



# Pastor's Comments

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### Experiencing Salvation

Last Sunday, I spoke from Romans 14:17, "*For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but **righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.***" I emphasized that Christians must have a **genuine personal spiritual experience of salvation within** and not just assume salvation based on outward things such as attending church, doing good works, etc. This verse declares that the peculiarities of Christianity do not consist in observing outward distinctions between meats and drinks, as was so characteristic of Judaism, but rather inward things of the Spirit.

Genuine Christianity is **not about outwardly things!** It is not about mere ceremonies and outward forms of religion. It's not about fleshly entertainment so prominent in many churches today. It is not about churchy liturgy! Christianity is **about inwardly spiritual things!** It is about "**righteousness**" - the pardon of sin, and the holiness of heart and life **by the power of the Holy Ghost!** It is about "**peace**" - the deep inner sense of God's forgiveness of our sins by the act of His mercy which brought us into harmony with Him. It is about "**joy in the Holy Ghost**" - a holy happiness unceasingly springing up from within as "**the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost**" (Romans 5:5). This is how New Testament believers were **experiencing salvation** in Acts 13:52, "*And the disciples were **filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost,***" and it is how God wants you to be **experiencing salvation!** "*Now the God of hope **fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost***" (Romans 15:13). I invite you to hear this message along with the glorious services we had on Sunday filled with stirring hymns, choruses, and testimonies reflective of **experiencing salvation** like this at: [www.naog.ws/sermons.htm](http://www.naog.ws/sermons.htm)