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Pastor Jerry has been delivering a message series on Sunday morning entitled "Unanswered Questions". The questions have varied from a host of subjects, with the latest centering on what does it mean to be "lost" and what is "repentance"?

Being "lost" in a nutshell means not knowing your way or whereabouts. The only way to resolve being lost is to get back on the "path", so to speak, or return to a familiar location and start moving forward from there. This is true in the practical sense as well as the spiritual sense. To continue to travel when lost is to simply make things worse. Survival training teaches that once a person realizes they are lost, the smartest thing to do is stop! Stop what you are doing and assess your current situation and then make the necessary adjustments to become unlost!

In the spiritual, each of us must come to the realization that we are lost in our sins and on our way to eternal death. For God's Word declares that we are all sinners (Romans 3:23) and that the wages of our sin is death (eternal death)! (Romans 6:23) Once we come to this realization, we must make adjustments to not remain lost anymore. In this case, asking our Lord Jesus to forgive our sins, believe on Him, submit and follow His Way in obedience, accepting His gift of eternal life! In other words believe on Jesus Christ as our Savior and repent from our sinful life!

Repent means in short means to change! Change direction from the way we were going or living and start going a new direction or following a different path. In regards to Salvation, change from living life like we want and start living life in obedience the way that our Lord Jesus wants!!

Contrary to what many want to believe, confession or belief alone is not enough! Confession or belief must be accompanied with repentance! God's Word tells us to 'Repent of our sins, turn to God, and be baptized everyone of us in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins.' (Acts 2:38)

Our Lord loves us and will accept us as we are, but because He loves us He does not allow us to remain as we are!! We therefore find ourselves in a constant ongoing state of "repentance" or sanctification. Daily dying to our own selfish ways and surrendering ourselves to the Way and Will of our Lord Jesus more and more! As we do, we are transformed more and more into the likeness of our Lord Jesus and we now can live the life our Lord so desires us to live to His glory! With our Lord's help, we can do this!! But we must believe on Him and repent from our own fleshly sinful ways!! By accepting our Lord Jesus and His Salvation and choosing to live for Him, we can live for ever with Him just like His Word declares!

May we embrace Godly repentance and be ever more transformed into the people of our Lord, He so desires us to be!!

With much love, respect, and prayer for you all!!

Bible Trivia

1. Who stole idols from her father?
2. What famous rabbi was Paul's teacher?
3. Who is the prophet, who posed much of his book in the form of questions and answers, concluded that "the just shall live by his faith"?
4. Who had an Israelite servant girl who told him about a cure for leprosy?
5. As a Nazirite, this judge of Israel never shaved or had a haircut until his mistress shaved his head. Who was he?

(Answers on back)

Upcoming Events

Fifty Plus Monthly Mid-Day Meal and Service will be Thursday August 14, 2025 at the

church. Lunch will be served at 11:30AM with the service starting immediately afterwards. (usually around 12:15PM) Meat, drinks, and paper goods will be provided. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share and join us for a great time of food, fun, and fellowship, as we worship our Lord together!! Our own Pastor Jerry Frank will be our special speaker. We hope to see you there!

Fifty Plus Fifth Saturday Social Event will be August 30, 2025 at 5:00pm at the church.

The theme is a Hawaiian Luau, so start getting those flowery Hawaiian shirts and flip flops out now. Leis will be provided. Please bring a main dish, a side dish and/or a dessert. Fruit will be provided. Prizes will be awarded for best dressed Hawaiian outfit. Plan now on joining us for some good fun, food, and fellowship and a flip flop flippin' good time!

On a Lighter Side:



Seems there were three professionals (a doctor, an Engineer, and a Politician) sitting around talking about the oldest profession. The Doctor says, "Well, the Bible says that God took a rib out of Adam to make woman. Since that clearly required surgery, then the oldest profession is surely medicine". The Engineer shakes his head and replies "no, no. The Bible also says that God created the world out of void and chaos. To do that, God must surely have been an engineer. Therefore, Engineering is the oldest profession." The Politician smiles smugly and leans discreetly forward and says "Ah, but who do you think created the Chaos?"

One day an angel appeared to Adam. The angel said, "Adam, I've got great news. God is going to create something wonderful for you." Adam said, "Oh, what is it? The angel said, "It's not an "it," it's a "she." God is going to make something called a woman." Adam said, "Go on." The angel continued, "This is going to be wonderful. This woman will be made to be a lot like you physically, only much more beautiful. She will live to serve you at all times. When you are tired, she'll give you a massage. When you are hungry, she'll feed you. She'll come and bow down to you in the morning and when you return from working in the garden in the evening. She'll live to serve your every pleasure each day." "In addition," the angel continued, "she will never argue with you or complain. She won't nag you or talk back to you either. For every command you give her, she'll simply reply, "yes master." She'll clean your house and tend to your every desire." Adam had a sparkle in his eye and said with excitement, "Wow, that sounds amazing. I'd really like to have something like that. But what's it going to cost me?" The angel said, "Well Adam, it's going to cost you your right arm, and a leg." Adam thought about it for a while, and then replied, "What can I get for just a rib?"

Trivia Answers:

1. Rachel (Genesis 31:19)
2. Gamaliel (Acts 22:3)
3. Habakkuk (Habakkuk 2:4)
4. Naaman (2 Kings 5:2)
5. Samson (Judges 16:17)

Prayer Needs:

Gayle Ray
Sheila Nickel
Judy Biasca
Jessie Meadows
Ruth Elmore
Dylan Moore
Bill Martinez

Happy August Birthday to:

John Taylor - Aug. 1
Steven Johnson - Aug. 2
Carrol Shepherd - Aug. 8
Janice Webb - Aug. 9
Ruth Elmore - Aug. 9
Heather Johnson - Aug. 13
Brenda Gomez - Aug. 18
John Jelinek - Aug. 21
Renee Frank - Aug. 22
George Webb - Aug. 23
Wayne Dennard - Aug. 23
Judy Riley - Aug. 30

Happy August Anniversary to:

Rick & Caroline Doyle - Aug. 18
Leon & June Brown - Aug. 19

Here is a recipe to try

Ice Cream Cake

Lay 12 ice cream sandwiches (Vanilla or various flavors) in 9X13 dish - some will need to be cut to fit. Frost the sandwiches with cool whip. Top with nuts, strawberries, blueberries, maraschino cherries or any other fruit you'd like. Finish it off with Magic Shell topping which will harden quickly. Put in freezer a few hours before serving. Let sit out 10-15 min. for easier cutting.
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