

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day” (2 Corinthians 4:16). Who are these two men? The outward man is simply the dwelling place of the inward man; it’s our body! The body breaks down; hair turns gray or turns loose, skin wrinkles, bones become brittle, teeth decay, etc. With every passing day this outward man is perishing. Everybody knows this. But the Christian also knows that while the outward man perishes, the inward man is growing stronger. While the outward man is decaying day by day, the inward man is becoming wiser, more skillful, and more useful in the kingdom of God. At least this is how it should be.

We put in a lot of time, effort, and money to preserve that which we know is perishing. What about the inward man? Are we willing to invest time to study, pray and teach? Are we willing invest money to buy bible dictionaries, commentaries, maps, etc. so that we may embellish that which is to last forever - the inward man?

Paul said the outward man perishes while the inward man is renewed day by day; let’s not get this backwards. Let’s feed and nourish the inward man so that when judgment day comes, we might receive our crown of life.

-Michael Pickford

The elements of our worship, as prescribed by God’s word, are as follows:

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts2:42; 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

- www.defendthegospel.com
- 1st Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- 5th Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
- Men’s Business Meeting. 1st Sunday night of each month Following Services.



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

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Why Attend Every Service?

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There are those who don’t attend every assembly and bible study at their local church. To miss for a legitimate reason is not considered forsaking, but some miss simply because they don’t think it’s necessary or required. Let us be reminded of why it’s important to attend every service...

- 1) **To Obey God:** Heb. 10:25; 1 Jn. 5:3; Jn. 14:15; 1 Jn 2:4. God commands us to not forsake.
- 2) **To Seek First God’s Kingdom:** Matt. 6:33; Acts 20:28; Lk. 4:16. What are we putting first when we miss for an illegitimate reason?
- 3) **To Give The More Earnest Heed:** Heb 2:1-2; Heb 4:11; 2 Pt 1:10; 5-9. How earnest are we about our faith when we neglect to worship and study the Bible with the church?
- 4) **I Am Made Stronger:** 1 Cor 16:13; Eph 4:11-14; 2 Ths 2:10-12; Hos. 4:6. Why would we chose to be weaker spiritually by being absence from the assemblies and Bible studies? Satan loves it when we’re absent.
- 5) **I Love My Brethren:** Heb 10:24-25; Heb 3:12-13; 1 Ths 5:11; 1 Jn 2:9-11. Bu missing, I miss an opportunity to encourage by brethren.
- 6) **To Set A Good Example:** Matt. 5:16-18; 2 Cor 3:2. How do our non-christian friends, family, etc view it when we miss services?
- 7) **God Wants The Church To Grow:** Eph 3:21; Eph 4:16

What Didn't Jesus Do?

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Most of us understand what the initials WWJD stand for. "What Would Jesus Do." It is essential for us to ask ourselves such a question in the face of every situation in life. But we can also go to the New testament and read about what Jesus actually did. Furthermore, we can read about some things He did not do. Consider some things Jesus did not do while on earth as a man...

Jesus did not...

- **Fail To Practice What He Preached:** Mtt. 5:44; Lk. 23:34; Titus 1:16; Rom. 2:1-3; 17-24. He was not a hypocrite.
- **Refuse His Father's Will:** Jn 4:34; Mtt. 26:39; Php 2:5-8. He was not disobedient.
- **Condone False Teaching:** Mtt. 15:7-9; Mtt 23; Jn. 2:15-17; 2 Jn. 9-11. He required and promoted the the Bible truth.
- **Convince Everyone:** Jn. 1:11-13; Mtt. 13:14-15; Mtt. 15:10-14; Jn. 6:66-69. Don't be discouraged from teaching others just because most refuse to hear.
- **Ask of Men The Impossible:** Mtt. 11:28-30; Mk 16:16; 1 Pt. 2:21; 1 Jn. 2:6.
- **Excite A Social Reform:** Lk. 19:10; Lk. 12:13-15; Rev. 2:10. He did not come to be a politician. He came to Build His church and save men's souls.
- **Forsake His Purpose:** Jn. 17:4; Heb. 7:24-26; Lk. 9:62.

Let The Bible Answer

Does God sanction denominationalism? Many believe He does. Read the following verse and find the right answer to this question.

"Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you, but *that* you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." – 1 Corinthians 1:10 NKJV

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DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Michael Pickford
Reading: James 4:1-10
- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Opening Prayer.....Eli Todd
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Kenny Todd
Serve.....Kenny Johnson
Serve.....Rusty Barnes
- Closing Prayer.....Jeff isbell

SUNDAY EVENING

- Scripture Reading...Kenny Johnson
Reading: 1 John 3:10-15
- Song Leader..... Kenny Johnson
- Lord's Supper..... Kenny Johnson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader..... Eli Todd
- Invitation.....Kenny Johnson

God's Plan of Salvation

There is only one true plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will suffice. Have you truly 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; 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!

**Thank You For
Serving!**

**Home Bible Studies
Available Upon Request**