

## I'LL BE WITH YOU

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Sally's heart was gripped with fear. It was her first day of high school. She would be on unfamiliar grounds. "What if I can't find my homeroom or my classrooms?" "What if other students mock me?" Questions like these tormented her. Then her older sister, remembering when she went through it, said to her, "Don't worry, I'll be with you." Sally's fears were eased.

Isn't this true with all of us? Think back to your first day at school, at college, in another town, or on a new job. We fear the unknown in relation to these things, and we're comforted if someone is there saying, "I'll be with you."

What about death? This is one time you can't take anyone with you; and maybe this is one aspect of death that causes us to fear it as we do: Passing through that veil, feeling the cold, clammy hand of the dreaded reaper. "What's on the other side? What do I do? O how I wish someone could go with me!" Then, softly and tenderly, (if you're a Christian) it's as if Jesus says, "I'll be with you." It's true! Those who die in Christ, "*sleep in Jesus*" (1 Thessalonians 4:14). When Jesus died He removed the sting of death. He gives us victory over the grave and replaces the unknown with the promise of heaven (John 14:2-4). 🔍

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



- [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, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evenings following services.

## 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!**



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

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## THREE CRUCIFIXIONS

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*"Two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left"* (Matthew 27:38). But this isn't what I had in mind for this article. The Bible speaks of the...

Crucifixion of The Savior. *"And led Him away to be crucified."* (Matthew 27:31). Jesus died for the sins of the world (1 John 2:1-2). He died in order to make salvation available to all men (1 Timothy 4:10). In fact, while He never sinned Himself, he became sin for us (2 Corinthians 5:21; Isaiah 53:6). He took our sins upon Himself, paying our penalty. *"He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities"* (Isaiah 53:5). When Moses lifted up that serpent in the wilderness, he offered an opportunity for healing to those who had been bitten by the deadly snakes.

But one bitten had to do something to receive the healing – he had to look at the serpent! Just believing the serpent was real wasn't enough. Even so, Jesus was lifted up on the cross to offer to us salvation from our sins (John 3:14); but we must do something to receive salvation – *"Obey Him"* (Hebrews 5:8-9). Just believing in Him isn't enough. *"Even the demons believe - and tremble"* (James 2:19)!

Crucifixion of The Sinner. *"Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sins"* (Romans 6:6). The old man was crucified when we were baptized into Christ (Romans 6:1-5). We must then live as if he is dead! This is Paul's point in Romans 6:1-14 ff. Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies! (Romans 6:12). Stop dressing like the world, talking like the world, speaking like the world, living like the world! That's what the old man did, but he's supposed to be crucified! It would do us all good to often review the many passages which describe the character of the old man verses the new (Romans 6:6-14; Ephesians 4:17-32; Colossians 3:1-17; etc.)

Crucifixion of The Saint. As a saint, Paul said *"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me..."* (Galatians 2:20). My desires, my whims, my goals, my fears, my worries...they have all been put to death! O how we need to realize that Christ demands complete devotion, not half-hearted dallying. We must stop aiming one eye at the world and the other at Jesus. He wants us fully and exclusively focused on Him. 🔍

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# GOSPEL MEETING THEME AND TOPICS

Eric Reynolds

The Cross of Christ		
	Sermon Title	Theme
Class	Forsaken on the Cross?	Jesus' question in light of Psalm 22
Sun. AM	A Body You Prepared for Me	The physical effects of trial & crucifixion
Sun. PM	Sorrowful Unto Death	The emotions of the cross
Mon.	The Suffering Servant	Isaiah 53, the cross in prophecy
Tue.	The New and Living Way	Access to God through the cross
Wed.	By the Grace of God	Standing in grace, falling from grace, working by grace
Thur.	A Legacy of Love	Brotherly love in heart and deed
Fri.	Victory in Jesus	The glory of the cross

OUR  
**Gospel Meeting**  
 WITH ERIC REYNOLDS  
 JUNE 10-15  
 SUNDAY: 9 & 10 AM, 6 PM  
 MONDAY – FRIDAY: 7 PM  
 EVERYONE INVITED!



## SERMON NOTES

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

**STUDY DAILY!**  
Acts 17:11

### A Body You Prepared For Me

Introduction: The physical effects of trial & crucifixion

#### **DUTY LIST...**

##### **SUNDAY MORNING**

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Robert Johnson  
Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Todd
- Lord's Table:  
Lead.....John Neson  
Serve.....Justin Prangel  
Serve.....Chris Meade
- Closing Prayer.....Tony Jenkins

##### **SUNDAY EVENING**

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord's Table.....John Nelson

##### **MONDAY – FRIDAY SONG LEADERS**

- Monday.....Robert Johnson
- Tuesday.....Ben Reagh
- Wednesday.....Kenny Todd
- Thursday.....Michael Pickford
- Friday.....Ben Green

##### **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!**