

# Southeast Sower

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## The Southeast Church Of Christ Meets At:

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### Services:

#### SUNDAY:

10AM Bible Study

10:50AM Worship

6PM Worship

#### WEDNESDAY

7:30PM Worship

### God's Plan of Salvation

Hear Rom. 10:17

Believe Heb. 11:6

Repent Acts 2:38

Confess Matt. 10:32

Be Baptized Mark 16:16

Stay Faithful Rev.2:10

**Remember that one day  
you will say that the  
struggles of life you faced  
before "Came To Pass."**

## "Why Attend Bible Classes?"

Is it important to attend Bible classes? Before we can answer this question we must look at what the Bible says about studying the Bible. In the Bible we are commanded to study, when we study the Bible we are afforded the opportunity to see ourselves as God sees us, gain knowledge so we may teach others, prepare to give an answer for our hope, prepare to defend and study helps feed our souls.

2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:15 says, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." For us to be able to rightly divide the word of truth requires us to study so then we understand God's word and His commandments. The Lord commands us to study because if we do not study then we cannot grow in our strength, in our faith and in our trust. If we do not study we cannot grow or be strengthened but only be weakened.

When we spend time in study, we are presented with an opportunity to see ourselves as God sees us. Recorded for us in James 1:23-25 we are told "For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. <sup>25</sup> But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does." When we read of God's word and study we learn more of how we ought to be and we can see the areas of our lives that need fixed.

Hebrews 5:12 says, "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food." Christianity is a teaching religion and a religion that requires action. How can we teach others of God's plan and His commandments if we do not spend time studying ourselves? Every Christian, male and female, are to grow and become teachers, whether you teach a Bible class or teach the younger generation to prepare to become godly men and women, we all have a job to prepare for.

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:15 "But sanctify the Lord God<sup>[a]</sup> in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear..." Christians are to be prepared to confidently explain to non-believers what it is we hope for and how they can share in that same hope, the hope of salvation. This cannot be accomplished if we do not study and understand what it is we hope for or why we have hope.

## Hebrews 5:12-14

"For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. <sup>13</sup> For everyone who partakes *only* of milk *is* unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. <sup>14</sup> But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

## Revelation 20:12

And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God,<sup>[a]</sup> and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books."

Jude 3 "Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints." We cannot defend what you do not understand. We must search the scriptures to defend against false teachers and their false doctrines, which rule the religious world. To effectively refute religious error we must know and understand what the Lord says and know where the Lord gives authority for the way you worship and serve Him.

With study we are able to grow. By this statement it is clear that without study we, therefore, cannot grow. Jude 3 says, "as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby" We are to grow everyday in our understanding of the scriptures so we can be judged by Lord as pure and righteous.

In addition to the reasons listed above, it is important for us to study the Bible because we will be judged by it, therefore, we better know and understand what it contains. John 12:48, "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day." There will be no other book by which we will be judged, nor will we be judged by any other person's words, so it is imperative for us to study the Bible considering it is the only book, which contains God's word and will lead us to eternal life.

Now, we understand why we should study the Bible but have not yet answered the initial question "Is it important to attend Bible classes?" Based off of how important it is for each individual to study the Bible and then considering the whole premise of a Bible class, the answer is clear. It is important to attend Bible classes. Bible classes allow for Christians to come together and study a topic together. This time that has been set aside, grants for the class to have a collective discussion, with a teacher, to help edify, strengthen and prepare each Christian for discussions they may have in the future. Bible classes, for all ages, are to help Christians gain a better understanding and allow for help when studying difficult scriptures. Although it is important to attend Bible classes, it is also important that we are prepared for Bible class and are engaged in the discussion that is taking place. This does not necessarily mean we need to speak during the class rather we must be attentive to what is being taught and to the answers given to those who asked questions. These classes are to help give each Christian a deeper understanding of the passages or themes covered to prepare the individual for questions, issues or false doctrine that they will have to deal with in their everyday lives.

-Jordon Smith

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## "Vital Relationships to Truth"

1. Rightly Divide it. (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:15).
2. Know it. (John 8:32).
3. Love it. (2<sup>nd</sup> Thess. 2:10).
4. Believe it. (2<sup>nd</sup> Thess. 2:12).
5. Obey it. (1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:22).
6. Help it. (3<sup>rd</sup> John v.8).

-Leroy Brownlow