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### Service Times

Sunday Bible Study 9 AM  
Sunday Worship 10 AM  
6 PM  
Wednesday 6 PM

### OTHER ACTIVITIES:

**Ladies Bible Class**  
Tuesdays 11AM  
**Prayer Meeting**  
Tuesdays 10 AM  
**Joyful Generation**  
**(Youth Devotional & fellowship)**  
1st Sunday 7:00 PM

# COMPASS

Using God's Word to Chart The Course  
Of A Congregation

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April 12, 2015

## Annual Spring Gospel Meeting Looking to Jesus Hebrews 12:2



Guest Speaker:  
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May 3<sup>rd</sup> — 6<sup>th</sup> 2015

Sunday—Wednesday

Scheduled service times:

### Sunday:

9:00 AM "Looking To Jesus For His Last Will And Testament"  
10:00 AM "Looking to Jesus For My Marriage"  
(Potluck Luncheon following Morning Worship)  
6:00 PM "Looking to Jesus For The Truth About Gay Marriage"

### Monday

6:00 PM "Looking To Jesus To Rear My Children To Be Faithful To Him"

### Tuesday

6:00 PM "Looking To Jesus On His Cross"

### Wednesday

6:00 PM "Looking to Jesus For My Hope"

(All Times Central)

Everyone is Welcome

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# WILL ALL GOOD PEOPLE BE SAVED?

**Rod Rutherford**

Many times we have heard people say, "God will save all good people." This implies that there are good people in all churches who will be saved. It also implies that there may even be good people who have never been members of any church who will also be saved. Will all good people be saved? What does the Bible say?

The Bible teaches that one can never be good enough to be saved by his own goodness. If people could be saved by their own good deeds, then it would not have been necessary for Christ to die for our sins. The Apostle Paul wrote: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9).

Paul also wrote: "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:6-8).

Even the very best, who have lived long enough to know the difference between right and wrong, have sinned. The Bible says: "What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one... For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:9-10,23).

In chapter 10 of the book of Acts, we read about a man named Cornelius. Cornelius was a very good man. He was also a very religious man, but he was not saved. Please notice the Bible's description of this man: "There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always" (Acts 10:1-2). Please observe that Cornelius was a worshiper of the true God and had taught his family also to fear God. Too, Cornelius was a man of prayer. He was also kindhearted and generous for he "gave much alms to the people."

In spite of his faith and good deeds, Cornelius was not saved. He was told by an angel of God to: "Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved" (Acts 11:13-14).

Will all good people be saved? The answer is "no", for even the best people have sinned and just one sin can keep a person out of heaven. John wrote: "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Revelation 21:27). The only way to remove sin is by the blood of Jesus Christ (Rev. 1:5). This is done in our obedience to the gospel of Jesus Christ. We read in Acts 22:16, "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

All good people will not be saved. Neither will all religious people be saved. It is not enough to be religious, but one must be right religiously. Jesus said, "Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up" (Matthew 15:13). He also said: "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" (Matt. 7:21).

Not all good people will be saved. Those who will be saved are those who humbly submit to our Lord Jesus Christ in obedience to His gospel and who ever after live for Him doing His will. "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him" (Hebrews 5:8-9).

Dear reader, have you obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ? If you have not, you are lost! Please obey Christ today. "Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16).

"Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction" (Proverbs 10:14) The wise man will learn not to talk about situations that will cause trouble; but the foolish man talks about everyone and creates turmoil. Dad would say, "think twice before you speak, and you'll keep quiet like you

## “WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD”

Barry Kennedy

“We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love, for Jesus who died and is now gone above; We praise Thee, O God, for Thy Spirit of light, Who has shown us the Savior and scattered our night; All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain, Who has borne all our sins, and has cleansed every stain, Hallelujah! Thine the glory; Hallelujah! Amen! Hallelujah! Thine the glory, REVIVE us again.

We often sing these wonderful words in worship to the God of Heaven. The words of this song speak so eloquently of the soul’s need to show gratitude unto the Almighty. When we sing this grand old hymn, do we truly take to heart the message that we are singing? Are we truly looking to be revived again? Maybe it is the case that we have not been revived in the first place? The spring meeting is just one week away, and we hope everyone is getting excited. It is always good for members to invite their friends to hear the gospel and for each one of us to be revived again as well. Let us consider the words of this song and how they can prepare us for the upcoming spiritual feast.

### **WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD, FOR THE SON OF THY LOVE.**

It is true that Jesus died and is now gone above (Acts 2:22-33). We should praise God for this truth on a daily basis. Why? “Without shedding of blood there is no remission” (Hebrews 9:22). Jesus is that “lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Revelation 13:8). He is the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29). In the upcoming gospel meeting, Jesus and His great sacrifice will be emphasized. Everyone will have an opportunity to praise God for the Son of His love.

### **WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD, FOR THY SPIRIT OF LIGHT.**

Each one of us has been given great opportunities, by living in this country. Many of those opportunities, such as the ability to read or learn to read, have been taken for granted. God offers the greatest opportunity of all. He offers the opportunity to have Heaven as our eternal home (John 14:1-4). Of course, that way is only made available through Jesus (John 14:6). We praise God that He has sent the Holy Spirit to reveal that way to you and me. He has shown the Savior to man by inspiring men to write the Holy Scriptures (2 Timothy 3:15-17). The knowledge gained through serious Bible study will scatter our night. “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Psalm 119:105).

### **ALL GLORY AND PRAISE TO THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN.**

How could one not be revived, if he or she truly believes Jesus is the Lamb that was slain? The Bible explicitly states the importance of knowing the Christ. Jesus said, “If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins” (John 8:24). In the same chapter Jesus said, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am” (John 8:58). The fact that Jesus is deity denotes the fact that He is worthy of glory and praise. No other sacrifice could bear all our sins and cleanse every stain. “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” (Heb. 9:14). “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:” (1 Peter 1:18, 19). Do we find ourselves being revived when we hear the message of man’s redemption? Do we not need to be revived on a regular basis? Satan wants Christians to become complacent, lazy, or indifferent. God wants us to be revived.

Our gospel meeting can be a time to revive and renew our spiritual man within. Are we excited? Are we inviting others to come and hear the Gospel message (Ro. 1:16). Pray for our meeting and that the Lord will “REVIVE US AGAIN.”

