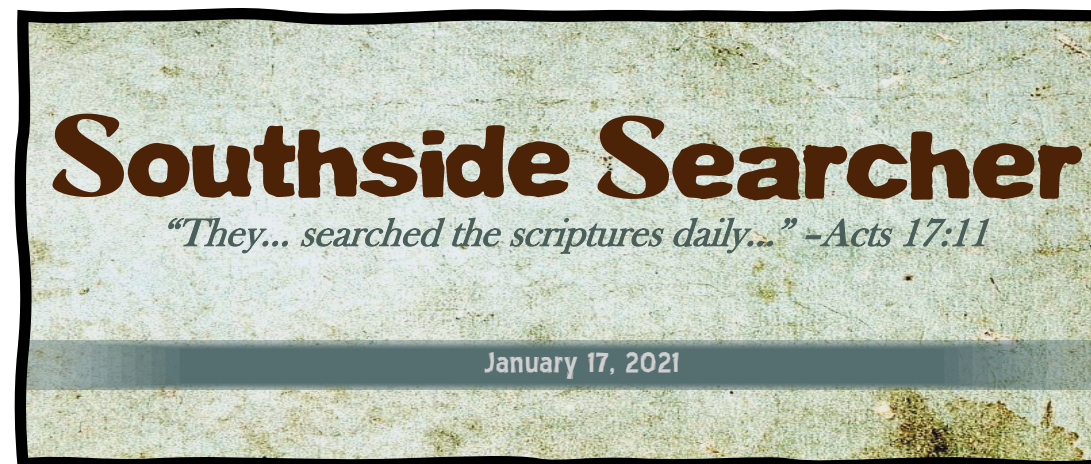


<p>DUTY LIST...</p> <p>SUNDAY MORNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Announcements.....Michael Pickford ➤ Scripture Reading...Robert Johnson Reading: TBA ➤ Song Leader.....Kenny Todd ➤ Opening Prayer.....Kenny Johnson ➤ Lord's Table: Lead.....Michael Pickford Serve.....Eli Todd Serve..... ➤ Closing Prayer.....Eli Todd <p>SUNDAY EVENING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Song Leader.....Eli Todd ➤ Opening Prayer....Mike Pickford ➤ Invitation.....Kenny Johnson ➤ Lord's Supper.....Mike P. / Eli T. ➤ Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd 	<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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Protect The Family Name

“He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever; Holy and awesome is His name.” –Psalm 111:9

I once read an arrest record online for a man named Michael Pickford. He was charged with aggravated burglary. No, that man was not me. But he has the same name! What if that man lived in the same town as me? What would people think of me? Would they think it was me?

The Bible tells us that God's name is Holy (Psalm 111:9). The Bible further admonishes, *“But as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, ‘Be holy, for I am holy;’”* (1 Peter 1:15-16).

To be “Holy” is to be Set apart for God's use. Peter spoke of our “Conduct.” One who wears the name of Christ—one who is a child of the One Whose name is “holy”—must represent that name well. He is a member of the household of God and must conduct himself in the world in a way that brings honor to the family name – God's spiritual family! (1 Timothy 3:15).

The world is watching me! If I do not live right, they will find out. They will be disgusted by my conduct and possibly be turned off when it comes to serving God. My conduct must be honorable among the Gentiles, that they may, by my good works which they observe, glorify God...” (see 1 Peter 2:12). The Lord taught the same thing, *“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven”* (Matthew 5:16). If you're a Christian, protect the family name!

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Passages Which Doom Predestination

Calvinism and its tentacles have worked their way into numerous different denominations and religious groups. One of its major tenets is that of predestination.

John Calvin notoriously wrote “By predestination we mean the eternal decree of God, by which he determined with himself whatever he wished to happen with regard to every man. All are not created on equal terms, but some are preordained to eternal life, others to eternal damnation; and, accordingly, as each has been created for one or other of these ends, we say that he has been predestinated to life or to death” (Institutes, Book III, Chapter 21).

While predestination is certainly a Bible topic (Eph. 1:5; Eph. 1:11), Calvin’s form of predestination, also known as unconditional election, is false. It deprives man of choice, and spawns incorrect ideas about God. These Bible passages doom this teaching.

1) I Tim. 2:3-4. “For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.” If God has predestined some to Hell, and that decision cannot be altered, how could God want all men to be saved?

2) II Pet. 3:9. “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” If God has predestined some to Hell, and that decree cannot be changed, how could God want all men to repent, and be saved?

3) Heb. 2:9. “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.” If God has predestined some to Hell, and that ruling is fixed, why would Jesus need to taste death for every man?

4) Ezekiel 33:11. “Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?” If God has predestined some to Hell, and that verdict cannot be adjusted, then why would God express His grief at the death of the wicked? Further, if one’s eternal fate is fixed, and cannot be amended, why would God encourage His people to turn and change their ways, and be saved?

5) Deut. 30:19. “I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.” If God has predestined some to Hell, and that dictate is permanent, why would God put forth such a monumental choice before His people? Why would He ever urge men to make such important choices, if Calvinistic predestination be true?

-Larry R Ping II

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Baptism

“He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”

-Mark 16:16

“Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

-Acts 2:38

“There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ”

-1 Peter 3:21

“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

“For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”

-Galatians 3:26-27

“buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.”

-Colossians 2:12

“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.”

-1 Corinthians 12:13

“And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.”

-Acts 10:48

“But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized. Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.”

-Acts 8:12-13