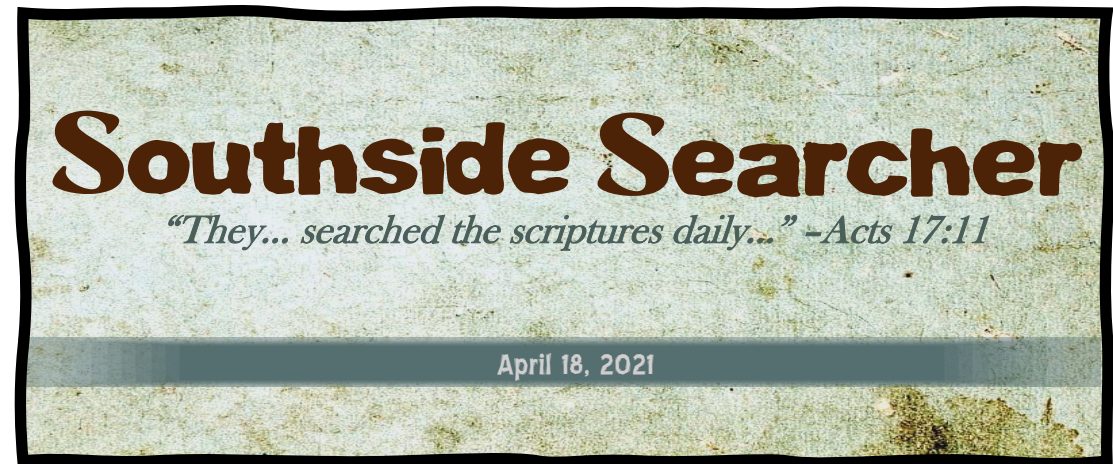


<p>DUTY LIST...</p> <p>SUNDAY MORNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Announcements.....Michael Pickford ➤ Scripture Reading...Robert Johnson Reading: TBA ➤ Song Leader.....Kenny Todd ➤ Opening Prayer.....Kenny Johnson ➤ Lord's Table: Lead.....Michael Pickford Serve.....Eli Todd Serve..... ➤ Closing Prayer.....Eli Todd <p>SUNDAY EVENING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Song Leader..... Eli Todd ➤ Opening Prayer.... Michael 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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Euphemisms

“But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the Day of Judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned” (Matthew 12:36-37). This places a great deal of responsibility upon us for the things we say. Souls are in torment because of their speech, even though they may have had commendable characteristics in other areas of life. Keep your heart pure, and you won't have to worry about what comes out of your mouth (Mark 7:21-23).

A Euphemism is “the substitution of a mild, indirect, or vague expression for one thought to be offensive, harsh, or blunt” (Dictionary.com).

There are harmless euphemisms such as “He passed away” instead of “He died.” But “Bad” words also have their substitutions. For example, in taking the Lord's name in vain there are countless euphemistic expressions that mean the same thing as “God” or “Jesus.” Words like “Golly, Gosh, Gee, Jeez,” etc. should be avoided by all who don't want to be guilty of using God's name flippantly.

Remember, it may be a euphemism, but it means the same thing; and it certainly would fall under the “Idle” words that Jesus condemned (Matthew 12:36-37).

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Speaking In Tongues

We understand that miraculous spiritual gifts such as speaking in tongues have ceased (1 Corinthians 13). But the Bible identifies various types of tongues that are possible today. Tongues we must avoid.

- 1) Lying tongue. Ephesians 4:25; Revelation 21:8
- 2) Swearing Tongue. Jesus condemned casual, frivolous swearing (Matthew 5:33-37). Some people say things like “I swear” all the time.
- 3) Blasphemous Tongue. It is a sin to take the Lord’s name in vain. This is often done in frivolous ways. For example, the initials “OMG” are often used in conversation on the internet. For most, the phrase means “O my God.” Others claim to mean “O My Goodness” when using them. But this is merely another form of blaspheming God. After all, Who is the source of ALL goodness? (See James 1:17; Matthew 19:17).
- 4) Gossiping Tongue. Gossip is idle talk or rumors, especially about the personal or private affairs of others. The Bible condemns “Whisperers” (Romans 1:29; See also 1 Timothy 5:13).
- 5) Slandering Tongue. To slander someone is to say anything (true or false) that could harm someone’s character. We often try to justify Gossip or slander by saying things like, “I’ve spoken to them about it,” or “I can say this because it’s true,” or, “He’s kin to me, so I can say this.” This does not justify it!
- 6) Negative Tongue. As Christians, we should be positive cheerful people (Philippians 4:4). Let’s not be the type of person who always spews forth negative thoughts.
- 7) Complaining Tongue. God often punished Israel for complaining. Paul admonishes us not to be like them (1 Corinthians 10:1-12). God has blessed us so richly, how dare we be such complainers.
- 8) Filthy Tongue. Whether it is filthy jokes, “Cuss” words, or suggestive (Lewd) conversation, Paul said for us to put filthy language out of our mouths! (Read Colossians 3:8).

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God’s Love

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

-John 3:16

“For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.”

-Romans 5:6-9

“In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

-1 John 4:9-10

“But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

-Titus 3:4-7

“And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.”

-1 Timothy 1:14-15

“Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”

-1 John 3:1-2