

“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

Acts 16:30

Learn The Gospel

John 6:45; Romans 10:17;

Believe On GOD In CHRIST

Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16

Confess CHRIST

Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

Repent Of Sin

Acts 3:19; 17:30

Be Baptized Into CHRIST

Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-6

Remain Steadfast

1st Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

“Let The Word... Dwell In You Richly”

Colossians 3:16

The current memory assignment continues to be: *“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it”* (1st Corinthians 10:13).

“The Assembling Of Ourselves Together”

Hebrews 10:24-25

Sunday

10:15 am.....Worship

Las Vegas Library

833 Las Vegas Boulevard North

Tuesday

7:00 pm.....Ladies' Study

Jerry & Beverly Dockens residence

Wednesday

7:00 pm.....Study & Worship

Jerry & Beverly Dockens residence

**Visitors Welcome.
Members Expected.**

“Give Attention To Reading”

1st Timothy 4:13

Sunday...Proverbs 25; Leviticus 25:29-26:26; 2nd Corinthians 1:23-2:17

Monday...Psalm 38:1-12; Leviticus 26:27-27:34; 2nd Corinthians 4:7-5:10

Tuesday...Psalm 38:13-22; Numbers 1:1-2:17; 2nd Corinthians 4:7-5:10

Wednesday...Proverbs 26; Numbers 2:18-3:51; 2nd Corinthians 5:11-6:13

Thursday...Psalm 39; Numbers 4:1-5:4; 2nd Corinthians 6:14-7:12

Friday...Proverbs 27; Numbers 5:5-6:20; 2nd Corinthians 7:13-8:15

Saturday...Psalm 40; Numbers 6:21-7:65; 2nd Corinthians 8:16-9:15

“Sound Doctrine”

Titus 2:1

“REDEEMING THE TIME”

Bryan Matthew Dockens

The use of time is important. Paul taught, *“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil”* (Ephesians 5:16). When it comes to your punctuality at the assemblies of the church, are you redeeming the time?

As a member of the church, you implicitly agree to be present at the time the church has chosen to meet. If you habitually arrive late, have you fulfilled this responsibility and honored your commitment? It is written, *“Let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No,’ lest you fall into judgment”* (James 5:12). How does your degree of promptness reflect on your honesty?

Are you usually on time to work, school, dates, and movies? If so, but you're often tardy for church assemblies, then you're not putting first things first. Jesus said, *“Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness”* (Matthew 6:33). How does your level of punctuality reflect on your priorities?

Is your time more important or valuable than that of those awaiting your arrival? We are commanded to *“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself”* (Philippians 2:3). How does your measure of timeliness reflect on your ego?

We are afforded only a finite amount of time in this life (Psalm 39:4-5). Does your use of it bring honor and glory to God?

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WHAT TO GIVE TO THE SPIRITUALLY HUNGRY

Steve Klein

Charles Spurgeon used to tell the story that, during the reign of Nero, there was a great shortage of food in Rome. There was plenty of food in Alexandria, Egypt, and ships laden with grain often came from that city. But Nero had ordered the ships to bring back only sand to be used in the arena. When hungry people gathered at the dock to await the shipment, they were miserably disappointed. People needed wheat, not sand. Then, one of the merchants spoke to the shipmaster and said, "Take thou good heed that thou bring nothing back with thee from Alexandria but wheat; and whereas aforetime thou brought in the vessel a measure or two of sand, bring thou not so much as would lie upon a penny this time. Bring thou nothing else, I say, but wheat, for these people are dying, and now we must keep our vessels for this one business of bringing food to them".

In the religious world of today, sand is being shipped by the boatload to the spiritually hungry. The sand comes in many forms. Churches offer such things as recreation programs, fellowship meals, entertainment events, political forums, day care centers and organized observances of man-made holidays. Apparently the feeling is that people who are lost and dying in sin can somehow be saved by softball and soccer, pot roast and potato salad, Christmas candy and Easter eggs. Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).

Nowadays, most people think it odd when they hear of a church that doesn't offer sand. "Faith-based initiatives" have gained a lot of acceptance and praise in recent years; but the truth is that the phrase "faith-based initiative" is nothing more than political code for churches offering the world every kind of aid except the one thing that could truly make an eternal difference in people's lives: God's Word.

Churches, politicians and the nation at large have failed to understand both the mission of the church and the needs of the lost. In the New Testament, the church at Thessalonica understood both, and they were commended for it. "For from you the Word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place" (1st Thessalonians 1:8).

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We need to make sure that the church is dedicated to no business other than carrying the only food that starving people need: the bread of life, the gospel of Jesus Christ. No sand!

At this point, some of us might be feeling smugly self-righteous. We might be tempted to boast that the church that we are a part of would never offer sand to the spiritually hungry. "We have no recreation programs or carnal community outreaches!" Sadly, some who would make such a boast have no spiritual community outreach either!

While they are not giving the hungry what they do not need, they are also failing to give them what they do need. There is little or no attempt being made to take the bread of life to the starving.

Our mission is not merely to prevent sand from being taken to the hungry, it is to take bread. Let us load the ships and set sail! Ask a neighbor to study the Bible with you. Invite friends to our gospel meetings. Be on the lookout for opportunities to share God's Word day by day.



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