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THE GREATEST MIRACLE WORKER!

In the Book of the Gospel according to John: John preached; I am the one crying in the wilderness; make straight the way of the Lord, as said the Prophet Isaiah. And when asked by the Pharisees! Why do you baptize with water, if you are not the Christ nor Elijah or the Prophet? You see the Pharisees were more concerned that John did not seek their permission or even have their authority and was doing this contrary to their practice. So when asked the question; He replied, there stands one among you, whom you know not; He it is, who, coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. These Jews did not even know that the Messiah was already among them. Now, the very next day after all this questioning; John saw Jesus coming unto him and John said; behold, behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sins of the world. After John baptized Jesus in the river Jordan He saw the spirit descending from Heaven like a dove and it abode upon Him (Jesus). This is now symbolizing the beginning of the ministry of Jesus: the full anointing of the Holy spirit; and John said; I knew Him not; but he was not referring to Jesus at this point; he was merely saying that Jesus is truly the Messiah and not according to the flesh but rather by Revelation from on high, just as the Holy Spirit had said. Upon whom you shall see the spirit descending and remaining on Him, the same is he which baptize with the Holy Spirit. On the third day, which being three days after the time Jesus had spent in the wilderness with the temptations; now His public ministry is beginning and He journeys up to Cana of Galilee where both Jesus and the few disciples He had were with Him; they were called to a marriage; His mother was there also; and when they wanted wine because they ran out of wine; the mother of Jesus said unto Him, they have no wine. Of course it had to have been the Holy Spirit who said to Mary to let Jesus know they need wine; otherwise how would she know he could solve the problem they were facing. But Jesus said; woman what have I to do with you? My hour is not yet come. But Mary just continued as if she hadn't heard; and she said to the servants; whatever He says unto you do it! Now there were six water pots of stone, after the manner of purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. (let's just take a moment and clarify something here that's very important; the number six represents man, and always fall short of perfection represented by the number seven, called God's number) the water pots held between 18 and 27 gallons each; Jesus said unto them fill the water pots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. Jesus knew He was ready; He had received the message from His Heavenly Father as to what He should do. So Jesus said; draw out now, and bear unto the Governor of the feast. And they bear it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was; (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the Governor of the feast called the bridegroom, and said unto him, every man at the beginning set forth the good wine; and when men have well drunk, they that which is worse; but you have kept the good wine until now. This was the beginning of the many miracles Jesus did. This miracle showed that Jesus could change things miraculously. The faith of the Disciples increased due to the manifestation of His Glory in the changing of the water to wine. Isn't this awesome isn't this wonderful; the power of the Holy Spirit has fully anointed Him for action; you see the anointing is always for a purpose. When you hear the term anointed been used right away it tells you that God is at work here; He is present; You can't anoint yourself, you have to be anointed by the Godhead. Needless to say a fear came on all the people, and they Glorified God, hallelujah; and this rumor spread throughout the region. Jesus performed over 45 known miracles in the time of his ministry. I am not sure any was more significant than the other; they

were all great works of God. When Jesus was leaving this world on His way to Heaven He said; All authority has been given to Me in Heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, and even to the end of the ages.

Pastor; Jonathan

WHAT IF?

I was asked by a friend, what if you die and find

The God you serve and love so much is only in your mind?

I looked at him and answered, I didn't need to think.

If God's not there we both will drown, this boat we share must sink.

If you could see what God's shown me what if wouldn't cross your mind.

You would have no doubt that God is there unequaled joy you'd find.

All it takes is seeking you will find the evidence.

For people who say they can't see God; what if is the invisible fence.

I've found God's proof surrounds me just by reading His book.

But if you're afraid or lazy What if! Mean you won't look.

I think by now you understand what I'm telling you

But, answer me, questions, just what will you do?

I won't say what if because I know it's true

When you die and reawake and find all things are new.

When you look around and you see that icy stare

And suddenly hear hello I'm God and I was always there!

Why did you not ask What if this thing is true?

What if God is truly there then what would I do?

Here is some advice the best that I can give.

The time to search for God is now while you still live.

Don't wait until you die for then it is too late.

