. We don't like having to rebuke others and we certainly don't like being on the receiving end. Let's consider Three reactions one might have to a rebuke...

**Grudge.** When one is rebuked, he tends to have a feeling of ill will or resentment towards the one rebuking him. Even when the rebuke is uncalled for, or unjustified, we must strive to avoid this reaction. But often, this ill will comes because we know we are guilty, and when the rebuke comes, instead of being repentant, we rage. We then compound our sin by saying things we should not; things that are unkind and mean spirited. Remember, even when being rebuked, we must be kind, tenderhearted, forgiving one another (Ephesians 5:32).

**Guilt.** Often, the feelings of ill will towards the one rebuking us arise because we know we are guilty. Someone has noticed something we

have said or done, so we've been caught. We thought we got away with it, foolishly forgetting that our sin will find us out (Numbers 32:23). When being rebuked, we must evaluate ourselves honestly (2 Corinthians 13:5). We need to be sorrowful and ashamed that someone else has been hurt by our sin. We need to allow that guilt, that sorrow, to produce repentance within us (2 Corinthians 7:9-10).

**Gratitude.** It's an overlooked blessing when someone cares enough about us and our soul to drum up the courage to confront us about our sin. It's not easy to rebuke someone who has sinned. We should be thankful first that they care about keeping the Lord's command to rebuke someone who has sinned (Luke 17:3). We should be even more thankful that someone cared enough about us to rebuke us. They could have just coward down like so many do, ignored our sin, become tolerant, and allowed us to go on and lose our soul. Nathan expressed love towards David when he rebuked him for his adultery with Bathsheba. The wounds of a friend are faithful. It is the enemy who overlooks your sins and instead only compliments you on the good things. 

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# Be a Positive Person

Philippians 2:5

## SUGGESTIONS FOR BEING POSITIVE:



### THINK POSITIVE THOUGHTS

• Philippians 4:8



### SPEAK POSITIVE WORDS

• Psalm 105:2

### HEAR POSITIVE SOUNDS

• Isaiah 22:14



### PERFORM POSITIVE DEEDS

• Colossians 3:23

### SEE POSITIVE SIGHTS

• Hebrews 12:2



### ATTEND POSITIVE PLACES

• Psalm 122:1

## ARE YOU A POSITIVE PERSON FOR GOD?



"Open rebuke is better than  
love carefully concealed."

-Proverbs 27:6

## SERMON NOTES

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

STUDY  
DAILY!  
Acts  
17:11

### My Shepherd:

I. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

### DUTY LIST...

#### SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Glenn Isbell  
Reading: Psalm 23:1-6
- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Johnson
- Lord's Table:
  - Lead.....Ben Green
  - Serve.....Michael Pickford
  - Serve.....Frank Anderson
- Closing Prayer.....Ben Reagh

#### SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Lord's Table.....Ben Green

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Invitation.....Michael Pickford

### 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; 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!**

**Thank You For Serving!**

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Available Upon Request!*