

DAY BY DAY

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“Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day” (2 Corinthians 4:16). Who are these two men? The outward man is simply the dwelling place of the inward man; it’s our body! The body breaks down; hair turns gray or turns loose, skin wrinkles, bones become brittle, teeth decay, etc. With every passing day this outward man is perishing. Everybody knows this. But the Christian also knows that while the outward man perishes, the inward man is growing stronger. While the outward man is decaying day by day, the inward man is becoming wiser, more skillful, and more useful in the kingdom of God. At least this is how it should be. We put in a lot of time, effort, and money to preserve that which we know is perishing. What about the inward man? Are we willing to invest time to study, pray and teach? Are we willing to invest money to buy bible dictionaries, commentaries, maps, etc so that we may embellish that which is to last forever - the inward man? Paul said the outward man perishes while the inward man is renewed day by day; let’s not get this backwards. Let’s feed and nourish the inward man so that when judgment day comes we might receive our crown of life. 🔍

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



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



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

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WHEN ONE OBEYS THE GOSPEL

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When one obeys the Gospel, he becomes a child of God and the Lord adds him to His church (Gal. 3:26-27; Acts 2:47). When one obeys, Note the ...

Call That is Believed. God does not call us with some tragic accident, etc. These may give us incentive to respond to the Gospel, but God calls us with the Gospel. “To which He called you by our Gospel...” (2 Thessalonians 2:14). Faith comes by hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17). This is why the Lord commanded that the Gospel be preached to the whole world (To every creature, all nations) (Matt 28:16-20; Mark 16:15). Note next the...

Cleansing that is Received. Jesus calls people to obedience in order to wash away their sins. Sin separates one from God (Isaiah 59:1-2), thus causing spiritual death (Romans 6:23). When one obeys the Gospel, his sins are cleansed, remitted, forgiven, wiped out of existence! Our sins are washed away by the blood of Jesus. Jesus “Washed us from our sins in His own blood” (Revelation 1:5). He redeemed us from our sins with his blood (Ephesians 1:7). But the Bible also affirms that baptism washes away sins, “Why are you waiting? Arise and

be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16). So is it the blood of Christ or baptism? It’s the blood of Christ! Baptism is said to wash away sins because it is at the point of baptism when Christ’s blood connects with our sins. We were baptized into Christ’s death (Romans 6:3). What did Christ do at death? He shed His blood! So to be baptized into His death is to be baptized into His blood and our sins are cleansed.

Creature that is Conceived. “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation...” (2 Corinthians 5:17). When we obey the Gospel, we are born again (John 3:3-6); spiritually conceived. We no longer live like the old dead man who served Satan and was a slave to sin (Romans 6:17); but as one who rises up to a newness of life, to deny sin and live as slaves of righteousness (Romans 6:4, 18). Paul often exhorts those who have obeyed the Gospel to crucify the old man with his deeds. These deeds include lewdness, uncleanness, greed, deceitful lusts, lying, stealing, fornication, evil desire, covetousness, anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language, etc. (Ephesians 4:17-29; Colossians 3:5-10). We must put on the new man (Ephesians 4:22, 24). 🔍

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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!

WITCHCRAFT

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BLASPHEMY

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We must be careful regarding the sin of witchcraft. *“Rebellion is as the sin of Witchcraft”* (Isaiah 15:23). Witchcraft is a sin! Witchcraft has always been evil in the sight of God. *“And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger”* (2 Chronicles 33:6). Witchcraft is also listed among the works of the flesh in Galatians 5:20.

Witchcraft has taken many forms; today, we need to beware of fortune tellers, séances, witch boards (Ouija boards), Horoscopes, etc.

Another form of witchcraft includes the many superstitions we sometimes unwittingly involve ourselves in. Some examples would include placing a four leaf clover in the Bible, hanging a horseshoe over the door and rubbing a rabbit’s foot, etc. Negatively, walking under a ladder, having a black cat cross our path, and breaking a mirror, etc. are all supposed to bring us bad omens.

If rubbing a rabbit’s foot brings good luck, what is the driving supernatural force behind this “Good luck?” Is it God? No! The Bible nowhere tells us that rubbing a rabbit’s will result in God’s blessings; one must believe there is another supernatural force besides God when rubbing the rabbit’s foot. Is this not idolatry?

Let’s rely on God as the source of all blessings (James 1:17) and beware of any form of witchcraft! ☞

God has always expected people to hold His Name in High reverence. *“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain”* (Exodus 20:7).

Among other things, we must put blasphemy out of our mouths (Colossians 3:8). This would include not only the name of God the Father, but also the name of Christ and the Holy Spirit Who are part of the Three Personalities that make up the one true God. (John 1:1-2; Acts 5:3-4)

Now we all realize the many ways in which God’s name can be taken in vain. We are familiar with certain exclamations that make us tremble to hear; other exclamations aren’t as obvious (Euphemisms). To use a euphemism is to use a word or phrase that is not as strong instead of using the stronger, clearer word or phrase. A common euphemism is “Passed away” instead of “Died.”

Some euphemisms refer to the name of God. Someone may say “O my goodness.” “Goodness” in this phrase stands for the name of God. A common exclamation among young people on the internet is the initials “OMG” which stand for “O my God” or “O my goodness.” God’s name is *“Holy and reverend”* (Psalm 111:9) and we’d better be very careful of any word or phrase that makes His name common. And let’s stop entertaining ourselves with music, TV shows and movies, etc. in which entertainers use God’s name in vain (Romans 1:32). Beware of blasphemy! ☞

SERMON NOTES

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

STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11

Bible Fools

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Sam Miller
Reading: Romans 1:18-22
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Todd
- Lord’s Table:
Lead.....Lynn Buttrey
Serve.....Tony Jenkins
Serve.....Frank Anderson
- Closing Prayer.....Ben Reagh

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Lord’s Table.....Lynn Buttrey

WEDNESDAY EVENING

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

*Home Bible Studies
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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

Obey Today!