

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Michael Pickford
Reading: TBA
- Song Leader.....Eli Todd
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Todd
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Michael Pickford
Serve.....Eli Todd
- Closing Prayer.....Lynn Buttrey

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.... Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer...Michael Pickford
- Invitation: Kenny Johnson
- Closing Prayer: Jeff Isbell

WEDNESDAY EVENING

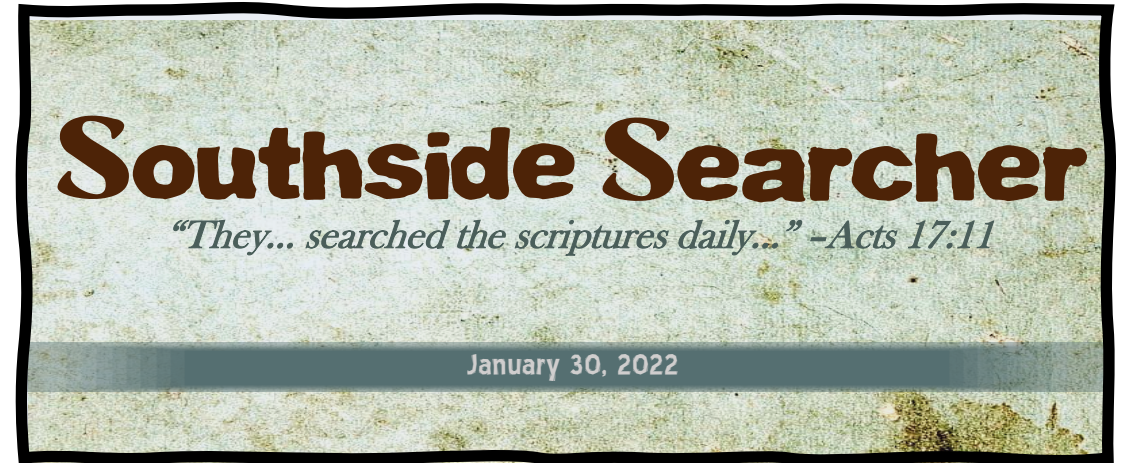
God's Plan of Salvation

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

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Sharpen Your Ax!

A MAN WOULD SAVE himself a lot of work and energy if he would take the time to sharpen his ax rather than trying to chop wood with a dull edge. The Bible says, *“If the ax is dull, and one does not sharpen the edge, then he must use more strength; but wisdom brings success”* (Ecclesiastes 10:10).

One may think he will finish quicker if he doesn't waste time by stopping and sharpening the ax. But by not doing so, it takes longer to cut the wood, and it takes more strength and energy. The passage tells us that the wise man will take the necessary time to sharpen the ax. Perhaps you have some dull axes in your life. If so, you will not find success in these areas. Perhaps you fail to take the time to sharpen your ax regarding biblical knowledge. As a result, you have little success teaching others the gospel. You probably have less success in overcoming temptation as well.

Maybe your faith blade is dull. You can sharpen it in many ways: Attending services (Hebrews 10:24-25), studying daily (Acts 17:11), encouraging others daily (Hebrews 3:13), praying without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17), visiting the sick, helping the needy, etc (Matthew 25:31-46).

If you want true spiritual success, be wise, sharpen your ax!

-Michael Pickford
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“Seemeth It But A Small Thing...”

Take your Bible and read Numbers 16. Moses asked Korah, who led a rebellion against Moses and Aaron, “*Seemeth it but a small thing...?*” (v. 9). Korah and his men were not content with God’s size. Let’s take this phrase and make application.

FOR ELDERS TO OVERSEE THE FLOCK AMONG THEM? God has limited the oversight of elders. Peter exhorted elders, “*Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof...*” (1 Pet. 5:1-2). To some elders this is too small. There are elders today who seek to oversee work beyond “...*the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers...*” (Acts 20:28). Elders must be content with God’s size.

FOR DEACONS TO SERVE THE CHURCH? God has arranged for men to serve the church as deacons (1 Tim. 3:8-13). A deacon is a servant. Deacons serve the local church under the elders and assist them in their work. But, for some deacons this seems like a small thing. Some try to take over the eldership and do the work of the elders. Deacons must be content with God’s size.

FOR PREACHERS TO PREACH THE WORD? God has charged preachers with the responsibility of preaching the word (2 Tim. 4:2). This is a sacred charge! Yet, some preachers think this is small. Some seek more authority than God has given them. Many preach everything but the word. Preachers must be content with God’s size.

FOR THE CHURCH TO CARE FOR ITS NEEDY? The work of the church involves the work of benevolence. This work is very limited in the Bible. Benevolence is limited to needy, worthy saints (Acts 2:44-45; 11:27-30; Rom. 15:25-26). To some this may seem too small. Some churches have turned to unlimited benevolence. Helping everybody in this way is not the business of the church. The church must be content with God’s size.

FOR THE CHURCH TO WORSHIP AS CHRIST DIRECTS? Since Christ is the head of the church (Eph. 1:21-23), we must worship as He directs. Christ has directed that we teach (Acts 20:7), pray (Acts 12:5), sing (Eph. 5:19), observe the Lord’s supper (1 Cor. 11:23-29), and give (1 Cor. 16:1-2). To some this seems like a small thing. Today, many folks want to add things they like and want to worship. We must be content with God’s size.

FOR THE LORD TO SAVE ONLY THOSE WHO OBEY HIM? The Lord is “...*the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him*” (Heb. 5:9). To some this seems too small. Many think God is too good and loving to send anyone to torment, and believe in a universal salvation. I must be content with God's size and be obedient that I might be saved! The rebellion of Korah was not a small thing. The earth opened her mouth and swallowed them up (Num. 16:32-33). Whenever we go beyond the authority of Christ, “*Ye take too much upon you...*” (Num. 16:3).

-John Edwards

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Temptation

“Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.”

-James 1:13-15

“Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.”

-Luke 4:13

“And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one.”

-Matthew 6:13

“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

-1 Corinthians 10:13

“For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor might be in vain.”

-1 Thessalonians 3:5

“But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.”

-1 Timothy 6:9

“Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

-Matthew 26:41

“Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.”

-Galatians 6:1

“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

-Hebrews 4:15

“Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”

-Ephesians 6:13

“For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.”

-Hebrews 2:18