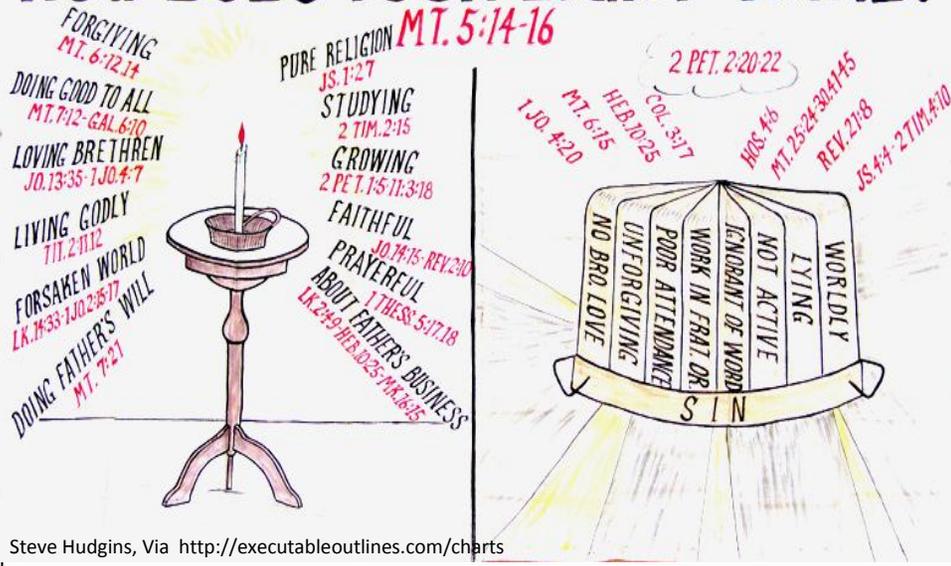


# HOW DOES YOUR LIGHT SHINE?



Steve Hudgins, Via <http://executableoutlines.com/charts>

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](http://www.defendthegospel.com)
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- Children's Class: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 5:30 pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evenings following services.



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

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## THE SAINT VS. THE WORLDLY

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If you haven't noticed from the Bible that the child of God is to be different than the common man of the world then you've missed an essential theme in scripture. Sadly, it seems some have indeed missed this and it is evidenced by the way they dress, entertain themselves, speak, etc. Paul tells us that we are not to pattern ourselves after the world (Romans 12:1-2). Here are three ways that we are different from those in the world...

**We Serve A Different Lord.** Those in the world serve the lord of self. They are self driven and selfish. They strive to do whatever it takes to please themselves. But those in the Lord deny self in order to serve the Lord (Galatians 2:20; Matthew 10:37-39). Those in the world serve the lord of money. They love money and will do whatever it takes to acquire more of it. Money itself is spiritually neutral and is necessary to living in this world, but the love of it is treacherous, and many have denied the faith and made themselves miserable in their pursuit of more of it (1 Timothy 6:10). Paul called covetousness idolatry and the Lord said one cannot serve both God and riches (Colossians 3:5; Matthew 6:24)...

**We Speak A Different Language.** The world is interested in ungodly speech. They both use and entertain themselves with profanity (Romans 1:32). The saint desires pure speech; he strives to put filthy language out of his mouth (Colossians 3:8). The world speaks about rabbit's feet, four leaf clovers, and Horse shoes hanging over doors, while the Christian speaks to God in prayer about the things he needs, knowing that every good and perfect gift comes, not from some silly superstition, but from the Father of lights (Matthew 7:7-12, James 1:17). The worldly man pats himself on the back because he has food to eat, cars to drive, houses to live in, etc. The saint thanks the Lord humbly for supplying these things (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18). The worldly man boasts of his accolades, his immorality, and his wickedness. The saint speaks from the housetops the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Matthew 10:27).

**We Seek A Different Land.** The worldly man has no hope beyond this life. His eternal destiny is a place of pain and punishment (Mark 9:42-48). The saint seeks a heavenly home. He enjoys indescribable peace while on earth because eternal life is his final destiny (1 Peter 1:3-4). 🔍

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# IN HIS RIGHT MIND

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*“Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind...”*  
- Luke 8:35

not that they are miraculously demon possessed, but that they have some serious moral issues present. The worse demon a man can have is to be a servant of sin rather than a servant of the Lord. When contemplating the eternal destiny of those who do not obey the Gospel (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9), it might be fair to say that those who choose disobedience are not in their right mind.

The excerpt above comes from a story about Jesus healing a demon possessed man. This man wasn't just possessed by a demon, he was possessed by many demons who called themselves "Legion" (Luke 8:30). As a result of this possession, the man lived in the wilderness and in the tombs, naked, and often cut himself. He was truly "Out of his mind." But Jesus commanded the demons to depart from him and as a result the man is "Clothed and in his right mind."

But Jesus, just as with the man in our story, can certainly make the sinner clothed and in his right mind. We clothe ourselves with Christ through baptism (Galatians 3:26-27). We continue to clothe ourselves with Christ as we cast off the works of darkness and adopt Christ's teachings in our lives (Romans 13:12-14). The result is a right mind full of peace, joy, and hope (Philippians 4:4-7; 1 Peter 1:3-4). Are you in your right mind? 🔍

This man suffered at the hands of real demons, but we often speak of those today who have demons in their lives;

## SERMON NOTES

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

STUDY  
DAILY!  
Acts  
17:11

### A Glorious Transformation

Introduction:

I. \_\_\_\_\_

II. \_\_\_\_\_

III. \_\_\_\_\_

#### DUTY LIST...

##### SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Bible Reading by.....Sam Miller  
Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1
- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Opening Prayer.....Ben Reagh
- Lord's Table:  
Lead.....Kenny Todd  
Serve.....John Nelson  
Serve.....Robert Johnson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

##### SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Lord's Table.....Kenny Todd

##### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Invitation.....Michael Pickford

##### 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

Home Bible Studies  
Available Upon Request!

Obey Today!

**THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE FOR OUTSIDE SIGN**  
(Thanks to anyone who can stay after services tonight and help change the sign.)

**ONE SIDE:**  
**GOD SAID - "NOT BY FAITH ONLY"**  
**JAMES 2:24**

**OTHER SIDE:**  
**ONE MUST "OBEY" TO BE SAVED**  
**HEBREWS 5:9**

