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“Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls...” Jeremiah 6:16

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# Sound Doctrine

Sound doctrine is true doctrine, regardless of any idea or false concept which anyone may have, believe, teach, or not believe. All of such has never nor ever will change the truth. True, sound doctrine has been handed down to us from Christ and then the apostles.

“Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word;” Luke 1:1-2

We know what the first church believed and taught. Jesus, being a Baptist, makes it reasonable for us and clear to understand the truth; sound doctrine.

The truth is never separate from the Word of God. Man made ideas are always separate and contrary from the Word. Man’s ideas just lead to another cult and false doctrines.

“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.” II Peter 2:1-3

Truth, sound doctrine, is not given to anyone by dream, vision, angels, or any other such way since completion of the New Testament Scriptures.

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.” I Corinthians 13:1-13

True, sound doctrine is given by study of the Word of God.

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” II Timothy 2:15

On the part of any true teacher or instructor, local New Testament churches have been commissioned

by Jesus to teach only true doctrine.

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus didn’t tell false churches to teach or to do anything else. As we see in the previous Scriptures, He only commissioned His New Testament churches to go, teach and preach. Jesus spoke “woes” to those false, religious leaders during His own personal ministry.

“Woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them.” Luke 11:43-44

False teachers are plentiful in this day and age. They always mix a little truth with the lie in order to deceive.

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False teachers are plentiful. They think others are ignorant and sadly many are today. Because of ignorance, these false teachers lead the ignorant into false doctrines instead of the true doctrine.

Truth is not hidden or concealed. Truth in the Word of God is open to everyone if they are willing to hear it. Truth will stand the test of investigation. The Word of God is truth.

**“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” John 17:17**

Sound doctrine is the Word of God. That is the only real truth in the Word. The Word of God is man’s only hope.

Some “faiths” not only fail to define clearly what they believe, but they actually try to be deceptive about what they do believe. Many times they even say, “We believe the same as Missionary Baptists.” That is a very deceptive statement meant to persuade, deceive and mislead. How many of them believe the same as the Bible teaches, as Missionary Baptist’s believe, on the church question?

When people approach Missionary Baptist’s with the claim to believe as they do, they should have to prove it. Most false beliefs claim to worship Christ. What they don’t seem to know, is that Christ is a Baptist. Jesus started His church with Baptist doctrine, Baptist baptism and Baptist truth found in the Word of God. John the Baptist was the man God ordained to prepare the material for Jesus to start His church. Missionary Baptists have not always carried that name, but they have always carried the same truth found in the Word of God, which is Missionary Baptist doctrine.

The Father said He was well pleased with Jesus, so if we follow His ways as revealed in the Scriptures, then the Father will be well pleased with us.

**“Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” Matthew 3:13-17**

Missionary Baptists do not have to hide their doctrine if it is truth. Bro. Paul told King Agrippa he never hid anything from him. Bro. Paul was not ashamed of Bible doctrine nor was he afraid to proclaim the truth.

**“For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.” Acts 26:26**

False teachers try to hide their true nature and what they believe. The Lord characterized them as wolves in sheep’s clothing.

**“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.” Matthew 7:15-20**

They gain proselytes by deceiving people about what they believe. True Missionary Baptists won’t fall for their deception. Or will they? The only way to not be deceived is to stay in the Word of God and to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints.

# Who shall prepare himself for the battle?

**“For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?”**

## I Corinthians 14:8

**“And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.” Numbers 10:1-2**

**“Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand; A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.” Joel 2:1-2**

**“And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams’ horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram’s horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.” Joshua 6:4**

This text sets forth a trumpet. A trumpet is designed to give a certain sound, as the early church was to do.

**“If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.” I Corinthians 14:37-38**

There was disorder in the Corinth church. The New Testament wasn’t yet completed, so the Lord gave His churches the Spiritual gift of prophets.

**“How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying. If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace. For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.” I Corinthians 14:26-31**

The prophets were put in the church to edify the church until the New Testament was completed. The prophets were worthless unless they gave a distinct message or sound.

**“For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle? So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.” I Corinthians 14:8-9**

Tongues were also given to the early churches before the Word of God was completed. Tongues had to have a distinct sound by having an interpreter, or

else they were of no use either.

**“If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.” I Corinthians 14:27-28**

John the Baptist was God’s trumpet crying in the wilderness.

