

HOLDING FORTH THE WORD OF LIFE...

THE WORD OF LIFE
 WORDS JESUS HAS - JO. 6:68,63
 TRUTH - JO. 17:17
 TRUTH FREES - JO. 8:32
 CLEANSSES - JO. 15:3
 SAVES - ROM. 1:16; ACTS 11:12-14:13-26
 ETERNAL - MT. 24:35
 JUDGES - JO. 12:48

PHIL. 2:14-16

HOLD FORTH BY DOING
 JESUS SET EXAMPLE - ACTS 1:1
 LIVE BY WORD - LK. 4:4
 KEEP WORD - LK. 11:28
 BE DOERS OF WORD - JS. 1:22-25
 BE EXAMPLE - 1 TIM. 4:12
 LIVE BECOMING GOSPEL - PHIL. 1:27

HOLD FORTH BY TEACHING
 STUDY - 2 TIM. 2:15
 FAITHFUL TEACH - 2 TIM. 2:1,2
 PREACH - 2 TIM. 4:2
 CONTEND FOR - JUDE 3; PHIL. 1:17

ENTRUSTED TO CHRISTIANS
 FIRST TO APOSTLES - MK. 16:15; 2 COR. 5:18,19; TIT. 1:3
 FAITHFUL MEN - 2 TIM. 2:2
 EARTHEN VESSELS - 2 COR. 4:7
 PILLAR & GROUND OF TRUTH - 1 TIM. 3:15
 HOLD FAST - 2 TIM. 1:13

SOME MAKE OF NONE EFFECT - MK. 7:9-13
SOME PERVERT - GAL. 1:6-9
SOME SPEAK EVIL OF TRUTH - 2 PET. 2:1-3

Steve Hudgins, Via. <http://executableoutlines.com/charts>

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.
- Children's Class: Every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 5:30 pm
- 5th Sunday Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st 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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BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS

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Christians are under the law of Christ (1 Corinthians 9:21). One of the ways we "Fulfill the law of Christ" is through bearing the burdens of our brethren (Galatians 6:2). Here are some areas in which we can bear one another's burdens...

In Relation To Faults. Galatians 6:1 exhorts us to help a brother who has been overtaken in a "Fault" (KJV). Newer translations use words such as "trespass," and "Sin." This is what the word means in the original language. With gentleness, we are to help guide the man back into a strong relationship with the Lord (James 5:19-20). If he refuses to repent, we must be more bold and sharp (Titus 1:13), but at the outset, we must be gentle, patient, and understanding. When they repent, we must forgive them and restore our love to them, lest we push them farther away from the Lord (2 Corinthians 2:6-11). We must realize that we too are fighting this battle, and we too are subject to giving in to temptation, so in dealing with a brother in sin, we must consider ourselves lest we also be tempted.

In Relation To Finances. Saints are to do honest work so that they can support themselves and their families

(2 Thessalonians 3:10), and have something to give to the Lord (1 Corinthians 16:1-4). But Paul gives a third reason for honest labor, "...but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need" (Ephesians 4:28). Sometimes good, honest, and hard working brethren fall on hard times due to failed health, sudden loss of job, poor economy, sudden and unexpected medical bills, tragedy, et al. We must come to the aid of these brethren both on an individual and congregational basis (Galatians 6:10; Acts 11:27-30).

In Relation To Frailties. Some get sick and we should do what we can to assist and strengthen them (Matthew 25:36, 43). Some are bereaved and emotionally frail. They need us to comfort and exhort them, and to weep with them (Romans 12:15). Others meet with unexpected tragedies and need our encouragement. We should seek to avoid excessive and unnecessary words. And this isn't the time for criticism, it's a time to "Comfort the fainthearted" (1 Thessalonians 5:14). Remember, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver" (Proverbs 25:11). ☺

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ARE WE WITNESSES?

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It is still very popular among denominations to say things like, "We're going out to witness to folks," "We are witnesses for Christ," or, "Let me witness to you." It is important for us to use Bible words in Bible ways (1 Peter 4:11). So what does the Bible say? Are we witnesses for Christ?

The answer is no. I can find nothing in scripture to suggest that we are witnesses in any way. The concept of being a witness is a very present and important one in scripture. In fact, in order to serve as an apostle it was necessary for one to be a "Witness...of His resurrection" (Acts 1:22). Jesus had told His apostles that they were to be His witnesses (Acts 1:8). Throughout the book of Acts we encounter the words "Witness" and "Witnesses" many times, always in relation to one who had physically seen the Lord Jesus after He had been resurrected (Acts 2:32; 3:15; 4:33; 5:32). Does this include me? No. Does

this include you? No. We are not witnesses for Christ and we don't go witnessing for Christ. We did not witness the Lord alive after his resurrection. In fact, Paul made it clear that he had become a witness in a unique way for a unique purpose, and that he was the "Last of all" to witness the Lord (Acts 26:16-18; 1 Corinthians 15:4-8; Acts 22:15).

After showing Thomas His pierced hands and side, Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed" (John 20:29). All Christians today would be part of those in that last statement – those who have not seen.

We can and must preach and teach and share the Gospel with our friends, neighbors, co-workers, family et al., but it is not scripturally accurate to speak of "Witnessing" to them, nor is it scripturally accurate to maintain that we are "Witnesses for Christ." 🔍

SERMON NOTES

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

STUDY DAILY!
Acts 17:11

Leaving The Lord, Why?

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

"Run with endurance"

Hebrews 12:1

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE FOR OUTSIDE SIGN
(Thanks to anyone who can stay after services tonight and help change the sign.)

BOTH SIDES:

JOIN THE CHURCH OF GOD'S CHOICE
SEE ROMANS 16:16



DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Bible Reading by.....Robert Johnson
Reading: Mark 1:23-28
- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Opening Prayer.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....John Nelson
Serve.....Michael Pickford
Serve.....Lynn Buttrey
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Lord's Table.....John Nelson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Robert Johnson
- Invitation.....Ben Green

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!