

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Robert Johnson
Reading: TBA
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Johnson
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Kenny Todd
Serve.....Jeff Isbell
- Closing Prayer.....Eli Todd

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.... Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer...Michael Pickford
- Invitation: Michael Pickford
- Lord's Table: Michael Pickford
- Closing Prayer: Kenny Todd

WEDNESDAY EVENING

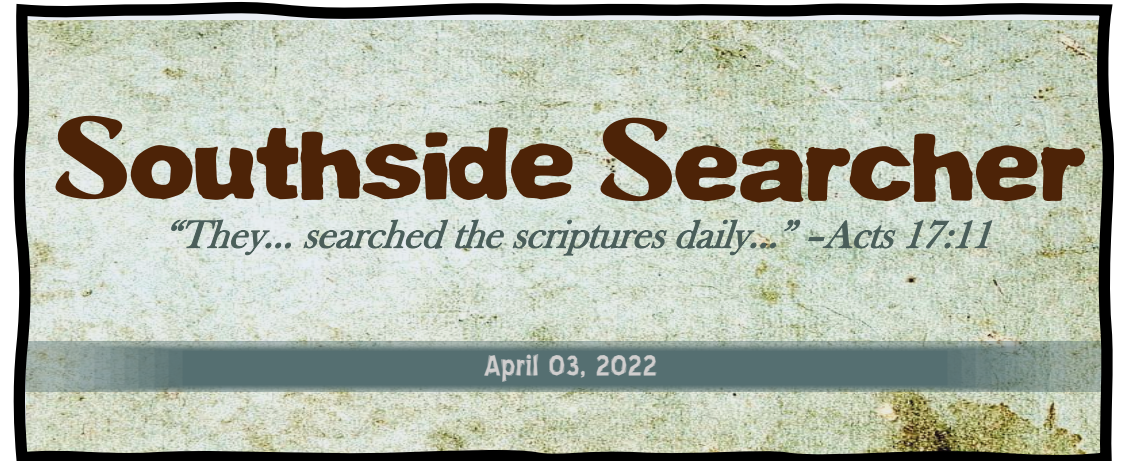
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God's Plan of Salvation

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!



A Brand-New Car, Free!

“He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”
-Mark 16:16

I’m not certain if there is any other statement in the history of mankind that has been more misconstrued, misunderstood, perverted, or just outright ignored than the above statement. Ever since the Lord spoke those plain and simple words man has tried to do everything within his power to deny its simplistic demand.

Suppose the CEO of a major car company were to go on public TV and announce, “I am the CEO of this car company. He who believes this and is baptized will receive a brand-new car, free; but he who does not believe won’t.” I wonder how many folks would begin to argue about the necessity of being baptized to receive the new car. How many would say to the man, “I believe so give me the car?” “What’s the point of getting baptized?”

I’m convinced that many who deny the necessity of baptism for salvation would gladly be baptized to get their free car! How sad that so many refuse such a simple statement of the Lord just because they don’t understand its purpose. –

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We would love to have you visit with us. Our meeting times are:

SUNDAYS: 9 & 10 AM & 6 PM / WEDNESDAYS: 7 PM

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Our evangelist, Michael Pickford is the editor of this publication.

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Dancing

Much confusion and debate exist over the practice of dancing. TV programs such as “Dancing with the stars,” exercise programs involving dancing, and certain types of dancing in the Olympics (Dancing on ice) has catapulted the popularity of dancing in our society...

Prohibition. The Bible never says, “Thou shalt not dance.” On the contrary, the Bible says that there is “*a time to dance.*” (Ecclesiastes 3:4). But Galatians 5:19 condemns “*lewdness.*” The Greek word is *aselgeia* which Thayer defines as “*wanton (acts or) manners... indecent bodily movements, unchaste handling of males and females.*” Notice the mention of “*indecent bodily movements*” and “*unchaste handling of males and females.*” This type of behavior is common on the dance floors of proms, etc. even in “*innocent*” slow dances as the bodies of males and females rub together to the sway of the music. It’s sweet? It’s romantic? It’s innocent? Don’t be deceived, “*Make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lust*” (Romans 13:14). Whatever dancing the Bible condones would not include the elements of *aselgeia* that are present in most modern dances.

Problems. The sin of lewdness often leads to the sin of fornication. Being guilty of lewdness will cost someone their soul; but practicing fornication can lead to many earthly woes such as unwanted pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases, etc. Again, make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lust. We are to ask God that we not be led into temptation (Matthew 6:13), so why then go and practice something that engenders within us the temptation to commit fornication? Another problem is that many have become desensitized to the dangers of dancing by insisting on entertaining themselves with shows like “Dancing With The Stars.” The Bible warns against drifting to the point to where we can’t discern between good and evil (Hebrews 5:13-14). “*Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good*” (Romans 12:9).

Pressure. Our young people are often pressured by their peers to attend the Prom. Consider another passage that condemns *aselgeia*, “*For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties...*” (1 Peter 4:3). We must strive to be like Christ, not like those in the world (1 John 2:6).

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Government

“Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience’ sake. For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God’s ministers attending continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.;”
-Romans 13:1-7

“Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men.”
-Titus 3:1-2

“Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men— as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.”
-1 Peter 2:13-17

“Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, “Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? Show Me the tax money.” So they brought Him a denarius. And He said to them, “Whose image and inscription is this?” They said to Him, “Caesar’s.” And He said to them, “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”
-Matthew 22:17-21

“And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest asked them, saying, “Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man’s blood on us!” But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men.”
-Acts 5:27-29

“This decision is by the decree of the watchers, And the sentence by the word of the holy ones, In order that the living may know That the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, Gives it to whomever He will, And sets over it the lowest of men.’
-Daniel 4:17