

HOLDING YOUR BREATH

Michael Pickford

We all understand the concept of holding our breath. Some can hold their breath longer than others, but no one can hold their breath for long. We must breath to live! But I'm not concerned here with holding our own breath...

"The God who holds your breath in His hand and owns all your ways, you have not glorified"

-Daniel 5:23

God holds our breath! Daniel reminded king Belshazzar that outside the will of God, he wouldn't even draw another breath. This is a reminder we need today. "For in Him we live and move and have our very being" (Acts 17:28). If we live to see another day, it was God's will. If we draw in our next breath, it is God's will. We cannot go on living outside the will of God. This gives us a lesson on how we should use our breath, our days. Many use their breath to curse God and men, to blaspheme the name of the Lord. But Daniel reminded that evil king that we should use our breath, our days, our lives to glorify the God who created and sustains us. Let us resolve to serve God with every fiber of our being, to glorify His name with the breath that He blesses us with. 

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



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- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3rd Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- 5th Sunday Men's Training Class, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.

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



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." –Acts 17:11

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TAKING A STAND

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The old saying goes like this: "You have to stand for something or you'll fall for anything." While this statement is not recorded in scripture, there is some truth to it. The Bible makes it clear that we must stand for the faith, the truth (Jude 3). While on earth, Jesus didn't skirt around the issues of His day, he took a stand for truth. We must be like Him (1 John 2:6)...

Jesus Took A Stand On Divorce. When Jesus was asked if it was lawful to put away one's wife for just any reason, He took a stand! (Matthew 19:1-10). His stand wasn't popular, or easily accepted, but it was and is the truth. "Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate" (Matthew 19:6). He went on to allow only one exception to this law, teaching that one may put away his spouse if they committed fornication (vs 9). Outside of this one exception, death is the only other scriptural way for a marriage to end (Romans 7:1-6).

Jesus Took a Stand on Denominationalism. Te Jews of Jesus' day had denominated into different religious groups based on their own peculiar perversions of God's law as recorded in the Old Testament. Men today have perverted the New Testament in many ways which has resulted in thousands of different denominations. Instead of taking a stand against this, men have praised it, proclaiming that one denomination is as good as another, and that all are acceptable to God. But Jesus prayed against such (John 17:20-26), and Paul specifically condemned such (1 Corinthians 1:10-17). There is only one true church (Ephesians 4:4-6; Romans 16:16).

Jesus Took A Stand on Departure. Many people stand with Calvin's once saved always saved doctrine. That is, once one becomes a child of God, he can never so sin as to lose that salvation. But Jesus said, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). In spite of the teachings of Calvinism, it is possible for a Christian to depart from the living God (Hebrews 3:12). The Lord took a stand against Calvinism when He placed faithfulness as a condition in receiving the crown of life (Revelation 2:10). If it's impossible to fall from grace, how could Paul speak of some doing it (Galatians 5:4)? Take a stand with Jesus, oppose divorce, denominationalism, and strive diligently not to depart from the Lord. 

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ARE WE BORN IN SIN?

Mike Thomas

I have friends who have sprinkled their children for the forgiveness of sins. They call such a ceremony infant baptism. They believe we inherit the sins of Adam and are born condemned by God. One lady likened this condition to a bread pan – once the pan is dented every other loaf of bread made in that pan will have the same dent. It is my understanding that the Bible teaches we are made sinners by choice; that children are not born condemned; and that each person gets their own bread pan!

One of the best texts in the Bible on the impossibility of inherited guilt is Ezekiel 18. All throughout the chapter, God makes the case for individual accountability. “*The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself*” (v. 20). Yes, a child will often bear the consequences of his parents sins (disease, poverty, embarrassment, etc.), but no child is a sinner because of his parents. “*The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself.*”

Some believe Romans 5:19 teaches we inherit the sin of Adam, which reads, “*For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners...*” What people fail to see is the remainder of the verse, which also reads, “*so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.*” If the first part is teaching we are made sinners inherently by Adam’s actions, the second part teaches we are made righteous (apart from our will) by the actions of Jesus. But the point Paul was making is how each man’s actions lead to tremendous consequences. Because of Adam, people received an example and opportunity to sin. Because of Christ, people have received an example and opportunity to be saved.

There is a host of problems with sprinkling children for salvation, none greater than that baptism in the New Testament is an immersion for believers in need of salvation (Acts 8:36-38). There will never be a time when unaccountable children can meet those conditions. -

Give weekly Not weakly

“On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come”

1 Corinthians 16:2

“...he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:6b-7

SERMON NOTES

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

Title: _____

STUDY DAILY!
Acts
17:11

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Tony Jenkins
Reading: Matthew 23:1-12
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Sam Miller
- Lord’s Table:
 - Lead.....Kenny Todd
 - Serve.....John Nelson
 - Serve.....Frank Anderson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord’s Table.....Kenny Todd

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!

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