

PUTTING OFF THE DAY OF DOOM

Michael Pickford

Amos said to the Northern kingdom of Israel, who were “Living it up” in the sinful pleasures of this world, “Woe to you who put far off the day of doom” (Amos 6:3).

What about us today? As we go on with our daily activities, making plans, living life, enjoying the prosperity of our own nation, do we ever stop to consider that it could all end at any moment!

Sometimes we put off repenting of that sin which so easily ensnares us (Hebrews 12:1-2) thinking we will do so when we’ve grown old, when we’re near death. “Then I’ll get right.” The non-christian puts off obedience to the

Gospel thinking he has plenty of time left; plenty of life to live. How foolish! Don’t live as if the “Day of doom” is a long way away. Today is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:1-2). We could die any moment, young, old, healthy, or sick! The Lord could return at any moment! No one knows when it will be (Matthew 24:36).

Felix was a fool for procrastinating, sending Paul away until he had a “More convenient time” (Acts 24:25). Now is the time to obey! Tomorrow is just a day found on a fool’s calendar. There’s a reason why the jailer at Philippi was baptized “Immediately” (Acts 16:33). We’re not promised a tomorrow! 🔍

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
- 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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THE “SINNER’S PRAYER”

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We have heard a great deal about people “Getting saved” by repeating something called the sinner’s prayer. Let’s examine this concept...

The Teaching. The idea is that after one believes in Jesus as the Lord, they must now recite some form of the sinner’s prayer. The wording differs from time to time, but the essential aspect of the prayer is that one must ask the Lord Jesus to come into their heart and save them, and then thank the Lord for doing so. Hence, the Sinner’s prayer becomes the mode for salvation; reciting it, in effect, washes away one’s sins. The only scripture I’ve ever heard offered in support of this teaching is the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector, in which the Tax collector beats his chest and says, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.” (Luke 18:13). But Jesus was not teaching a plan of salvation here, he was emphasizing the need for one to realize he was a sinner. I wonder why folks don’t refer to Jesus’ words to the rich young ruler as the proper mode of getting saved, “Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven” (Mark 10:21).

The Truth. The time frame of the story of the tax collector is important to consider. Jesus’ covenant that requires baptism had not even come into effect. The Tax collector was just a fictitious character in a parable that was meant to teach a lesson on humility before God. When Jesus later died, His covenant that requires baptism came into effect (1 Cor. 11:25; Heb. 9:15). This covenant certainly requires that one be baptized in order to have his sins washed away. If baptism is what connects us with the blood of Christ for the washing away of sins, then baptism is required in order to get saved. Saul was told, “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16). Before Saul was told this he had been praying for three days (Acts 9:9, 11). All that praying did nothing to wash away his sins, he had to be baptized!

The Tragedy. The great tragedy here is the popularity of the false doctrine known as “The Sinner’s Prayer.” Millions are walking around today thinking they have had their sins washed away by saying it. They are rejecting what the Lord said in Mark 16:16, “he who believe and is baptized shall be saved.” May we continue to honor and teach what the Jesus taught concerning how one gets his sins washed away, and refute the false doctrine of “The Sinner’s Prayer.” 🔍

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BUDWEISER BAPTIST CHURCH

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To those who say it does not matter which name is used in identifying the local church, would you attend a church named Budweiser Baptist Church? If all that matters in defining a church is the intent of the people coming together, will any name do in classifying a church? What thoughts come to mind when you hear Budweiser Baptist Church? Anything admirable?

If there's nothing in a name, why even have one? If any name will do, why not put Church of Satan on the sign or House of Jezebel above the door? Because names do matter, good friends, which is why specific names are used for the churches of the New Testament. The church of God at Corinth (1 Cor. 1:2) and the churches of Christ referenced by Paul (Rom. 16:16) were one and the same type of church—each declaring the manifold wisdom of God. These were not different churches since there is only one church (Eph. 4:4) and Paul taught the same thing in every church (1 Cor. 4:17). They were called by these names because that's what defined their effort: a called out group of people for God. To define them by men's names, doctrinal issues, or by ideas given by men would be contrary to God's will. The church is the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Tim. 3:15), which requires an unambiguous name to declare that purpose. To say one name is as good as another is to say one wife is as good as another since the church is the bride of Christ. But as long as it matters which bride we are married to, so it should matter which church we attend.

A good friend of mine uses this illustration. If a church does not want to identify themselves as a church of Christ, will they place that on their sign? Will they say, "This is not a church of Christ" or "The Church of Christ does not meet here" in defining themselves? Then why act as those who are ashamed of the Lord's church?-

Mark Your Calendars!



- ✓ Tonight: Singing Practice, 5 pm
- ✓ April 26: Song Service, 6 pm
- ✓ June 14-19: Gospel Meeting with Larry Ping

SERMON NOTES

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

Ananias: A Man With a Mission

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

**STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11**

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Ben Green
- Scripture Reading...Frank Anderson
Reading: Acts 9:10-16
- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Opening Prayer.....Ben Green
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Kenny Johnson
Serve.....Michael Pickford
Serve.....John Nelson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd

SUNDAY EVENING

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Invitation.....Ben Reagh

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!

***Home Bible Studies
Available Upon Request!***