**“In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” Matthew 3:1-3**

**“He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.” John 1:23**

The prophets in the early church received direct revelation from God.

**“Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace. For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.” I Corinthians 14:29-31**

All the prophets in the early church had to understand the Old Testament Scriptures in order to be prepared for the prophecies given by revelation.

**“Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men. In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.” I Corinthians 14:20-21**

**“Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.” I Corinthians 14:9-11**

In this chapter, the Lord admonishes the church in Corinth to not allow any “uncertain” sounds with these Spiritual gifts. If there was an “uncertain” sound, it was to be corrected.

**“So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air. There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification. Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me. Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church. For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church. What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only? If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.” I Corinthians 14:9-12, 31-37**

# What is a miracle, why were they given, and how long did they last?

A Bible miracle may be defined as the instantaneous demonstration of supernatural power, overcoming or suspending natural laws for the accomplishment of a divine purpose.

A miracle is not subject to the process of time, but only to the power of God.

**“And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, *Thou Son of David, have mercy on us.* And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, *Believe ye that I am able to do this?* They said unto him, *Yea, Lord.* Then touched he their eyes, saying, *According to your faith be it unto you.* And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straightly charged them, saying, *See that no man know it.*” Matthew 9:27-30**

**“And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue; and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, *Ephphatha, that is, Be opened.* And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.” Mark 7:32-35**

God’s miracles were complete and instantaneous. They did not take an amount of time to see if they would come to pass. Every miracle that He performed or His early churches performed were complete and without imperfections.

Miracles were given so that Jesus would be recognized as the Christ by the confirming of the Word He preached. Even the Jews recognized that His miracles showed He was from God. Miracles were given so that the early churches, which did not have the completed Word of God yet, could prove what they were preaching was from God. Miraculous gifts were also given to equip the early church to carry out the great commission until the completed Word of God was finished.

**“This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.” John 2:11**

**“Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, *Thy sins be forgiven thee;* or to say, *Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?* But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) *I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.* And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, *We never saw it on this fashion.*” Mark 2:9-12**

**“Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:” Acts 2:22**

**“There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, *Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.*” John 3:1-2**

**And he said unto them, *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. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if***

***they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.” Mark 16:15-20***

**“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:4**

**“And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.” Luke 24:46-49**

**“God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?” Hebrews 2:4**

The gift of tongues was not the babbling nonsense false religion calls tongues today. The gift of tongues given to the early churches until the completed Word of God came, was simply the gift to speak other languages. This was to enable them to accomplish the great commission by going into all the world and preaching the gospel. I Corinthians 14:5 is clear that the gift of tongues must have an interpreter in order for the church to be edified. Speaking gibberish does not edify anyone. If you speak in a tongue and you have an interpreter, learning can take place. The gift of tongues is simply a language and it was only until they had the completed Word.

**“I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.”**

If there was no interpreter, they were instructed to speak to themselves and God quietly.

**“If any man speak in an *unknown* tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.” I Corinthians 14:27-28**

Understanding what a miracle is and what their purpose was, makes it easier to understand how long they were to last. At the completion of the Word of God, miracles were done away. They ceased, vanished and failed.

**“Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.” I Corinthians 13:8-13**

Verse 8 of the previous passage states clearly that miracles will cease. During this age of miracles, they only had “partial” knowledge. They only

had parts of God’s Word revealed to them. That is why they saw through a glass darkly. They could only see in types, shadows, and object lessons. They spoke God’s Word as He gave them utterance, but the gifts were not given in “bulk” to each member.

**“For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.” I Corinthians 12:8-11**

Until “that which is perfect is come”, the completed Word of God, they could only see through a glass darkly. The word “perfect” comes from the Greek word “teleios”, meaning of a full age or complete.

**“So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.” James 2:12**

**“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man’s religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.” James 1:22-27**

**“He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.” John 12:48**

The Word of God is referred to as the perfect law of liberty. It shows us who we are and what we are. It is a mirror that reveals how short of God’s standard we fall. When the completed Word of God came, they could put away the childish things they needed in their “immaturity” because of not having the completed Word of God. The Holy Spirit revealed through the Apostle Paul in these Scriptures that one day they would know face to face as they were known. This is revealed to us in the Word of God when we study. We can truly see ourselves and know who we really are. After the completed Word of God came, there would only remain three Spiritual gifts: faith, hope, and love. Until Jesus comes we will continue to need faith and hope. Once Jesus returns, there will only be love, for God is love. There will no longer be a need for faith because faith will be fulfilled when we see Jesus. Hope of the redemption of our bodies will be fulfilled when Jesus returns and we will no longer hope for it. Love will only remain. Therefore, that which is perfect cannot be Jesus’ return, but only the completed Word of God.

