

## LAST WORDS

Michael Pickford

There are a few websites that give long lists of the last words of many famous people. This reflects the fact that we tend to place a great emphasis on the last words someone speaks, especially a friend or loved one. Often, when people speak their last words, they speak about what is of the upmost importance to them.

What will your last words be? I find it interesting that in the Bible we have the last words of some great men recorded. Most importantly, the last words of the Lord.

We have several sayings of the Lord as He hung on the cross, but what were really the last words He spoke on this

earth? Well, we don't have to guess, the Bible tells us.

Just before He ascended into heaven, Jesus spoke His last words which no doubt expressed what was most important to Him. He said, "*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age*" (Matthew 28:19-20).

So the most important thing to Jesus is for men to hear the Gospel! How important is it to you for your friends, neighbors, etc to hear the Gospel? 🔍

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!**



## SOUTHSIDE SEARCHER

Southside church of Christ, 1167 South Lowry  
Smyrna, TN 37167, Phone (615) 459-7854

"They...searched the scriptures daily..." -Acts 17:11

Volume 8, Number 31

July 29, 2012

## DEVIL'S CHILD

Michael Pickford

One can chose to be a child of God or a child of the devil (1 john 3:10). While on earth, Jesus confronted some who had chosen to make the devil their father. Many today are choosing to follow the devil instead of God. From the Bible, we learn that a child of the devil follows a...

**Confirmed Liar.** The bible speaks of "The great dragon," "that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world" (Revelation 12:9). So the devil is a deceiver. Jesus said that he is the father of lies (John 8:44). His words are deceptive. Whenever Satan is quoted as speaking in the Bible, it was always a lie! Or else he was using the truth in order to tempt, which is a misuse of truth, therefore a lie in itself. His own words confirm he is a liar! He lied to Eve in the garden when he told her she wouldn't die if she ate the forbidden fruit (Genesis 3:4-5). He tried to lie to Jesus in the wilderness (Matthew 4:5-6). He makes himself appear as an angel of light in order to deceive folks with religious error (2 Corinthians 11:13-15).

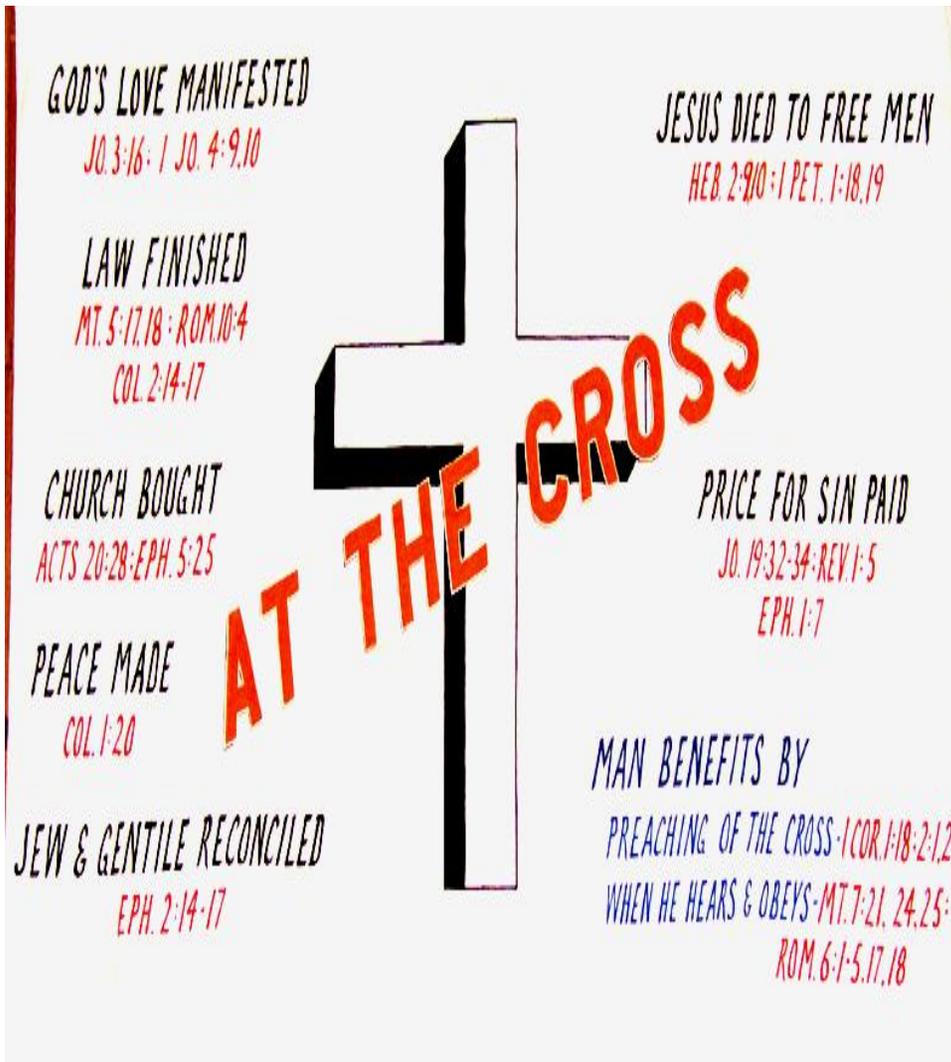
**Calloused Leader.** Not only is the devil a confirmed liar, he is a calloused leader. In Everything we read about

Satan we can find nothing about guilt; no regret, no second thoughts, no hint of remorse, nor the slightest scent of repentance. Matthew calls him "The tempter" (Matthew 4:3). Callousness brings moral defilement (Titus 1:15). Those who choose to follow the devil seem to be able to lie without blinking an eye. They can commit adultery or fornication with pride. I guarantee you it wasn't quite so easy the first time, but it got easier the more it was done. They became callous, just like their father the devil.

**Condemned Loser.** Satan is a loser! The devil has already been defeated. Someone once said that Satan is a decided fact, a destructive force, and a defeated foe! No one wants to join a team that is certain to lose. We want to be winners! We want to follow a winner. If you join his team, you'll enjoy the game, but you will not relish the victory because you are set to lose and the lake of fire is the prize. Matthew 25:41 says, "*Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'*" Satan rules a doomed domain, and sails a sinking ship; why follow a loser? 🔍

Evangelist & Editor: Michael Pickford, 615-471-1612, [mpickford3@comcast.net](mailto:mpickford3@comcast.net)

[www.defendthegospel.com](http://www.defendthegospel.com)



Steve Hudgins via <http://executableoutlines.com/charts/>

## SERMON NOTES

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

**STUDY  
DAILY!**  
Acts  
17:11

### Religious Doctrine

Introduction:

I. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

#### DUTY LIST...

##### SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Bible Reading by.....Frank Anderson  
Reading: Titus 1:10-13
- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Johnson
- Lord's Table:  
Lead.....Ben Green  
Serve.....Kenny Todd  
Serve.....Michael Pickford
- Closing Prayer.....Robert Johnson

##### SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Lord's Table.....Ben Green

##### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Robert Johnson
- Invitation.....Michael Pickford

*Home Bible Studies  
Available Upon Request!*

##### 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!***