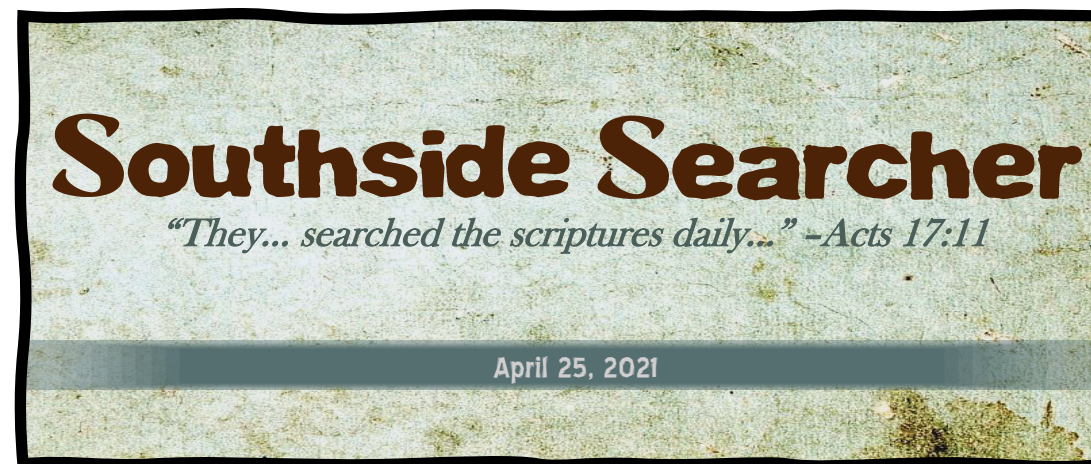


<p>DUTY LIST...</p> <p>SUNDAY MORNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Announcements.....Michael Pickford ➤ Scripture Reading...Kenny Todd Reading: TBA ➤ Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey ➤ Opening Prayer.....Robert Johnson ➤ Lord's Table: Lead.....Michael Pickford Serve.....Eli Todd Serve..... ➤ Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson <p>SUNDAY EVENING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Song Leader..... Jeff Isbell ➤ Opening Prayer.... Kenny Johnson ➤ Invitation..... Eli Todd ➤ 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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United In Error

THE PRACTICE OF “Unity in diversity” has been around for a long time. Many have convinced themselves and others that the most important thing to God is unity. Everything else takes a back seat. God certainly is concerned about unity. He desires for His people to be unified. But, there is something that trumps unity—truth!

God wants His people unified, but He wants them unified in truth. He does not want His truths to be compromised for the sake of unity. When religious error rears its ugly head, it can deceive people straight into hell’s flames. In reality, it is better to be divided by truth, than united in error. Listen to the word of God...

- ❖ “Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.”
– Romans 16:17-18.
- ❖ “Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.”
-2 John 1:9-11
- ❖ “But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us.”

-2 Thessalonians 3:6

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The Poor In Spirit

THE FIRST BEATITUDE STATES, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:3). Each beatitude has its own unique reward except for the first and last. This is a stylistic device known as an “Inclusion.” The idea is that each of the beatitudes is rewarded with, “The kingdom of heaven.”

The “poor in spirit” are not those who are financially bankrupt? Jesus was speaking of those who realize their true spiritual condition without God and Christ. He placed a blessing upon those who realize they are spiritually bankrupt!

The first beatitude requires one to realize the error of his ways. He must realize he is a sinner. He must be willing to swallow his pride and admit his need for forgiveness. Even religious people often fail to make this admission.

The Pharisee of Jesus’ parable had the gall to approach God as a braggart (Luke 18:9-14). He basically told God, “Aren’t you glad that such a wonderful, righteous person like me belongs to you?” His exact words were, “*God, I thank you that I am not like other men - extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.*” He then began to brag on himself, “*I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I possess.*” He had no clue what “poor in spirit” meant. He felt no need for the expressive love of God, or the cleansing blood of Christ.

On the other hand, the tax collector saw his sinful condition and realized he desperately needed forgiveness. He felt the weight of his sin so strongly that he was ashamed to even look up into heaven when he addressed the Creator of the universe. He perfectly illustrated to us what the Lord meant by “poor in spirit.” He, “*standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’*” He went down justified because he met the needs of the first beatitude.

When we sin, we need the humility to realize we have become spiritually bankrupt. We must realize our great need to beg God for His forgiveness. Be poor in spirit!

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Drinking

*“Do not look on the wine when it is red,
When it sparkles in the cup,
When it swirls around smoothly;
At the last it bites like a serpent,
And stings like a viper.”*
-Proverbs 23:31-32

*“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor **drunkards**, nor **revilers**, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.”*
-1 Corinthians 6:9-10

*“Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, **drunkenness**, **revelries**, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”*
-Galatians 5:19-21

“And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.”
-Ephesians 5:18-19

*“Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is a brawler,
And whoever is led astray by it is not wise.”*
-Proverbs 20:1

“Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.”
-1 Thessalonians 5:6-8

“For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries.”
-1 Peter 4:3