Learn about His love in life before you find His hate.

Seek all the proof of God, all that you can find.

You will see the words what if will never cross your mind.

My life is better now than it's ever been.

God's reward last forever and so does his punishment.

I'm not a gambling man but, I don't think I'd fret.

I don't need odds against what if! I'll take the other bet.

Robert Gil Small.

SALVATION

We will see that the good news Jesus Christ brought is not just a message about His life and death leading to our salvation; His message also concerns the meaning of salvation and how He intends to save the human race from its present problems, The gospel reveals the glorious destiny of mankind!

Sadly, human kind has reduced the gospel to the story about the person of Jesus Christ while neglecting and overlooking the deeper and vastly more encompassing message He brought, He most certainly brought good news-- the most wonderful news this tired, troubled world can hear!

An entire section of the New Testament is devoted to the historical record of the message Jesus Christ taught while on earth. This portion of the Bible, appropriately called "the Gospels, "comprises the first four books of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The writers of this account tell us Jesus primary message was the gospel of the Kingdom of God.

Mark tells us: "Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand, Repent, and believe in the gospel' "(Mark 1:14-15 emphasizes ours throughout)."The gospel of the Kingdom of God" is the message Jesus Christ instructs His followers to believe.

Juliette.

HOW PARENTS SHOULD TREAT THEIR KIDS!

- I think that parents should allow kids to have freedom. When u have them locked up in the house that makes them want to do bad things. When they can see what is going on that makes them want to do fewer things.
A lot of kids don't get the chance to see what is going on so when they do they want to do things that aren't good! So i think that parents should let them out more and trust them and tell them what they need to know to understand what is going on in the world. U may think that they will do badly, but u have to give them the chance to see what is going on and to trust that they will do the right thing. My parents trusted me and let me see what was going on and trust that i wouldn't do wrong an look at me now. Doing good going to school and working
i want to thank them for been there and helping me to understand and helping me down the right road.
Sharifa.

WHAT IS FAITH?

Do you see much faith in the world around you? We live in a secular-oriented society that is virtually devoid of faith since most people don't read the Bible, they don't know much about God. Many are not even sure there is a God. Others, although they believe in Him, don't know what kind of God He is! This situation shouldn't surprise us. After all, it's impossible for people to have living faith in a God they do not know.

What about you? Have you thought about it? Do you know what God can and will do for you? The God of the Bible tells us that we can come to know and develop a relationship with Him. We can know what He has planned for us and our families, in this life and in the future. We can rest assured He wants good things for us. His Word tells us that "godliness is profitable for all things. Having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come"(1 Timothy 4:8,) emphasis added throughout). Not only can we come to know God, to believe in God, but-- much more-.We can learn to believe God.

There is a huge difference. Many people believe in God. They assume He exists, although they probably haven't given His existence much thought, because God is not real enough to them, and this lack of reality affects what they think and do.

To believe God, on the other hand, is to have faith that God will do for us whatever He has promised to do. He expects us to act on that belief. He requires that we have living faith in His existence, power and promises.

Faith isn't some magical ingredient. It does however, lead to a confident attitude toward God. Faith motivates our minds to the assurance of God's power and will to act in our lives. Faith becomes more than a mental conviction as it grows into a commitment, not only to trust God to involve Himself in our lives, but to do His will. We can rest assured that God's will does not include frivolous or unproductive behavior only "godliness that is profitable for all things." God's Word elaborates on living faith. It assures us that "the just shall live by faith" and we walk by faith, not by sight" when we repent of our sins and begin to live dedicated godly lives, directed by our Savior (Romans 1:17;2 Corinthians 5:7). People who live by faith are followers of Christ and members of God's Church. (Acts 5:14; 1 Timothy 4:12).

God's Word has a good reason for calling them believers. In the New Testament the Greek word for faith; is, in virtually every instance, the same word for belief (see "The Meaning of Faith," Although translators choose whether "faith" or "belief" is intended; based on their understanding of the context of each passage .The meaning is usually much broader than either word alone. Juliette..

RIVERVAL.

