

Schedule Of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 A. M.
Worship 10:30 A. M.
Worship 4:00 P. M.

Wednesday

Midweek Services: 7 P. M.

2nd Sunday Potluck following the morning service. At 1 PM we will have a singing service.

Tuesday:

Ladies Class -- 10 A. M. (Sept. – June)
Men's Class – 10 A.M.

Our Preacher:

Toney L. Smith – (817) 914-0349

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Choose Articles or Sermon Outlines.

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1. Google: oabs.org.
2. Click on congregations.
3. Then click on Rendon Live Broadcast.
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5. Then click the Join button.

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We are broadcasting our worship services over the Internet.

Our website address:

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You can find us on both
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Works Rendon Supports:

Chuck Northrop.
Online Academy of Biblical Studies.
Bibleway Media.
Cherokee Home For Children.
Texas School of Preaching.
Foster's Children's Home (Stephensville, TX)

God's Plan For Salvation

Hear: Rom. 10:17.
Believe: Mark 16:16.
Repent: Luke 13:3, 5.
Confess: Rom. 10:9-10.
Baptism: Acts 2:38.
Be Faithful: 1 Cor. 15:58.

There is no other way!



Rendon's Prayer List:

Barbara Archey, Edith Smith, Larry Lallance, Darlene Scott, Robbie Roth, Debby Smith, Geneice, and Derral. Sherra is doing okay after her fall last Tuesday. She is bruised and sore, but no serious injuries.

Family and Friends:

Leanna Shafer, Mary Lou Joseph, Tommy McGuire, and Gary Neal (Johnny's friend).

The sweetest time of the day is when you pray. Because you are talking to the one who loves you the most. (Author Unknown)



In the Military:

Keith Pilgrim and
Justin Cormier.

Welcome to Our Visitors

Thank you for choosing to worship with us. Please fill out a visitor card. We would like to have a record of your attendance with us.

Sermon Titles: Evangelism Series.

AM: The Law Of Exclusion.
PM: The One Body.

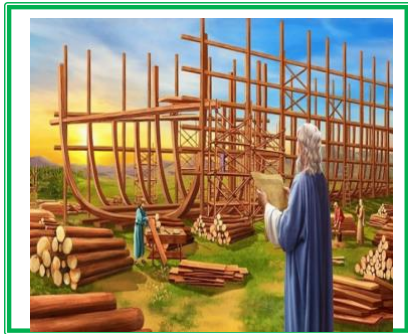
Our Personal Evangelism:

We have ordered Personal Evangelism handouts and Bible study guides. We will have a couple of study guides to choose from, so you can use the one that you prefer. Pray for Bible study opportunities.

GOD'S LAW of EXCLUSION

Toney L. Smith

Have you ever wondered just why there are so many religions in the world? There are untold numbers of religious concepts and patterns of worship. Each of these institutions has its own particular beliefs and standards by which they are governed. When asked why they practice certain things that are not found in Scripture, they often answer, "But the Bible does not say don't." The Bible is not a book of only dos



and don'ts! It is a book that contains principles and laws which man must never presume to enhance upon (**Deuteronomy 4:2; Revelation 22:18-19**). Man must not add to His word or subtract from what is written. There is also a great problem when we make substitutions. Obedience to God depends on how we handle His word. We must ask ourselves, "Am I obeying the Lord if I change it in any way?" Of course, the answer is clear. I would not be obeying the instructions given if I made changes I felt would

be better.

There is a law that is often set aside when considering Biblical matters. That law is known as the Law of Exclusion. "What is that?" you may ask. We all live by this law on a daily basis, whether we can define it or not. The definition of the Law of Exclusion is: "That which is not included is excluded." Some examples that illustrate our use of this law include posted speed limits. We see a sign that might read "Speed Limit 65." You never see one that reads "Speed Limit 65," not "66," "67," "68," etc. When the limit is set at 65, anything above that limit is excluded! Or maybe you go to a restaurant to have a meal. You are given a menu from which to place your order. You order certain items from the menu, but you are not required to say, "but not any of the other items listed on the menu!" When we specify what we want, all other items are excluded! You can make many other illustrations that apply to the Law of Exclusion.

We must ask the question, "Does God use this Law of Exclusion?" Must God list everything we cannot do in conjunction with what He commands us to do? Of course, He does not. By stating what He requires, He eliminates (excludes) everything else.

Notice some examples that we find in Scripture. In Genesis, God commanded Noah to build an ark. Noah was told, "Make thee an ark of gopher wood..." (**Genesis 6:14**). When gopher wood was specified, all other kinds of wood were excluded! God did not need to say, "Not oak, not pine, etc." Noah understood what was

commanded and obeyed (**Genesis 6:22; Hebrews 11:7**). In 2 Kings 5:10, Naaman the leper was told to dip seven times in the Jordan River. Seven times excluded any other numbers. He was cleansed of the disease when he obeyed the exact instructions. In Ephesians 5:19, we read, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." God has commanded singing as the method for making music. Singing and making melody in one's heart excludes any additional methods for making music. This would exclude any mechanical instruments of music that men might add. No man has the right to add to or take away from God's commandments.

Some might wonder why we need to observe this principle. In fact, we often hear people say, "God does not really care as long as we love Him." The truth is, we do not truly love Him if we do not keep His commandments: "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (**John 14:15**). Complete obedience to the Lord is the only way we can be fully obedient. What I think only matters when what I think is the same as what God thinks concerning matters of obedience. Naaman was told what to do, but he became angry and said, "Behold I thought..." (**2 Kings 5:11**). Paul said, "I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth" (**Acts 26:9**). In fact, strict compliance with commandments is the only way to demonstrate obedience. We would do well to remember what inspiration says about this subject: **Isaiah 55:8** "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD;" **Jeremiah 23:10** "O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

Jesus died on the cross long ago to bring salvation to all mankind (**Romans 6:23**). Yet, contrary to popular belief, there is something man must do to receive this gift. The Hebrew writer addresses this topic: "And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him" (**Hebrews 5:9**). The passage in Hebrews states that salvation is available to all who **OBEY HIM**. This statement emphasizes the Law of Exclusion. Salvation to those who obey Him without adding to or subtracting from His instructions. We would all do well to remember the words spoken by the mother of our Lord, "His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it" (**John 2:5**).

When faced with choices in our lives, we should remember the Law of Exclusion. Ask yourself, "Am I doing as God has commanded, or am I trying to make changes or trying to substitute to allow for what I think would be just as good?" Obedience is the difference in being saved and being lost: "Not everyone 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" (**Matthew 7:21**).