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“They...searched the scriptures daily...” –Acts 17:11

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THE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH

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In thinking of the Ethiopian Eunuch of Acts chapter eight, notice how he...

Received The Gospel. God could have chosen to speak audibly from heaven and in one speech tell the world what He wanted folks to do to be saved. But this is not the method He chose. The Spirit didn't go directly to the Eunuch. Instead, He spoke to Philip and sent him to the Eunuch with the Gospel (Acts 8:29). God's method is not to send the Spirit directly and miraculously into the heart of a man to convict him of his sin. God's method is for man to hear the Gospel from man. Faith comes by hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17). This is why Jesus sent His disciples into the world to preach the Gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15). This is why the Gospel is said to be God's power to salvation (Romans 1:16). Notice now how the Eunuch...

Responded to the Gospel. When Philip approached the Eunuch, he was reading from Isaiah (Acts 8:32-33). Philip began at this scripture and “Preached Jesus to him” (vs. 35). When they came upon some water, the Eunuch wanted to be baptized (vs. 36).

First, this tells us that the Eunuch

responded to the Gospel in the way we hope everyone will – by expressing a desire to obey before it's too late (2 Corinthians 6:2). Second, the Eunuch got the idea of being baptized simply by having Jesus preached to him, indicating that when one truly preaches Jesus to folks, baptism should be included. Baptism washes away sins and since one cannot be saved until his sins are gone, baptism can be said in this sense to save (Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21). The Eunuch confessed his faith in the Lord and Philip baptized him (vs. 37-38). They both went down into the water, a useless thing to do if sprinkling is sufficient. But it is not. The Greek word for baptism indicates the idea of a burial, or immersion (see Colossians 2:12). Notice now how the Eunuch...

Rejoiced in the Gospel. After he was baptized, the Eunuch “Went on his way rejoicing” (Acts 8:39). There is no greater time to rejoice than at the time you become a child of God. Your past sins are gone, and you now have a living hope of one day being in heaven for an eternity (1 Peter 1:3-4). In view of this, “Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!” (Philippians 4:4). 

PASS IT ON!

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There are some things you may possess that frankly other folks don't need. They don't need your cold, your flu, or your money problems.

But if you're a Christian, and they are not, there is something you must pass along to them – The Gospel!

God chose to save men by the preaching of the Gospel. He chose for people to come to faith in Jesus by way of those people hearing the Gospel.

God is not going to miraculously zap faith into one's heart. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God (Rom 10:17).

This is why Jesus commanded His disciples to preach the Gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15), and why Romans 1:16 says the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation.

If you're a Christian, don't keep your spiritual blessings in the barn, Pass it on. Those persecuted saints left Jerusalem and preached the Gospel everywhere (Acts 8:4). The Lord said in Luke 8:39, “Return home, and tell what great things God has done for you.” God desires all men to come to a knowledge of the truth and be saved (1 Timothy 2:4). So, if You're saved, Pass it on! 

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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GOSPEL MEETING

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A Gospel Meeting is a special series of lessons hosted by a local church in a particular area. Generally, there is a visiting preacher from out of town who does the preaching. The name is derived from the activity. We **meet** together to proclaim the **Gospel**. Its purpose is two-fold. (1) To Edify, exhort, and encourage the saints (Eph. 4:11-16; Hebrews 10:24, 25). (2) To teach the Gospel to those who are lost (1 Thess. 1:8). There are three things each of us can do to help make our Gospel Meeting a success...

PRAY. "Pray without ceasing..." (1 Thessalonians 5:17). All throughout the Bible the children of God are encouraged and exhorted to pray to God. Pray for the success this Gospel Meeting. Pray for the preacher conducting the meeting. Pray for the members that they will have health and desire to attend all of the services, without letting worldly events distract them. Pray that parents will teach their children an essential lesson by showing them that the things of God are more important than anything this world has to offer. Pray that you may have and make

opportunities to invite people to the services... Pray! Pray! Pray!

PLAN. Plan to attend each service. When you're absent, two things happen. (1) Members are discouraged because smaller numbers are present. When I come to services and very few of the members are there, my heart sinks. But when everyone is present and there is a good crowd, my heart is encouraged. (2) Consider those we invite to the services from the community. I have seen incidents where people visited from the community, and the member who invited them wasn't even there! What kind of message does this send to the one invited? There are emergencies and other things that may be unavoidable; but other than these, we really need to plan to be at all of the services (Matt 6:33).

PREPARE. You can prepare by inviting people to the services. Distribute the prepared flyers. See the Bulletin Board for ideas on how to distribute these flyers throughout the community!

Let's be diligent to ensure success in this Gospel Meeting! 🔍

SERMON NOTES

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

Of What Mind Are You?

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Tony Jenkins
- Bible Reading by.....John Nelson
Reading: Colossians 3:1-2
- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Ben Reagh
Serve.....Chris Meade
Serve.....Robert Johnson

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Sam Miller
- Lord's Table.....Ben Reagh

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Invitation.....Kenny Todd

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!

OUR Gospel Meeting

WITH GARY HENRY

OCTOBER 17-22

SUNDAY: 9 & 10 AM, 6 PM

MONDAY – FRIDAY: 7 PM



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