

A NEW CREATION

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In light of the New Year, we're using this section for a few weeks to remind us of some new things in the Bible.

In 2 Corinthians 5:17 Paul wrote, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

When we become a child of God, everything changes. We have a new name to wear – Christian Acts 11:26. We have a new master to serve – Christ.

Our old sins have been washed away (Acts 22:16). The burden of guilt has been removed and we have rest for

our souls (Matthew 11:28-30).

We also have new duties, new responsibilities. Reading the Bible daily (Acts 17:11), praying regularly (1 Thess 5:17), visiting and helping those less fortunate, or those who are sick and suffering (Matthew 25:34-46). Worshipping with a faithful church (Hebrews 10:25). Sharing the Gospel with the lost (Acts 8:4).

These are just a few of the ways our lives have changed in Christ for the better. But Paul said we are only new "In Christ." How do we get in Christ? "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ..." (Galatians 3:26-27). Are you a New Creation? 🔍

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
- 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
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.



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

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OUT OF TOUCH

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The origin of the phrase "Out of touch" comes from the military. Whilst marching it was required that people were close enough to each other that when they swung their arms, they would be able to be in contact with the person next to them. If they fell out of order and out of the line, then they would literally be out of touch. We use the phrase when speaking of someone who loses track and falls behind the times. It's particularly tragic when someone falls out of touch spiritually. Some are out of touch with...

The Scriptures. We know we should study the word of God daily (Acts 17:11). We understand that to understand the mystery of the Gospel we should read it on a regular basis (Ephesians 3:4). We realize that to not be ashamed we should diligently study (2 Timothy 2:15). But some have gotten out of touch with daily Bible study. So they have fallen behind in their knowledge of God's word and will. They have allowed too many distractions in their lives. Some work too hard, play too hard, or entertain themselves too often to study God's word. When it comes to God's word, are you out of touch?

The Services. There are some who rarely attend the assemblies of the saints. The Bible commands us not to forsake the assemblies (Hebrews 10:25). To neglect regular attendance of the services is to neglect needed spiritual nutrition necessary for spiritual growth. The Lord has set up in the church teachers and evangelists so that the church may be edified (Ephesians 4:11-14). Falling behind in attendance results in being spiritual children tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine. In other words, you become biblically ignorant and are more prone to believe some of the many religious lies our society is inundated with. Make the necessary sacrifices! Attend regularly!

The Saints. There are some who are out of touch with their fellow Christians. Being part of the "Household of God," we are a spiritual family (1 Timothy 3:15). It's said when we lose touch with members of our physical family. It's sadder still when saints lose touch with the lives of their brethren. The first century saints had daily associations with one another (Acts 2:46). We need one another for regular exhortation (Hebrews 3:12-13). Let's be a part of one another's lives. Let's not fall out of touch! 🔍

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NO LONGER CHILDREN

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“That we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting...” (Eph. 4:14). When a baby comes into the world he is a helpless infant. He’s got a lot of growing to do. If he doesn’t grow, he dies. Babies weren’t born to remain babies. Children aren’t meant to remain children. The same is true with a babe in Christ. God expects us to grow up in the Lord (2 Peter 3:18).

How do we grow up? One way is by attending services regularly. God gave some to be evangelists, pastors and teachers in the church (Ephesians 4:11). Their purpose is to help us grow up and mature spiritually (Ephesians 4:14). When hearing sermons, one is being fed spiritual food; he is being nourished spiritually. Missing services regularly is as damaging to the soul as missing meals regularly is to the physical body (Hebrews 10:25).


We must also study God’s word on a daily basis. We should delight in God’s saving message. “Study to shew thyself approved unto God...”

(2 Timothy 2:15). As babes, we can only handle the milk at first; but we should drink it until we can begin to handle some meat and then grow further from there.

How much time do you spend reading and studying God’s word every day? The church has too many “old children.” It’s time we got busy with the word of God!

We must also put God’s word into practice. Jesus compared the one who only hears the word without doing it to a foolish man who built his house on the sand (Matt. 7:24-27). “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22). Those who mature are able to discern between good and evil. They do so by use of “the word of righteousness” (Hebrews 5:13, 14).

Too many Christians are like ships in troubled waters being tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine. This can be cured faithfully attending services, studying the word regularly, and practicing the word more frequently.

What about you? Are you progressing to the state that you are no longer a child? 

**EVERY MEMBER AT EVERY SERVICE!
HEBREWS 10:25**

**EACH ONE TEACH ONE!
ACTS 8:4**

**DON’T CEASE WITHOUT PRAYING; PRAY WITHOUT
CEASING!
1 THESSALONIANS 5:17**



SERMON NOTES

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

A Paradigm for Prayer

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

**STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11**

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....John Nelson
Reading: Matthew 6:9-15
- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Lord’s Table:
Lead.....Ben Reagh
Serve.....Robert Johnson
Serve.....Chris Meade

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord’s Table.....Ben Reagh

Wednesday Evening

- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Invitation.....Kenny Johnson

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!

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