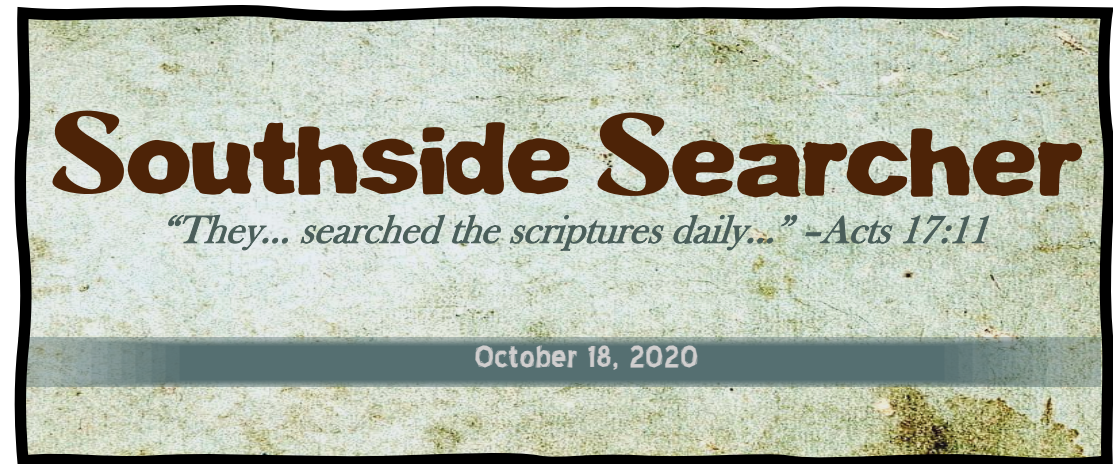


<p>DUTY LIST...</p> <p>SUNDAY MORNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Announcements.....Michael Pickford ➤ Scripture Reading...Mike Pickford Reading: Matthew 7:1-6 ➤ Song Leader.....Kenny Todd ➤ Opening Prayer.....Kenny Johnson ➤ Lord's Table: Lead.....Michael Pickford Serve.....Eli Todd Serve..... ➤ Closing Prayer.....Eli Todd <p>SUNDAY EVENING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Song Leader.....Eli Todd ➤ Opening Prayer....Mike Pickford ➤ Invitation.....Kenny Johnson ➤ Lord's Supper.....Mike P. / Eli T. ➤ Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd 	<p style="text-align: center;">God's Plan of Salvation</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Hear the Gospel</u>: Romans 10:17 ➤ <u>Believe</u>: Mark 16:16; John 8:24 ➤ <u>Repent of Sin</u>: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30 ➤ <u>Confess Faith</u>: Romans 10:9, 10 ➤ <u>Be Baptized</u>: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21 ➤ <u>Remain Faithful</u>: Rev. 2:10 <p style="text-align: center;">Obey Today!</p>
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False Labels

I ONCE READ A NEWS article about a grocery store that got into trouble for falsely labeling its ground beef. It seems they were labeling as lean the meat that was not so lean. I'm certain that some people can tell the difference by just looking at the meat; not me. But I can tell the difference when I get the meat into the frying pan. The lean beef doesn't shrink up nearly as much. Yes, the frying pan would certainly reveal to me that the label lied.

What about Christians? Are we wearing false labels? God particularly abhors hypocrisy. When Jesus walked the earth as a man, He often condemned the religious leaders of His day for being hypocrites. He said in Matthew 23:5, "*But all their works they do to be seen by men...*"

Are you living a life of hypocrisy? Are you professing to be a Christian while your true heart's desire is to impress those around you? You may fool some folks for now, but how will you hold up when trials and troubles come your way? Jesus spoke of those who received the seed on stony places. When the trials came because of the word, they dried right up (Matthew 13:20-21). The time will come when you will find yourself in the frying pan and if you are falsely labeled the heat will reveal your true character.

Get serious now about serving the Lord. Begin a spiritual exercise program with God's word and prayer. Lean yourself up!

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An Interview With The Lord

Interviews are powerful things. Journalists are anxious to land interviews with famous (and infamous) people, and audiences are anxious to watch such interviews. This is true because interviews give us a unique opportunity to “hear it from the horse’s mouth.” We hope to learn facts from the individual(s) themselves. We want to hear answers about their life, their teachings, their aspirations, their accomplishments, and their beliefs. And the answers we hear are more credulous and believable because we hear it straight from their lips even if we don’t always like the answers. Interviews are an opportunity to “set the record straight.”

What if you had the opportunity to interview Jesus? To sit across from Him and ask Him direct questions. To hear Him give straight answers to questions that many people in the religious world struggle with. Guess what? You can! Well, sort of. The truth is, Jesus has given us all the answers we need in the Bible, and He has made those answers clear and unmistakable if the heart of the hearer honestly wants to believe His answers.

Let’s take a few moments to interview the Lord. We’ll ask a few questions and let Him answer in his own words (word’s quoted directly from the Gospels). We can’t promise that you will like all the answers, but the answers will come directly from the mouth of Jesus nevertheless.

Question #1: Lord, what must a person do to be saved eternally?

Jesus: “He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.” – Mark 16:16

Question #2: Lord, what would you say about all the different denominations men have built?

Jesus: “Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.” -Matthew 15:13

Question #3: Lord, many people believe that once one becomes a Christian he can never so sin as to lose his salvation. Once he is saved, he is always saved. What do you think about that?

Jesus: “No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Question #4: Lord, many believe that a person doesn’t have to do anything to be saved. All they have to do is believe on you and call on you and that is it. What would you say to that?

Jesus: “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father in heaven.” – Matthew 7:21

Question #5: Lord, we know that sincerity in religion is essential. But many believe that sincerity is the only thing that really matters. If someone sincerely believes they are following God, their sincerity will save them regardless of what they believe or practice. Do you have any comments on that?

Jesus: “They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me.” – John 16:2-3

Question #6: Lord, many people believe it is acceptable to get a divorce for just any reason. This belief is even prevalent among those who claim to serve you. What do you have to say about that?

Jesus: “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together let not man separate.” -Matthew 19:5-6

Question #7: Lord, people are always predicting the day you will return. Is it possible for any man to know exactly when you will return?

Jesus: “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.” – Matthew 24:36

Question #8: Lord, many say it is always wrong to judge. Is this true?

Jesus: “Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.” -John 7:24

Question #9: Lord, what standard will I be judged by on the last day? Will I be judged by what I sincerely felt was right, or by my conscience, or by what the majority believed?

Jesus: “He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.” -John 12:48

-Michael Pickford