

TESTS

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Someone once said that the difference between school and life is that in school you are taught a lesson, and then given a test; in life you are given a test which teaches a lesson. The Bible is clear about the reality of both temptations and tests.

First of all, we are tested so that we might be strengthened. God never tempts us to do evil, but He certainly allows us to pass through difficult circumstances in order to make us grow. Satan tempts us to make us stumble, but God tests us to make us stronger (James 1:12-15). The testing of our faith produces endurance (Perseverance, James 1:3; Romans 5:3).

The tests we face in life not only produce strength, but also skill. Each time we pass through a trial, we can learn better how to handle similar trials in the future. This builds our spiritual character (Romans 5:3). This is one reason why we can view trials as a blessing (1 Peter 1:6-7).

The tests we face produce strength, skill, and ultimately salvation. "Receiving the end of your faith – the salvation of your souls" (1 Peter 1:9). The reward of the man who endures is the crown of life (James 1:12). As we pass through life's tests, we remained focused on that hope which does not disappoint (Romans 5:4-5). 🔍

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



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!

- www.defendthegospel.com
- 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, 4:30 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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GOSPEL MEETINGS (2)

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A Gospel Meeting is a special series of lessons hosted by a local church in a particular area. Generally, a visiting preacher from out of town does the preaching. Sometimes the preaching is done by several different preachers. Many formats are chosen by different churches to use to conduct their meetings. Our upcoming meeting will run from Sunday through Friday. The name is derived from the activity; we **meet** together to proclaim the **Gospel**. Our purpose in this Gospel Meeting is two-fold: (1) The edification, exhortation, and encouragement of the saints (Ephesians 4:11-16; Hebrews 10:24, 25). (2) To teach the Gospel to those who are not members of the Lord's church (1 Thessalonians 1:8). We can help ensure the success of our Gospel Meeting by...

Praying. "Pray without ceasing..." (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Pray for the preacher conducting the meeting. Pray for the members that they will have health and desire to attend all of the services without letting worldly events get in the way. Pray that parents will teach their children an essential lesson by showing them the things of God are more important than even important things in this life. Pray for yourself

that you may have and make opportunities to invite people to the services, etc.

Planning. Much of the success of a Gospel meeting lies in the attendance of the local members. Don't plan things that will keep you out of town during the meeting. We need you here! When you're absent, two things can happen. (1) Members are discouraged by smaller numbers. When I come to services and very few of the members are there, my heart sinks; but when there is a good crowd, my heart is encouraged. (2) I have seen incidents where people visited from the community and the member who invited them wasn't even there at that service! There are emergencies and other things that may be unavoidable; but other than these, we really need to plan to be at all of the services of the Gospel Meeting (Matt 6:33).

Preparing. We can prepare by inviting people to the services. Use the prepared flyers to distribute. If you need more, we can make as many as you can use. See your email or our website for an electronic version of the Flyer. Share on Facebook, email it to friends, etc. Let's be diligent to ensure success in this Gospel Meeting! 🔍

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Gospel Meeting

October 19-24

Southside church of Christ

1167 S. Lowry Street, Smyrna, TN 37167

(Located on Murfreesboro Rd. Right next to the Nissan Fitness Center)

For Directions Call (615) 785-0646

Preaching

David McPherson

Everyone Welcome!

Meeting Times

Sunday: 9:00 am

Sunday: 10:00 am

Sunday: 6:00 pm

Monday – Friday: 7 pm

Bring A Bible! Bring A Friend!

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SERMON NOTES

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

**STUDY
DAILY!**
Acts
17:11

Making The Grade

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Sam Miller
Reading: Ecclesiastes 9:13-18
- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Todd
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....John Nelson
Serve.....Lynn Buttrey
Serve.....Michael Pickford
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

SUNDAY EVENING

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Invitation.....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

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Available Upon Request!**

Obey Today!