"O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies. O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name." - Daniel 9:18-19

"O Lord, I have heard your speech and was afraid; O Lord, revive Your work in the midst of the years! In the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy." - Habakkuk 3:2

"Restore us, O God of our salvation, and cause Your anger toward us to cease.

Will You be angry with us forever?

Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?

Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?

Show us Your mercy, Lord, and grant us Your salvation.

I will hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people and to His saints;

But let them not run back to folly, surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed.

Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Yes, the Lord will give what is good; and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before Him, and shall make His footsteps our pathway." - Psalm 85:4-13

"When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land. or send pestilence among My

people, if my people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their Wicket ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." - 2 Chronicles 7:13-14

"O my God, I am too ashamed and humiliated to lift up my face to You, my God; for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has grown up to the heavens.

Since the days of our fathers to this day we have been very guilty, and for our iniquities we, our kings, and our priests have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, to plunder, and to humiliation, as it is this day.

And now for a little while grace has been shown from the Lord our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a measure of revival in our bondage." - Ezra 9:6-8

Pastor; Jonathan

WALKING IN SELFCONTROL.

What exactly is "self-control"? And how can one develop this Virtue?

"The virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, especially his sensual appetites"

**"Where this virtue subsists,
Temptation can have little influence."**

Immediately, then, we can see why this virtue is so necessary in overcoming the "works of the flesh" (such as fornication and outbursts of wrath, [Ga 5:19,20](#))

In some ways, one might consider this virtue the most important...

a. For without self-control, the "works of the flesh" cannot be overcome

b. For without self-control, the other elements of the "fruit of the Spirit" will not be evident.

IT IS FOUND ONLY THREE TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT...

1. Once in [Ac 24:25](#)

a. Where it is included along with "righteousness" and "Judgment"

b. **"the word follows 'righteousness', which represents God's claims; therefore, self-control is to be man's response to such claims"** (VINE)

2. Once in ([Ga 5:23](#); Meekness, temperance; against such there is no law). Where we see it is evidence of one walking in the Spirit, and being led by the Spirit.

3. And in [2Pe 1:6](#); here we learn that it is to be added to "knowledge"(b). **"It follows 'knowledge', suggesting that what is learned requires to be put into practice."**

A. THE SCRIPTURES DESCRIBE THE DIFFICULTY OF SELF-CONTROL...

1. The Wisdom of Solomon declared; it is easier to capture a city than to be in control of our spirit - [Pr 16:32](#); cf. [25:28](#)

2. Just controlling the tongue is a difficult challenge...

a. Failure to bridle the tongue renders our religion useless. [Jm 1:26](#) **(If any man among you seems to be religious, and bridles not his tongue, but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is vain).**

b. It is easier to tame wild animals! - [Jm 3:7-10](#) (read)

B. HOWEVER, IN CHRIST THERE IS STRENGTH TO CONTROL SELF...

1. Consider the dilemma described by Paul in [Ro 7:14-24](#) (read)

a. A dilemma experienced by one trying to do the will of God outside of Christ, having only the Law. A dilemma that leads to... The inability to perform as one wishes, despite the will to do - [Ro 7:18](#) (read). The state of captivity to the law of sin - [Ro 7:23](#) (read). The condition of despair - [Ro 7:24](#) (read)

c. However, in [Ro 7:25](#); **I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the Law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.** We see a glimpse of hope, a hint of the

answer to this dilemma (i.e., Jesus Christ!) The answer is stated very clearly in our text - cf. [Ga 5:24](#) (read). **Those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.**" This does not deny the fact there is still a battle going on - cf. [Ga 5:17](#) (read)

But those in Christ have undergone a fundamental change in a way difficult to comprehend, they have "crucified the flesh" - [Ga 5:24](#) (read). This took place when they were united with Christ in His Death, in baptism. In baptism, our body of sin is put to death, crucified with Christ - [Ro 6:3-6](#)

As one cooperates with God in the doing of His Will, self-control will be a natural by-product (i.e., evidence that one is walking in the Spirit)

2. We cannot overestimate the importance of developing "**self-control**" in our lives...

a. Without it, we cannot defeat the temptations that come our way

b. Without it, we cannot overcome the works of the flesh

c. Without it, we cannot grow as we should in Christ

d. Without it, we cannot bear the fruit of the Spirit

WHAT THEN IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY? First, trust in God's Word, that by His grace, our old man of sin was indeed crucified with Christ in our baptism - [Ro 6:6](#)

We did indeed crucify the flesh with its passions and desires - [Ga 5:24](#)

That God can indeed strengthen us by His Spirit in the inner man - [Ep 3:16](#)

Pastor; Jonathan.

