

HOPE, THE ANCHOR OF OUR SOUL

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Hebrews 6:18-19. Hope Is Our Anchor...

- To Defeat Our Foe: 1 Ths 5:8
- To Defend Our Faith: 1 Pt 3:15; Psa 71:14-16; Php 1:20
- To Drive Our Faithfulness: Col 1:23; 1 Jn 3:3; Acts 24:15-16; Heb 3:6
- To Dissolve Our Fears: 2 Ths 2:16; He 6:18

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

The elements of our worship, 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
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- 5th Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
- 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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BAPTISM

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Baptism has a heavy presence upon the pages of inspiration. We're not concerned with what man "Thinks" about baptism, but with what the Bible says about it. In the Bible...

Baptism Is Required. Saul was told to go into the city, and there he would be told what he "*Must*" do (Acts 9:6). What did Ananias tell Saul to do in the city?

"...*Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord*" (Acts 22:16). Baptism was a "Must."

Baptism Is Immersion In Water. The Greek word for baptism is defined by the scholars with words like, "To dip, the plunge, to immerse, to submerge." This refutes the practice of "Sprinkling," or "pouring." If you don't know Greek, just read Colossians 2:12, "*Buried with Him in baptism.*" Does that sound like sprinkling? Acts 8:38, Acts 10:47-48, and 1 Pt 3:18-21 all clarify that it is "Water" baptism that "Saves us." (1 Pt 3:21)

Baptism Places One In Christ. Paul identifies salvation as being "In Christ" (2 Timothy 2:10), so it is essential to know how to get into Christ. Paul reminds the Galatians about how they got into Christ, "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal 3:27).

Baptism Place One In The Church. Christ is the Savior of the "Body." So one must be in the body in order to be saved. The body is the church (Eph. 1:22-23; Col 1:18). If salvation is in the body, then it is essential to know how one gets into the body. "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body" (1 Cor 12:13).

Baptism Is Not For Babies. Baptism follows belief, repentance, and confession (Mk 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 8:37-38). This refutes the popular practice of infant baptism inasmuch as infants aren't capable of belief, repentance, or confession.

Baptism Brings Us In Contact With Christ's Blood. Everyone agrees that ONLY the blood of Christ washes away our sins (Rev 1:5; Eph 1:7; 1 Pt 1:18-19, etc). The real question is, WHEN does Christ's blood wash away my sins? It can only be at the point of baptism, otherwise, how could Ananias have said to Saul, "...*Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins...*" (Acts 22:16).

Baptism Must Be Followed By A "Newness of life." Baptism makes one a "New Creature," and it is required that we live like one, or we will not inherit the crown of life (Rom 8:3-14; Rev 2:10). 

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WHAT ABOUT PRINTING AN ARTICLE IN THE BULLETIN THAT WAS WRITTEN BY A WOMAN?

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I was recently asked if I would have any objection to printing an article in the bulletin that was written by a woman. It's a question I've considered and studied for many years. Our primary concern should always be – What does the Bible say?

The principle taught in the New Testament is that a woman is not to teach “over” a man (1 Timothy 2:11-12). The emphasis is on the word “OVER.” There are many instances in the New Testament where a woman can and must teach a man, so long as it is done in a way where she is not teaching “Over” a man. Consider some related Practices:

- **Women teach the men (In the assembly!) when they sing.** When we sing, we are “Teaching and admonishing one another” (Colossians 3:16). She is teaching, but she isn't teaching “Over.” She is not serving in a leadership (authoritative) role. That would be the song leader. The prohibition to “Teach over” would be violated if she were to be the song leader, because that would put her “In charge” of the singing over the men; but when she sings from the pew, everyone knows who is in charge, the song leader – a man. When she sings, she is teaching, but she is not teaching “Over.”
- **Women teach the men when they make comments in the Bible classes.** During the Bible classes over the years I have learned some wonderful truths and applications of truths from comments made by insightful women; but she makes these teaching comments under the leadership of the man teaching the class. In the Bible class, everyone knows who is leading the class, everyone knows who's exercising authority by being “In charge.” So while she is teaching, she is not teaching “Over.” The man standing up front is teaching “Over.” Now it would be different if a woman stood up front and led the class, this would violate the principle of teaching “Over.”
- **We sing songs written by women.** You may not have noticed, but a lot of our favorite hymns were written by women! This has not kept us from singing them in the assemblies. It shouldn't prevent us, because there is nothing wrong with it. She may be teaching, but she is not teaching “over” – that's the song leader.
- **Priscilla Taught Apollos.** In Acts 18:24-26, Apollos was a great preacher and mighty in the scriptures, yet he knew only the baptism of John. Aquilla, along with his wife Priscilla, “Explained to him the way of God more accurately.” She taught, but she did so under the authority of her husband. She taught (a preacher!), but she did not teach “Over.”

So the key word is not “Teaching,” the key word is “Over.” There's a difference! Let's take our bulletin for example. I'm in charge of the Southside Searcher. I exercise authority over what is printed and what is not. There are many articles I've read, written by men, that I wouldn't print because I disagree with the teaching. Just like Kenny is presently in charge of the Sunday morning Bible class, I'm in charge of what goes into the bulletin. I am a man, I have the scriptural authority to be in charge. If a Woman's article appears in the Southside searcher, it would be at my discretion, not hers. So she would be teaching with her article, but she would not be teaching “Over,” Just like when she teaches through singing. It would be a different story if we appointed a woman to be “In charge” of the Bulletin. 🔍

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...Glenn Isbell
Reading: Hebrews 6:16-20
- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Johnson
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Michael Pickford
Serve.....John Nelson
Serve.....Eli Todd
- Closing Prayer.....Sam Miller

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Sermon.....Seth McDonald

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Invitation.....Kenny Johnson

Thank You For Serving!

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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