

Going To Heaven



“Because of the *hope* which is *laid up for you in heaven*, of which you heard before in the *word* of the **truth** of the *gospel.*”

-Colossians 1:5

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

- www.defendthegospel.com
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- 5th Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
- 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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THE EVILS OF EASTER

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Such bold language! One would never think to find the words “Evil” and “Easter” in the same sentence. Evil is simply rebellion against the word and will of God. This rebellion can come in the form of immorality, blasphemy, or religious error. Is Easter really evil? Consider the...

DEPARTURE. Lent, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, etc have all come to us by way of man-made traditions (Consider Matthew 15:8-9). The celebration of Easter is not found on the pages of inspiration. Yes, there are real facts. There was the triumphal entry of Jesus into the city; Jesus did indeed die on the cross for the sins of man; Jesus did truly arise from the dead on the third day. But we have no record of the early church celebrating an “Easter” holiday. Churches who do so depart from scripture when they practice things not authorized in the Bible, and this is evil (Colossians 3:17; 2 John 9). The KJV translates the Greek pascha as “Easter” in Acts 12:4, but the word means “Passover,” and the Jewish Passover is what is under consideration in the context.

DECEPTION. It is sad when men are deceived by their feelings of safety and security in well established, time-worn human traditions. It is tragic when churches that celebrate Easter think they are pleasing God in doing so. Paul thought he was pleasing God while persecuting the Lord's church (Acts 26:9-11). Many of his Jewish brethren thought they were pleasing God by serving Him according to their own traditional whims (Romans 10:1-3). On the last day, there will be many expecting to go to heaven for their great spiritual works (Matthew 7:21-23). Something may be “spiritual” in nature, produce good results, and be a big part of the “Religious community;” but if God did not authorize it, it is evil, it is “Lawlessness” (Matthew 7:23).

DISTRACTION. God commanded that the church observe the Lord's supper every first day of the week in order to proclaim Christ's death till He comes (1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7). But this simple observance with its basic emblems cannot compete with the fun and excitement of pageants, parades, parties, egg hunts and plays hosted by most of the “Churches” of our day. Folks' minds are blinded by the light of these shiny treats and their hearts are distracted from the true spiritual significance of our Lord's great sacrifice of love at Calvary. 🔍

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SOME THINGS THAT HAVE NOT CHANGED

John Isaac Edwards

We live in a changing world. The world of a few centuries ago would not recognize the world of today! Yet, there are some things that have not changed.

Bible Teaching on Modesty. Customs regarding dress vary. Fashions come and go. One thing remains the same: what the Bible teaches about modesty. 1 Timothy 2:9-10 is binding upon every culture and age. Paul said, *“In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.”* Godliness or ungodliness: which does our dress profess?

The Law of Christ Concerning Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage. The laws of the land, wedding ceremonies, and the thinking of men concerning marriage, divorce and remarriage may change, but the law of Christ has not. Matthew 19:9 still says, *“Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.”*

The New Testament Church. Men, over the years, have tried to change the church in lots of ways, but have been unsuccessful as the Lord’s church continues to be what it has always been. It is still the church built by Christ (Matt. 16:18), headed by Christ (Col. 1:18), and that wears the name of Christ (Rom. 16:16; Acts 11:26). Its work, worship, and organization have not changed.

The Need for Divine Authority. Men may not always recognize the need for Divine authority, but the need is always there. Colossians 3:17 records, *“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus...”* The fact that man must do all by the authority of Jesus Christ has not changed.

The Consequences of Sin. Some may get the idea that sin is not quite as bad as it used to be. Sin is still what it has always been and will do what it has always done! Sin is still *“the transgression of the law”* (1 Jn. 3:4), and sin still *“bringeth forth death”* (Jas. 1:15).

The Gospel Plan of Salvation. Men have taught, believed and obeyed plans foreign to the gospel plan of salvation, but what it takes to save a person has not changed. God still requires hearing (Matt. 17:5), believing (Jn. 8:24), repenting (Lk. 13:3), confessing (Rom. 10:9-10), being baptized (Acts 2:38), and faithful living (Rev. 2:10). —

Pray Without Ceasing

SERMON NOTES

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

Title: _____

**STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11**

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Frank Anderson
Reading: 1 Corinthians 14:26-34
- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Opening Prayer.....Lynn Buttrey
- Lord’s Table:
 - Lead.....Kenny Johnson
 - Serve.....John Nelson
 - Serve.....Kenny Todd
- Closing Prayer.....Sam Miller

SUNDAY EVENING

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Sam Miller
- Invitation.....Kenny Johnson

Thank You For Serving!

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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Available Upon Request!***