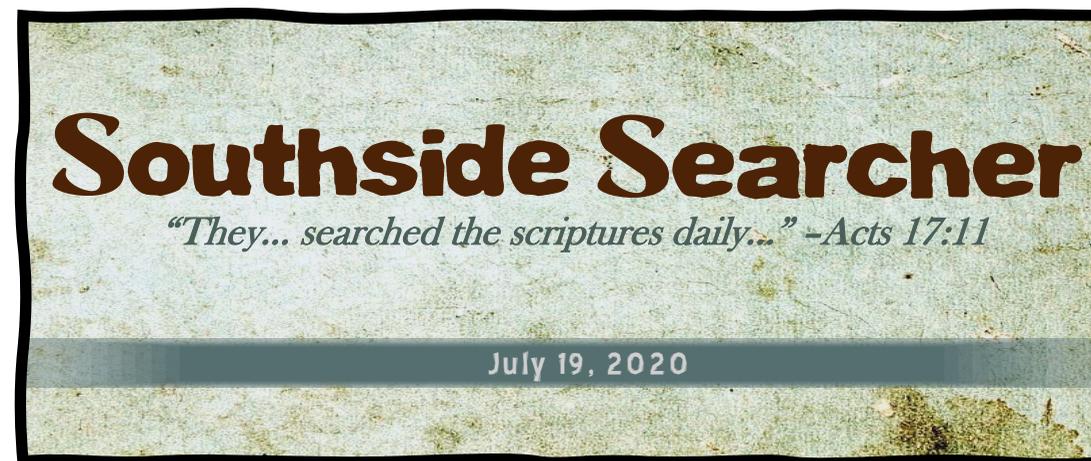


<p>DUTY LIST...</p> <p>SUNDAY MORNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Announcements.....Michael Pickford ➤ Scripture Reading...Kenny Johnson Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:1-8 ➤ Song Leader.....Eli Todd ➤ Opening Prayer.....Lynn Buttrey ➤ Lord's Table: Lead.....Michael Pickford Serve.....Eli Todd Serve..... ➤ Closing Prayer.....Jeff Isbell <p>SUNDAY EVENING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Scripture Reading... Reading: ➤ Song Leader..... ➤ Lord's Supper..... <p>WEDNESDAY EVENING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Song Leader..... ➤ Invitation..... 	<p style="text-align: center;">God's Plan of Salvation</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Hear the Gospel:</u> Romans 10:17 ➤ <u>Believe:</u> Mark 16:16; John 8:24 ➤ <u>Repent of Sin:</u> Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30 ➤ <u>Confess Faith:</u> Romans 10:9, 10 ➤ <u>Be Baptized:</u> Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21 ➤ <u>Remain Faithful:</u> Rev. 2:10 <p style="text-align: center;">Obey Today!</p>
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The Godhead

MANY ARE CONFUSED ABOUT the nature of God. Some believe that only the Father is God, and that Jesus and the Holy Spirit are not God. Others believe that Jesus is God, but that He is one and the same Person as the Father. If this is so, to whom was He praying in John chapter seventeen?

The Bible claims that the Father is God. *“One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all”* (Ephesians 4:6). The Bible also claims in many places that Jesus is God. *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God”* (John 1:1). The Word here speaks of Jesus, *“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us”* (John 1:14). Further, Thomas said to Jesus, *“My Lord and my God”* (John 20:28). Jesus accepted Thomas’ statement as fact. Many other passages declare plainly that Jesus is God. But, the Holy Spirit is also God, *“But Peter said, ‘Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit... You have not lied to men but to God’”* (Acts 5:3-4).

If there is only one God, how can all three of these be God? The KJV uses the word “Godhead” three times (Acts 17:29; Romans 1:20; Colossians 2:9). The Greek word is defined, “That which is divine,” “The divine nature,” “Divinity.” The word Godhood comes to mind. There is one God, but there are three divine Persons that possess all the attributes of divinity, and the essence of divinity. Therefore, these three make up the one God (or Godhood). By comparison, there is only one humanity, but there are presently 7.66 billion persons that make up that one humanity. Not 7.66 billion humanities, but one humanity comprised of 7.66 billion human persons. Not three Gods, but one God comprised of three divine persons. –

-Michael Pickford

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They Could Not Blush

THE FAT IS IN THE SUN — and, we may add, “in the fire” for all who question the various stages of undress seen in the stores and on the streets these days. The more angular and misshapen the woman, or the more knobby-kneed the man, the less propriety and modesty is shown. And no one blushes!

Jeremiah prophesied against Jerusalem saying, “Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? Nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush . . . “ (Jer. 6:15a).

They could not blush. It is a terrible thing when a people can no longer blush. It means there is no sense of shame — the conscience is seared. They have so lowered their standards that “abominations” appear acceptable. Self-respect has been destroyed, and there is no personal pride to urge them to better, higher, more noble attainments. Their moral “slip shows” and they “couldn’t care less.”

Further, they frequently compound their degradation by a blasé smugness, as though their calloused hearts were marks of high honor. He who blushes (should one remain) is a “square,” or maybe a “cube.”

Once my wife and I visited a woman whose attire was almost non-existent. We were so embarrassed for her that we sought to excuse ourselves; but apparently she thought her clothing (?) perfectly adequate. She sat, chatting gaily, until her three-year-old, wearing training panties, walked into the room. Then she rushed the child away with a “spat” saying, “You know better than to come in here undressed like that!” I suppose psychology has some explanation for it.

Paul commends “shamefastness”—a word meaning “bound, or controlled by a sense of shame—modesty.” As a bedfast person is “bound” to the bed by physical disability, so a shamefast person has a built in sense of right or propriety that “binds” and forbids appearing in public carelessly or improperly clothed (1 Tim. 2:8-10).

When a friend of mine commented on the gross immodesty that prevailed in a western resort city, he was told, “After awhile you’ll get used to it.” My friend replied that he hoped not.

“Getting used to” something that degrades character and lowers moral standards is no inducement to one who can still blush and is proud of it.

-Robert F. Turner

Christ Our Savior

He descended that we might ascend (John 6:38; 14:3)

He became poor that we might become rich (2 Corinthians 8:9; James 2:5)

He was born that we might be born again (John 1:14; 3:2-7)

He became a servant that we might become sons (Philippians 2:7; Galatians 4:6-7)

He had no home that we might have a home in heaven (Matthew 8:20; John 14:2)

He was hungry that we might be fed (Matthew 4:2; John 6:50)

He was thirsty that we might be satisfied (John 19:28)

He was stripped that we might be clothed (Matthew 27:28; Galatians 3:26-27)

He was forsaken that we might not be forsaken (Matthew 27:26; 28:20)

He was sad that we might become glad (Isaiah 53:3; Philippians 4:4)

He was bound that we might go free (Matthew 27:2; John 8:32-36; Romans 6:16-20)

He was made sin that we might be made righteous (2 Corinthians 5:21)

He died that we might live (John 5:24-25)

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