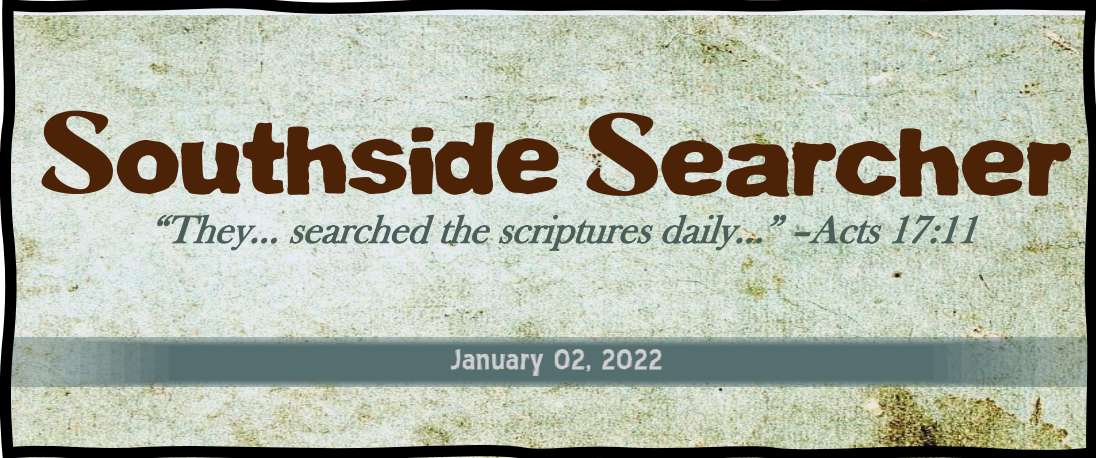


<p>DUTY LIST...</p> <p>SUNDAY MORNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Announcements.....Michael Pickford ➤ Scripture Reading...Michael Pickford Reading: TBA ➤ Song Leader.....Michael Pickford ➤ Opening Prayer.....TBA ➤ Lord's Table: Lead.....Michael Pickford Serve.....TBA ➤ Closing Prayer.....TBA <p>SUNDAY EVENING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Song Leader....Michael Pickford ➤ Opening Prayer...Michael Pickford ➤ Invitation: Michael P ➤ ➤ 3450ickford ➤ Lord's Table...M. Pickford/TBA ➤ Closing Prayer....TBA <p>WEDNESDAY EVENING</p>	<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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A Great Thinker

Many have stood out as great thinkers. Epicurus, Zeno, and Confucius are notable examples. But a child of God should be a great thinker.

The Holy Spirit through Paul told us how to be great thinkers. *“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things”* (Philippians 4:8-KJV). **“Think on these things.”**

It's great to be honored as a great thinker in philosophy, medicine, science, or mathematics. These fields of interest significantly impact our lives on this earth. But the things Paul told us to think on significantly impact our prospect of eternal life in heaven.

Consider the items on Paul's list. “True.” Rather than getting absorbed in a society obsessed with falsehoods, let's think and speak the truth. Let's be “Honest” and up front rather than sneaky and underhanded. We must be fair and “just” people, and “pure” while living among temptations to defile ourselves. Let's reflect on “lovely” things rather than worrying ourselves into a fit thinking about violence, disease, and tragedies. Concentrate on things of good report, not gossip and slander. Virtuous and praiseworthy things should occupy our thoughts. Think on **these** things! Be a great thinker!

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Adam

THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE began with one man – Adam. Let’s learn some important lessons from him.

Adam Was Created. The first man did not come along because of billions of years of evolution. God created him as a whole man. “*Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...’*” (Genesis 1:26). “*For in the image of God He made man*” (Genesis 8:6). Man was created in “*The image and glory of God*” (1 Corinthians 11:7) and “*In the similitude of God*” (James 3:9). “Similitude” means “Likeness.” If we were made in God’s likeness, we should certainly strive to be like Him. We should strive to avoid fleshly lusts and “*Be imitators of God as dear children*” (Ephesians 5:1-7).

Adam Was Cared For. God was concerned about Adam and cared for him in many ways. “*The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed*” (Genesis 2:8). The verses that follow explain the beautiful aspects of this garden, including the tree of life, and Adam was blessed with the privilege of tending it and living in and of it (Genesis 2:15). Spiritually, God “*Created*” us “*in Christ Jesus for good works*” (Ephesians 2:10). Adam was commanded to “*Be fruitful and multiply*” in order to “*Fill the earth*” (Genesis 2:28). We are commanded to preach the Gospel to “*Every Creature,*” “*To the end of the earth*” (Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8). If Adam did as he was told, he would enjoy life everlasting in the beautiful garden of paradise as he would have continuous access to the “*Tree of life*” (Genesis 2:9; 3:22). If we keep the Lord’s commandments, we are promised eternal life in heaven (Matthew 25:46; 1 Peter 1:3-5).

Adam Was Chastised. God commanded Adam not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:16). He specified the punishment – death (vs 17). Adam disobeyed and ate of that tree and as a result was expelled from beautiful Eden and denied access to the tree of life (Genesis 3:6, 22-24). Adam was blessed with more than he could ever dream of, yet he had to have the one thing that was off limits. God has blessed us richly in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). Let’s be satisfied with His blessings and avoid the forbidden fruit of sinful behavior. Let’s strive for our tree of life by faithfully keeping His commandments (Revelation 22:14).

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Attendance

“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

-Hebrews 10:24-25

*“I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go into the house of the Lord.”*
-Psalm 122:1

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”
-Matthew 6:33

“So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.”
-Luke 4:16

“Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.”
-Acts 11:25-26

“Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.”
-Acts 20:7