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Joshua 24:14, “*Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.*”

John 4:24, “*God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*”

Many people worship the LORD. Some do so in truth, but their heart is not right. Many people have the right heart, but not truth. Those under the Old Testament as well as we today are told we must worship in sincerity, or spirit, and in truth. Worship is not complete if either spirit or truth is missing.

An example of how we need the right heart before we worship the LORD is given in Matthew 5:23-24. ²³*Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; ²⁴Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.* If someone had something not reconciled with their brother, it

was to be made right before the gift was brought to the altar.

We are to have the right spirit and worship the LORD in sincerity. It’s not to be with a sense of “having to” and just going through the motions. Our hearts need to be right and worshipping for the right reason— our love for the LORD.

It’s not enough to worship with only sincerity and the right spirit. There must be truth. We must worship the LORD in the way He wants. Matthew 7:21-23 lets us know it’s not enough to call upon the LORD. ²¹*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. ²²Many 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? ²³And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.* From verse 21 we learn these had not done the will of the Father. They were calling upon the LORD and even doing many wonderful works. They were not only told to depart from the LORD, but He said He never knew them. They were not known to the LORD because they were not doing His will.

It does matter how we worship the LORD. We can worship the LORD in vain. We are told in Matthew 15:9, “*But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.*” We cannot please the LORD if we are worshipping using commandments of men. How can we know we are worshipping the LORD in the way He wants? We simply need to turn to the Bible. We are told in John 5:39, “*Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.*”

The scriptures are the only way we can learn of the LORD. The only way we can hope to have eternal life is to worship the LORD in sincerity and in truth.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Sunday 9 AM & 4 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Continue to remember **Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry. Mae Walters**, the sister of Shirley Parson is in the hospital. She has fallen a couple of times at home. **Jerry Edwards** has been quick sick the past

few days.

—During the week of Thanksgiving, our mid-week Bible study will be on Tuesday, November 21.

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Acts 17:10-11, “¹⁰*And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. ¹¹These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.*

In the previous article we talked about the importance of searching the scriptures to make sure we are worshiping the LORD in the way He wants. Probably all of us are exposed to the Bible at worship services and Bible classes. At best though, we are only at services about four hours a week. That is not a lot of time to be studying the Bible.

There are other activities that take much more time than four hours a week— school, our jobs, even our drive time to and from work or school. We have become so busy in our lives that there is little time left for studying the Bible. Our knowledge of the Bible will suffer with less time studying.

We need to spend some time every day with the word of God. Paul said that the brethren were more noble than those at Thessalonica. They were more noble because they searched the scriptures daily.

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Sunday, November 5, 2017

Classes	18	I Timothy 2:5-10
Preaching	24	II Peter (Through Knowledge)
Contribution	\$710.00	
Evening	18	Psalm 57:1-11 Singing
Wednesday, November 8, 2017		
Classes	17	Revelation 1:1-11

Visitors— Nov 5 (AM) Kaylee Schultz (Munfordville); Faye Edwards (Lonoke)

Bible Quiz

John was in the Spirit on what day?

Last Week's Answer— It will melt (Amos 9:5)

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I can picture the brethren at Berea studying from what would have been scrolls. For us, it's even easier to study. We can take the entire Bible with us in our pockets on our cell phones. That lets us study when we have a few extra minutes during a break. We can listen to the Bible being read. That lets us listen while driving. There are so many ways with today's technology to study. Let's all study every day and grow in the knowledge of God's word.

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—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)