GOD IS A TRUE FRIEND.

True friendship involves action: doing something for someone else while expecting nothing in return; sharing thoughts and feelings without fear of judgment or negative criticism. True friendship involves relationship. Those mutual attributes we mentioned above become the foundation in which recognition transpires into relationship. Many people say, "Oh, he's a good friend of mine," yet they never take time to spend time with that "good friend." Friendship takes time: time to get to know each other, time to build shared memories, time to invest in each other's growth. Trust is essential to true friendship. We all need someone with whom we can share our lives, thoughts, feelings, and frustrations. We need to be able to share our deepest secrets with someone, without worrying that those secrets will end up on the Internet the next day! Failing to be trustworthy with those intimate secrets can destroy a friendship in a hurry. Faithfulness and loyalty are key to true friendship. Without them, we often feel betrayed, left out, and lonely. In true friendship, there is no backbiting, no negative thoughts, no turning away. Friends are dependable. In true friendship, unconditional love develops. We love our friends no matter what and we always want the best for our friends. In Genesis 18:17-33, we read about God sharing His intentions with Abraham. Abraham responds by telling God his thoughts and feelings about the situation. God and Abraham are able to do this because they trust and respect each other. Real and true friendship involves freedom of choice, accountability, truth, and forgiveness. Peter and Jesus give us this example: Peter,

afraid for his life after Jesus is led away from the Garden of Gethsemane, denies knowing Jesus (John 18). As He is led away by His accusers, Jesus casts a look toward Peter that says, "I knew you would deny Me, and I forgive you" (John 21). Real friendship looks at the heart, not just the "packaging." Genuine friendship loves for love's sake, not just for what it can get in return. True friendship is both challenging and exciting. It risks, it overlooks faults, and it loves unconditionally, but it also involves being truthful, even though it may hurt. Genuine friendship, also called "agape" love, comes from the Lord. The Lord Jesus calls us His friends and He laid down His life for us (John 15). Do you need a friend? God wants to be your true friend. Are you longing for companionship? God is always with you (Hebrews 13:5).

Pastor; Jonathan.

THE STRUGGLES OF AN ADDICT

Most addicts struggle on a day to day basis or should I say on an every second of the day basis. What once started out as fun has turned into a deal with the devil.. Most addicts don't always want or crave drugs; it could be alcohol or food or any substance that you over indulge in. The struggle to overcome is always a battle. Once an individual trades fifteen minutes of fun for might be a lifetime of torment, it immediately tells you it's an evil arrangement. The way back can only be with God. Trust in God, knowing He is the great healer of all.

Kala.

MY LIFE WITH GOD.

Living with God in your heart is a blessing. God can change your life in so many ways and make you smile in your most trying times. If you let Him, He will come into your life and take control. Even when you have doubts and walk away He will forgive you just by asking.

Britney.

DAVID.

I will lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence comes my help?

My help comes from the Lord. Who made heaven and earth.

He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper. The Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from evil.

He shall preserve your soul. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Pastor: Jonathan.

CALLED BY GOD.

Do you feel called by God to do His will? Is there a strong urge to preach the Word of God? Are you awakened at all hours of the night by that voice that's saying; you should be reading the Bible? Well God is ministering to your heart. There is a seed that' has been planted .Paul writes to Christians at Thessalonica that God called you through our gospel. The gospel is communicated by the word of truth which God designed to produce faith in sincere hearts. To say that a person is saved without God's calling, would be equivalent to say that person is saved without the gospel.. The Lord explains in John 6: It is written in the prophets. And they shall all be taught of God. Everyone that hath heard from the Father, and hath learned, comes unto Me. whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Pastor: Jonathan

EDITORS COMENTS.

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