

BRUCE JENNER IS A MAN

Michael Pickford

Since Bruce Jenner is not claiming to be homosexual, is he sinning by claiming to be a woman? The Bible is clear that God made man in his image. "In the image of God He created him; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27b). God made Bruce Jenner a man and when Bruce claims to be otherwise he makes a claim that directly contradicts this truth found in God's word. It is sinful to contradict God's truths. Children at Halloween may dress up as witches, goblins, and all other sorts of creatures, but they are still children. Bruce may dress up like a woman and claim to be such, but he is still what God made him - a man. I could have a surgeon attach a long gray hose to my face and gray floppy ears to the sides of my head and then claim I'm an elephant, but I would still be what God made me - a man! If someone dug up Bruce's remains a hundred years from now and did genetic testing, they would find that they had dug up a man.

God Prohibited men from dressing and acting like women in both the Old and New Testaments (Deut 22:5; 1 Cor. 11:4, 14-15). Let's not be deceived by our sinful society that insists upon referring to Bruce Jenner as "Her." 🔍

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

- 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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DEATH IN THE POT!

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Elisha worked some mighty miracles during the course of his work as a prophet of God. From the endless oil, to the raising of the Shunammite's son, to the healing of Naaman's leprosy, Elisha did all to glorify God. Buried in the midst of these fabulous stories we find an interesting little miracle performed on a seemingly harmless pot of stew (2 Kings 4:38-41). One of the sons of the prophets had sliced a lapful of wild poisonous gourds into the pot of stew, not knowing they were poisonous. Someone cried out that there was "Death in the pot" (vs 40), and Elisha made it alright again by adding flour. The stew looked harmless, delicious, and satisfying; but it was deadly. Such is true today with. ...

Immodesty. When will we start impressing upon the minds of our youth the dangers of dressing in clothing that does not properly cover the body? Have we become desensitized by the immodesty of the world around us? Since everybody seems to be doing it, it must be alright? The Bible speaks of the "Attire of a harlot" (Proverbs 7:10). This passage alone should tell us that our cloths say something about us and that they produce certain thoughts in the minds of others, sometimes lustful thoughts. It seems harmless enough, but to cause lustful thoughts in the minds of others is to sin ourselves (Matthew 18:6; Matthew 5:28).

Intemperance. It seems harmless enough. A couple of beers with our buddies. A drink after work, a few at the company party. Such foolish reasoning! God condemns "Drinking" from the first drink to the last (1 Peter 4:3). Drinking is never harmless. Even if we escape the physical consequences, our influence as Christians may be damaged. And don't forget the eternal consequences of being barred from the kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

Inactivity. Inactivity in the Lord's kingdom seems harmless enough. We justify what we don't do by the few things that we do. "At least I do more than brother/sister so and so." We are foolish to compare ourselves among ourselves (2 Corinthians 10:12). When examining ourselves as Christians, it's the Gospel we should be comparing our lives with, not other saints (2 Corinthians 13:5; John 12:48). And the Gospel says that we are soldiers of Christ, men of action. Doing nothing Christianity did not originate in the mind of God. We were created in Christ for good works and we must pursue them with great zeal (Eph 2:10; Titus 2:14). 🔍

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HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED?

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“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:15-16).

These words are Mark’s recording of what we commonly refer to as the “Great Commission” — in contrast to the “Limited Commission.” The only difference in the two directives was the scope and area in which the teaching was to be done (Matthew 10:5-6).

With regard to these words of the Son of God, I have been witness to some of the most amazing mental gymnastics. Many of my friends will take what is so clearly commanded by Jesus and tell me why it is not necessary. Interesting, is it not?

“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” What about this statement is hard to understand?

An equivalent to this is: “He that drinks and eats shall live; he that drinks not shall die.” As long as I am drinking and eating, I will live. But when I decide to just eat and not drink, I will most certainly die. What part of this is hard to understand?

Remember, the words in Mark 16:16 are not the words of an apostle (though that would be acceptable). They are not the words of some guy on the side of the street. They are the words of the Son of the Living God who came from Heaven to dwell among men (Philippians 2:1-8).

So it should be clear, in order to “saved” from my sins, I must “believe” and “be baptized.”

On this day, Instead of listening to a “pastor” and his vast vocabulary, or your friend who is not “inspired,” listen intently to the King of Kings.

Do you believe? And if so, have you been baptized to wash away your sins (Acts 22:16)? If not, why not? Let us help you in obeying God today!

Yes, Jesus really said that — and He meant it!

Gospel Meeting

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Preacher: Larry R. Ping II
Sunday: 9 & 10 am, 6 pm
Monday – Friday: 7 pm

Everyone Invited! Bring a Bible! Bring A Friend!

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Ben Green
- Scripture Reading...Sam Miller
Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Todd
- Lord’s Table:
 - Lead.....John Nelson
 - Serve.....Michael Pickford
 - Serve.....Lynn Buttrey
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Lord’s Table.....John Nelson

MEETING SONG LEADERS

- Monday.....Kenny Todd
- Tuesday.....Ben Reagh
- Wednesday.....Tony Jenkins
- 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; 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!

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