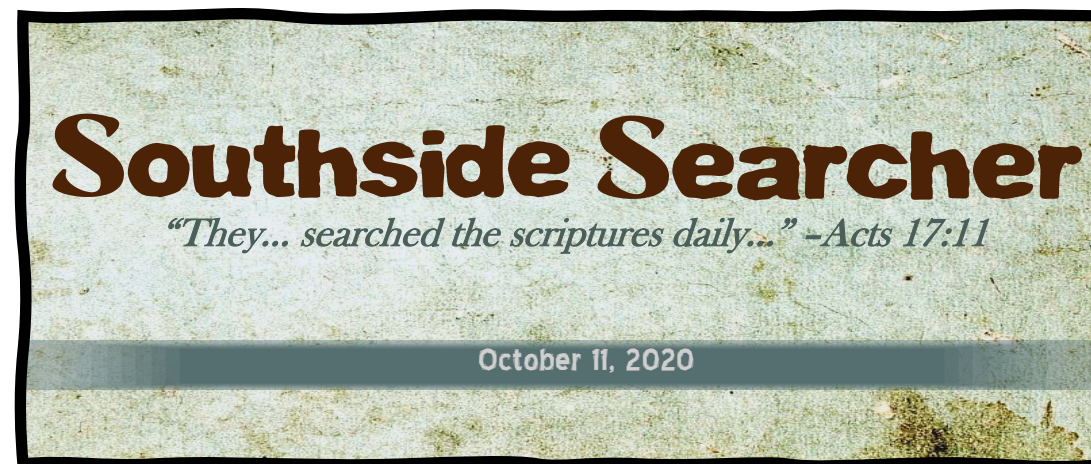


<p>DUTY LIST...</p> <p>SUNDAY MORNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Announcements.....Michael Pickford ➤ Scripture Reading...Jeff Isbell Reading: ➤ Song Leader.....Eli Todd ➤ Opening Prayer.....Lynn Buttrey ➤ Lord's Table: Lead.....Michael Pickford Serve.....Eli Todd Serve..... ➤ Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson <p>SUNDAY EVENING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Song Leader.....Kenny Johnson ➤ Opening Prayer...Eli Todd ➤ Invitation.....Kenny Todd ➤ Lord's Supper.....Mike P. / Eli T. ➤ Closing Prayer.....Michael Pickford 	<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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Satan Quoted Scripture!

It is important to be able to quote scripture. *“Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!”* (Psalm 119:11). Christians must *“Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear”* (1 Peter 3:15). We respect one who can quote large amounts of scripture *“Off the top of their head.”*

But false teachers can quote scripture too. The devil himself quoted scripture! Satan will do whatever it takes to gain our trust so he can lead us down the path of destruction. Paul said he can appear as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14).

Satan quoted scripture to tempt Jesus. He wanted to convince Jesus to hurl Himself from the pinnacle of the temple—like someone jumping from atop a tall building. Satan quoted Psalm 91:11-12, *“He shall give His angels charge over you... In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone”* (Matthew 4:5-6). But that passage doesn't mean that someone can intentionally put themselves in harm's way to test God's faithfulness. It's dealing with God protecting His faithful servants from harm that might threaten them. Satan twisted the meaning!

Religious leaders often quote and misuse scripture. The measure of a man's faithfulness is not in how much scripture he can quote; it is in how he applies that scripture. Without diligent study even honest men can fail to *“Handle aright the word of truth”* (2 Timothy 2:15). We must search the scriptures to make sure what we're hearing accords with God's word (Acts 17:11). Otherwise, we'll be blind followers of the blind and fall into the eternal ditch of hell's endless torments.

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The Kind Of Preaching That We Need

People may have various views about preachers and their work, but the Bible plainly states the kind of preaching that is needed in the world today. We need preaching that is:

- 1) Bible based - The Lord told Jonah to “preach the preaching that I bid thee” (Jonah 3:2). Some preaching is pleasant to hear and it entertains people, but it leaves them sadly uninformed about what God really wants.
- 2) Doctrinal - Paul urged Timothy to “take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.” (1 Timothy 4:16). Doctrine is distasteful to some folks, but it is essential to the saving of the soul.
- 3) Direct & Personal - Preaching that doesn’t deal with the real problems and sins of people is of little value. We should not be unkind, but we have to “get to the point.” John the Baptist set a wonderful example, and lost his head for doing so (Mark 6:18).
- 4) Motivated by love - We won’t succeed in reaching people if they can’t see that we truly care about them. But, when we “speak the truth in love” (Ephesians 4:15) we will be able to help people deal with the toughest problems.
- 5) Full of conviction - You have to have deep faith in the message you proclaim. As Paul said, “I believed, and therefore did I speak” (2 Corinthians 4:13).
- 6) Bold - Some men check to “see which way the wind is blowing” before they speak. Instead of this, we should speak “with all boldness” (Acts 4:29).
- 7) Balanced - We need both positive and negative instruction. If we omit either one, we will not be effective in this important work. Paul told Timothy to “reprove, rebuke, exhort” (2 Timothy 4:2), and in doing so he emphasized the need for both positive and negative teaching.

The work of preaching is vital in God’s plan for the salvation of lost sinners (1 Corinthians 1:21). We need to do it, and do it well.

-Greg Gwin

Should We Be “Tolerant?”

Many people have the opinion that we all should be “tolerant” of the religious views of everyone else. In fact, about the only thing that receives much criticism these days is the “intolerance” of some of us who argue against certain religious beliefs. We’re frequently viewed as being “fanatics,” and mean-spirited “bigots.” They tell us to be less judgmental and learn to accept all forms of religious expression as being equally good and beneficial.

All of this stems from an apparent failure to distinguish between different forms of “tolerance.” There are at least three kinds:

- Legal tolerance: This is the recognition that everyone has a legal right to believe and practice whatever he or she feels is best and right.
- Social tolerance: This is the notion that everyone ought to be treated with dignity and respect, regardless of their particular religious convictions.
- Uncritical tolerance: The idea that no one ought to ever make a judgment relative to what others believe religiously. It suggests that it is not possible to determine what is right or true, and that all religious beliefs and practices are equally good.

We agree that all Christians are obligated by the Word of God to honor the first two forms of “tolerance.” We would fiercely defend the legal right of every person to make their own decisions in matters of religion. Furthermore, we understand that the Lord has taught us to treat everyone with honor and dignity (1 Peter 2:17). To do otherwise would put us in direct violation of His will.

It is the idea of “uncritical tolerance” that is not found in the Scriptures. Instead, we are commanded to compare what people teach and believe with what the Bible says (1 John 4:1,2; Galatians 1:8,9; Matthew 7:15-20). We are to “earnestly contend for the faith” (Jude 3). In this regard, there is no room for tolerance -- we must be faithful to God and His word (2 John 9-11).

-Greg Gwin