Healings, miracles, prophesyings, etc. that we see today are not from God. God’s Word is clear that they have ceased, vanished and failed because we have the completed Word of God.

**“Not every one that saith unto me, *Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*” Matthew 7:21-23**

The anti-Christ will use miracles to deceive people during the tribulation period. Therefore, these latter day “miracles”, so-called, have been introduced in religion to prepare for that time. Revelation 13:13-14; 16:13-14

## **The Salem Witch Trials (Could it happen today?)**

The fact that the Salem Witch Trials took place on our very soil just over three hundred years ago is testament to the fact that persecutions, because of Jesus Christ and His doctrines, are not just limited to the first century A.D. or the Dark Ages.

More modern challenges facing the Lord's people today are government promotion of sodomy and abortion. Dissenters are currently labeled "intolerant" rather than "witches." Such a short time after the Salem Witch Trials, do we have the resolve of our Baptist forefathers? With so great a cloud of witnesses, will the Lord's people today follow in their footprints and bravely face the persecution, whatever form it may take?

**"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds" Hebrews 12:1-2.**

The events surrounding the Salem Witch Trials have fascinated the American imagination since 1692, when the jails in Massachusetts Bay Colony overflowed with more than 140 men and women accused of witchcraft. Nineteen people were hanged and one pressed to death under rocks before reason prevailed and the witch hunt ended.

How did the hysteria get started? Some historians believe it had its beginnings in a fungus called "Ergot" which infects rye. Ingestion of this fungus is eventually deadly but first causes hallucinations, causing victims to burst out with inappropriate expletives. It also causes muscle spasms and convulsions, resulting in horrible contortions of the limbs.

Several factors contributed to the accusations. The power the Puritans gave to the invisible world of wonders was at the head of the problem. Though the parents of the afflicted girls consulted doctor after doctor, the outbursts continued and attention was turned to the spiritual world. The girls accused known "witches" (a beggar woman who probably mumbled a lot and an Indian servant girl) of Salem village of continually "pinching" them and tormenting them with dreams, even though they had little or no contact with these "witches". Gossip within the community of 600 or so also lent its powerful sway. Because the Puritan community was obsessed with demon activity, many of them trusted every one of the girls' antics and reacted with caring attention rather than the swift disciplinary action that normally punished mischief.

Perhaps some of the other girls in the village began acting out "for sport," but by the time the examinations were taking place, the circle of accusers had swelled. Most of them probably believed their hallucinations were endangering them of being accused of witchcraft.

The pastor of the Baptist Church in Boston wrote a book condemning the foolishness of the trials. Baptists, with their common-sense approach to the spectral world, treating it as it is treated in the Bible, condemned the trials. Many stated that the girls were not being disciplined properly and the best way to treat the outbursts was to ignore them or punish them. The Puritans accused the Baptists of being defenders of the devil.

Jesus guaranteed that His peculiar people would face persecution.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "Yea, and all that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." (II Timothy 3: 12)

Our Baptist forefathers were well aware of this and so steadfastly refused to renounce their convictions, though they knew it meant death or torture. No doubt they all knew the afflictions of the faithful touched upon in Hebrews 11 and were resolved they too would not buckle under pressure.

**"And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goat-skins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect." Hebrews 11:32-40**

If that time comes, what will your answer be?

## **Sunday Night Services**

**I love the church that Jesus  
bought,  
And I know that it is right;  
I go there on Sunday  
morning,  
But not on Sunday night.**

**I love to sing the songs of  
God,  
Such worship must be right;  
This I do on Sunday morn,  
But not on Sunday night.**

**I love to hear the  
gospel, too,  
It gives me pure delight;  
I hear it on Sunday morning,  
But not on Sunday night.**

**Yes, it's true, we all must  
die,  
I hope I will be doing right;  
So I may die on Sunday  
morn,  
And not on Sunday night!**

**(This poem does not harmonize with  
Hebrews 10:25)**

**"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."**