

## INOCULATE THEM!

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Parents inoculate their children for immunity against potentially fatal diseases. What parent would consider shirking this responsibility? Would you say you were just too busy to do so? Probably not. But there is a disease far deadlier than any physical ailment.

Physical ailments harm and destroy the body while spiritual disease (sin) destroys the soul (Rom. 6:23). Are you inoculating your children? Physical inoculations involve an injection with a mild form of the disease so children can build up immunity to the disease. We inoculate them spiritually by bringing them up in the training and admonition of the Lord so they will be resilient

against temptation (Eph. 6:4). Are you praying with them and reading the Bible to them? Are you providing the proper example to follow? Physical inoculations generally need to be given very early in life in order to be effective. Spiritual inoculations must also begin early in order to be most effective. *“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it”* (Proverbs 22:6).

Physical inoculations often need subsequent boosters; spiritual inoculations include daily shots of God’s word. While your child’s physical health is important his spiritual health is essential! Inoculate them! 

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don’t hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God’s word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; 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

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

- [www.defendthegospel.com](http://www.defendthegospel.com)
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Men’s Training Class, 3:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men’s Business Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evenings following services.



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

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## THE PREMINENCE OF CHRIST

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Regardless of whether or not I recognize and respect it, Christ is the King of kings and Lord of Lords. He is preeminent (Matthew 28:18, Colossians 1:18). As far as My respecting His preeminence, Christ...

**Desires It.** It is the desire of Christ that I recognize Him to be the Preeminent One. He desires that I display my respect for it in many ways.

For example, He attached the statement about all authority being given to Him with going and making disciples of all the nations with the word *“Therefore.”* He is preeminent, therefore...! (Matthew 28:18-19). It is His desire that every knee should bow since His name is above every name... (Philippians 2:9-10; Ephesians 1:21). He desires our obedience (John 14:21).

**Deserves It.** Many men have desired to be respected as preeminent but it is only Christ Who deserves it. Paul said His name is preeminent because He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death on the cross and the Father subsequently gave Him the name which is above every name (Philippians 2:8-10).

For this reason every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to God’s glory (Philippians 2:11). If not

for the sacrifice of the Lord we would still be lost in our sins, groping around in darkness, tortured by guilt ridden consciences and without hope in the world or beyond (Matthew 11:28-30; Ephesians 2:12-13).

**Demands It.** As far as my recognizing and respecting Christ’s preeminence, Christ desires it, deserves it, and demands it! We must *“Seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God”* (Colossians 3:1). As Christians, we are to *“Serve the Lord Christ”* (Colossians 3:24). It is Jesus Who *“delivers us from the wrath to come”* (1 Thessalonians 1:10). Do I recognize His preeminence when I allow certain things of this world to distract me from my devoted service to Him? It could be things that are not inherently evil, but I have allowed them to interfere. Jesus isn’t a puppet toy that we can remove Him from and replace Him on His throne as we please. Do we teach our children the right lesson when we allow the Lord to be placed second to important activities and events in their lives?

Jesus died on the cross and God sat Him on His throne so *“That in all things He may have the Preeminence”* (Colossians 1:18). 

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# BETTER THAN GOLD

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Gold is precious and valuable. Can you think of anything better than gold? The Bible says that...

God's word is better than gold. "The law of Your mouth is better to me Than thousands of coins of gold and silver" (Psalm 119:72). God's word is supremely valuable; it's priceless! Through it God reveals Himself to man and reveals to man how we are to serve Him. Our law for today is the perfect law of liberty, the doctrine of Christ (James 1:25; 2 John 9). Have you obeyed the Gospel? (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

Wisdom is better than gold. "For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold" (Proverbs 3:14; see also Proverbs 16:16). It's one thing to possess great knowledge, but it's another thing to apply that knowledge properly; this is wisdom. Pray to God for strength to study His word daily (Acts 17:11) and for wisdom to apply your knowledge of His word in your life (James 1:5).

A good name is better than gold. "A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold" (Proverbs 22:1; see also Proverbs 27:21). Many are wealthy but don't have a good reputation; but your reputation is better than gold. It's important to have a good reputation in the church and in the world (1 Peter 2:12). If folks know we are members of the church and they see us doing ungodly things, this blasphemes God and His doctrine (1 Timothy 6:1). Our lives should adorn the doctrine of Christ (Titus 2:10).

Good health is better than gold. Peter said to the lame man "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk" (Acts 3:6). Surely this man was more thrilled to receive the use of his legs than he would have been if Peter had handed him some gold. Good health is valuable, just ask anyone who is chronically or terminally ill. Health is a Bible subject and I should strive to protect mine remembering that my body is not my own but is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). John prayed that saints "may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers" (3 John 2).

Above all, the blood of Christ is better than gold. "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:" (1 Peter 1:18-19). The blood of Christ that purchased the church (Acts 20:28). The blood of Christ that redeemed us from our sins (Ephesians 1:7; Revelation 1:5; Acts 22:16). What can be of more value to us than that our souls are redeemed from hell and saved in heaven? (Matthew 10:28). Remember, "Riches do not profit in the day of wrath" (Proverbs 11:4).

Money is necessary for survival in this life, but numerous things are of far greater value than silver and gold. Let's heed the lesson! 🔍

## SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

STUDY DAILY!  
Acts 17:11

### David: Enduring A Broken Heart

Introduction:

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II. \_\_\_\_\_

III. \_\_\_\_\_

#### DUTY LIST...

##### SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Kenny Johnson  
Reading: Psalm 51:14-17
- Song Leader.....Robert Johnson
- Opening Prayer.....Ben Green
- Lord's Table:  
Lead.....Tony Jenkins  
Serve.....John Nelson  
Serve.....Ben Reagh
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd

##### SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord's Table.....Kenny Todd

##### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Invitation.....Kenny Todd

#### 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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