

CONTRASTS IN ETERNITY

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It's interesting the number of times the two destinations in eternity are contrasted in the Bible. Take out your Bible and read these popular ones...

Matthew 25:46. The contrast is between those who help others and those who neglect to help others. In the Greek, the same word is used for "Everlasting" and "Eternal." Both hell and heaven will go on without end.

Matthew 7:13-14. The contrast here is the difficult way to life with the easy road to hell. Don't let anyone fool you into thinking it's easy to go to heaven. One must work hard and sacrifice much to enter life. Sadly, few will accomplish this.

John 5:28-29. The contrast here is between those who have done good and those who have done evil. Which are you? The "Resurrection of life" stands for eternal life in heaven for the obedient (Hebrews 5:8-9) while the "Resurrection of condemnation" speaks of eternal punishment for the disobedient (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

Romans 2:6-9. "Eternal life" is contrasted with "Indignation, wrath, tribulation, and anguish." How beautiful heaven must be, but how horrible hell will be. Verse 8 tells us that hell awaits those who "Do not obey the truth." Based on these passages, which part of eternity will be yours? 🔍

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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- 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, 4:30 pm. 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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THE LORD'S SUPPER

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The disciples in the New testament were in the practice of gathering together upon the first day of the week to observe the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7). As we observe each week, let's be mindful of three key points....

REMEMBRANCE. "This do in remembrance of Me" is etched into the wood of many Tables across the world in local churches. They were in fact the very words of the Lord as He was instituting the supper (Luke 22:19). Paul reminded the church at Corinth of the true purpose of the Supper, "Proclaim the Lord's death till He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:26). There are many things told about the Lord in the Gospels, all worthy of regular reflection; but the Lord's supper is the time to reflect upon His death, that great sacrifice of love upon Calvary's cross for our sins.

RESPECT. IN 1 Corinthians 11:17-24, Paul was chastising the church there for being disrespectful to the true purpose of the Lord's supper. They had distorted it into a common meal, and were reminded that its purpose was not to fulfill the body's need for energy and nutrition. If they were physically hungry, they were to fulfill this need outside of the assembly. "But if anyone

is hungry, let him eat at home" (Verse 34; see also verse 22). Many man-made churches today have made the same mistake, and there are stories of churches eating cake and ice cream, etc during the Lord's supper. Paul reminded them of the two exclusive elements to be served - The unleavened bread represents Christ's body, sacrificed in death, and the fruit of the vine represented His innocent blood, shed of the sins of the world (Verses 23-25). We can also disrespect the supper by not examining ourselves, that is, disciplining our minds to stay focused upon His death (Verse 27-29). We can be distracted and disrespectful by spying on others, writing notes, texting, whispering, chewing gum, etc. We must stay focused! To help do this, read a hymn or poem that describes His sacrifice, or read one of the Gospel accounts that describe His suffering.

REACTIONS. Observing the Supper each Sunday helps strengthen us for the week to come. Our reactions will be guided more towards sacrificing ourselves for Him in return (Galatians 2:20; Romans 12:1-2). It will also help us react better to others in sacrificing our time and means to bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:1-4). 🔍

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THREE KINDS OF CHRISTIANS

Greg Gwin

There are three kinds of Christians in any local congregation. Which kind are you?

1) There are those Christians you can always count on. When there is work to be done, when a volunteer is needed, when a need must be met, you can depend on these folks to step forward. They carry their own weight, and they help others carry theirs, too (Gal. 6:2, 5). There is never a doubt about their commitment or dedication. Their obvious zeal serves as a positive source of encouragement to others. You just never are left to wonder where they stand -- because they demonstrate their faith in every way. These Christians serve as the "core" of any faithful congregation. Without them, important work would never get done -- crucial matters would be left unattended -- the church simply would not do well. Thank God for all such brethren. May their tribe increase!

2) There are some other Christians in the church that are absolutely "out of it." They have little if any connection to the real work of the local congregation. They never are around if there is work to be done, and they simply DO NOT volunteer to help with the on-going efforts of the group. It is even impossible to count on these folks to attend the services regularly. Almost anything can serve as an excuse for them to miss the assemblies. And, if they don't even assemble faithfully, we wonder if they are really doing anything in service to the Lord.

3) There is yet another group that is in evidence in the local church. These are the ones who are "riding the fence." They want to give the impression that they are faithful and involved, but in reality their lives are full of compromise. They vocally claim allegiance to Christ, but they can't be counted on to consistently put the kingdom first.

Our Lord described these three kinds of Christians as "hot," "cold," and "lukewarm" (Rev. 3:15, 16). Which term describes YOU?

*"It is more blessed
to give
than to receive"*

-Acts 20:35

SERMON NOTES

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

**STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11**

Not Good

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Bible Reading by.....Robert Johnson
Reading: 1 Timothy 5:19-25
- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Opening Prayer.....Sam Miller
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....John Nelson
Serve.....Michael Pickford
Serve.....Lynn Buttrey
- Closing Prayer.....Tony Jenkins

SUNDAY EVENING

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING

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

**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!