

OUT OF BOUNDS

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In most sports there are certain areas which are out of bounds. When one goes out of bounds, there is usually some sort of strict penalty to pay.

God has set for us boundaries within the church (Colossians 3:17). These boundaries are within the doctrine of Christ, the Gospel, the New Testament. Those who go out of bounds, that is, those who insist on believing things not taught in the doctrine of Christ will be penalized.

Those religions who insist on practicing things not found within the pages of the New Testament are out

of bounds, they will be severely penalized.

If you can't find book, chapter and verse for your religious beliefs and practices, you are out of bounds, and your soul is in jeopardy.

That's right, the penalty is that severe. John wrote in 2 John 9 "Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ, does not have God." You can't go to heaven if you do not have God.

So please, while serving the Lord, don't go out of bounds! 

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, in His word. **The elements of our services, 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

EVERYONE WELCOME!

- www.defendthegospel.com
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 60 Second daily Radio Spot, "Moment of Truth." WGNS 100.5 FM, 101.9 FM, 1450 AM
- 3rd Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Children's Class, 2nd & 4th Sundays, 5:30 pm
- 5th Sunday Men's Training Class, 3:30 pm, Prayer Service, 6 pm



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." -Acts 17:11

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PREPARED

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As we read the Bible, we find that God prepared many things.

Discipline. When Jonah tried to run from God's command, he ended up on a ship to Tarshish in a dangerously tempestuous storm. He finally convinced his fellow sailors to throw him overboard. We're told that "The Lord had *prepared* a great fish to swallow Jonah" (Jonah 1:17). We learn that this fish disciplined Jonah. After the fish had spit him out upon land, Jonah was again told to go preach to Nineveh, and he did so immediately. God has prepared a method of discipline to be used in the church today for those who fall from grace. All social aspects of our relationship with them are to be cut off (Matthew 18:17; 1 Corinthians 5:11). The hope is that they will be ashamed of their sins and come back repenting and confessing (1 Corinthians 5:5; 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15).

Deliverance. God has made preparations for the deliverance of sinful man. After seeing baby Jesus, Simeon said to God, "For my eyes have seen your salvation which You have *prepared* before the face of all peoples..." (Luke 2:30-31). God prepared a body for the Christ

(Hebrews 10:5). Jesus used His prepared body to make the ultimate sacrifice so that we might have deliverance from our sins. "By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Hebrews 10:10). How Glorious!

Destiny. God has made preparations for the eternal destiny of all. Regarding hell for those who do not obey the Lord, Jesus said "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels'" (Matthew 25:41). Hell's flames were prepared for Satan and his rebellious messengers, but God will use them to punish the souls of rebellious people as well (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). In verse 34 of Matthew 25, those on the right hand will hear "Come...inherit the kingdom *prepared* for you from the foundation of the world." Jesus spoke of His Father's house containing many mansions, and He was going to "Prepare" a place for His faithful disciples (John 14:2-3). While hell is a prepared place for a perverse people, Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people. Are you prepared? (Hebrews 5:8-9; Mark 16:16). 

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YES, LORD CIGARETTE!

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“Yes lord cigarette; you will be the first thing I think about in the mornings, and the last thing I think of before going to bed.

Yes lord cigarette, I will spend up to \$200.00 a month on you, even though I know my children could use new clothes, and that there are struggling preachers out there who could use the money.

Yes lord cigarette, I will hand over my health and my strength to you, even my life if necessary.

Yes lord cigarette, I will take you with me everywhere I go. I will never leave the house without you, lest I need you, and you not be there.

Yes lord cigarette, I will love you more than my family, friends, and neighbors. Even when it offends them, I will continue to turn faithfully to you. And even if it harms their health, I will not cease clinging to you.

Yes lord cigarette, I will gladly be seen purchasing you, and smoking you, even if it does appear as being evil to some people, you and I know how good you make me feel. Therefore, I will not despise you, not

even in the meeting house yard and parking lot. I want the world to know how devoted I am to you.

Yes lord cigarette, I will sometimes leave you lying around the house so that my children, out of their curiosity, might give you a try when I'm not looking. Then, perhaps you will become their lord too.

Yes lord cigarette, you are my master, I am your slave. You will always come first in life, above all others.

Yes lord cigarette, the Bible says to abstain from every appearance of evil (1 Thess. 5:22), and that I should not be brought under the power of (addicted to) anything (1 Corinthians 6:12). And I do care about what the Bible says, and I will heed the Bible in all other things. But, fear not lord cigarette, you are the one thing I will never forsake all the days of my life.

Yes, I will be unfaithful to you at times when I try to quit you, but don't worry; I'll come back to you.

Yes lord cigarette, my body and my soul are yours.” 

HEAR & HEED!

Compare Proverbs 1:8-9 with Proverbs 6:20-21. We are living in a time of disobedient children who scoff at the wise instructions of their parents (2 Timothy 3:1; Romans 1:30). Young people could save themselves much turmoil and distress, and live longer more fulfilling lives, if they would simply stop considering their parents as “Old Fogey” who are out of touch, and start respecting their wisdom.



SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

As a Father

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Kenny Todd
- Bible Reading by.....Kenny Johnson
Reading: Proverbs 23:13-14
- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Michael Pickford
Serve.....John Nelson
Serve.....Brad Todd

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord's Table.....Brad Todd

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Invitation.....Kenny Todd

**Home Bible Studies
Available Upon Request!**

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; Acts 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!