

# MESSAGE OUTLINE

## SUNDAY, November 13, 2022



CHURCH

הקהילה מתקדמת

10:30am Sunday 13095 Publishers Drive, Fishers

Today's Message: **BIBLE ANSWER MAN**  
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### We all have questions for which we would like answers, don't we?

The Bible has the answers...

*Deuteronomy 29:29 (ESV) "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."*

### 1. Since it was written by fallible people, how can we be certain the Bible is true, and unchanged over 2,000 years?

*2 Peter 1:20–21 (ESV) knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup> For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

*2 Timothy 3:16a (ESV) All Scripture is breathed out by God...*

### 2. Is Christian "self-help" a false teaching?

*Romans 7:18–19 (ESV) For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.*

*Galatians 5:22–23 (ESV) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

### 3. What are "acts of mercy?"

#### CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Give alms to the poor
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

#### SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

- Instruct the ignorant
- Counsel the doubtful
- Admonish the sinner
- Forgive injuries
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Pray for the living and the dead

### 4. Can you define and describe what it means to have our IDENTITY IN CHRIST? What does it look like? How does that change self-worth?

Identity in Christ is simply seeing yourself as God sees you.

#### YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

Here's what God says to you about who you are...

- You may not know me, but I know everything about you (Psalm 139:1)
- You were made in my image (Genesis 1:27)
- You didn't choose me; I chose you (John 15:16)
- You are a saint (1 Cor. 1:2; Eph. 1:1; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:2)
- I chose you even before I created the world and declared you to be holy and without fault before me (Ephesians 1:4)
- I adopted you as my child (Ephesians 1:5)
- You are my very own child so I want you to call me "Papa" (Rom. 8:15)
- You can come to me with confidence and boldness anytime you have a need (Eph. 3:12; Heb. 4:16)
- I dearly love you (1 Thessalonians 1:4)
- You are royalty—my own holy people (1 Peter 2:9,10)
- You ravish my heart when you look my way (Song of Solomon 4:9)
- I knew you even before you were conceived (Jeremiah 1:4-5)
- You were not a mistake, all your days are written in my book (Ps 139:16)
- I determined where you would live & picked your Birthday (Acts 17:26; Ps 71:6)

- You will inherit my kingdom with Jesus my Son (Romans 8:17)
- You are my masterpiece and I have an incredible plan for your life (Eph2:10)
- I am not ashamed to claim you as my own (Hebrews 2:11)
- I made you wonderfully complex (Psalm 139:14)
- You are my friend (John 15:15)
- You are my treasured possession (Exodus 19:5)

## 5. How do we know what is a parable vs real life stories?

*Matthew 13:10–12 (NLT) His disciples came and asked him, “Why do you use parables when you talk to the people?”<sup>11</sup> He replied, “You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not.<sup>12</sup> To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them.”*

**Parable:** *Matthew 13:24 (NIV84) Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.*

**Parable:** *Matthew 13:31 (NLT) Here is another illustration Jesus used: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field.”*

**Actual Story:** *Luke 16:19–20 (NLT) Jesus said, “There was a certain rich man who was splendidly clothed in purple and fine linen and who lived each day in luxury.<sup>20</sup> At his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores.”*

## 6. Do we go straight to heaven when we die, or do we stay in Abraham’s bosom until the day of the Lord (Luke 16)?

(See story above Rich Man and Lazarus)

*2 Corinthians 5:8 (NLT) Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord.*

## 7. Was the snake that tricked Eve Satan?

*Revelation 20:2 (NLT) He seized the dragon—that old serpent, who is the devil, Satan—and bound him in chains for a thousand years.*

## 8. How do we know if someone is speaking in tongues, and if it’s from the Holy Spirit, or just for show?

### a. Are they speaking in known human language?

*Acts 2:6–8 (NLT) When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers...we hear them speaking in our own native languages!...<sup>11</sup> And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!”*

### b. Is it for the benefit of unbelievers?

*1 Corinthians 14:22a (NLT) So you see that speaking in tongues is a sign, not for believers, but for unbelievers.*

### c. Does it create order or chaos?

*1 Corinthians 14:33, 40 (NLT) For God is not a God of disorder but of peace, as in all the meetings of God’s holy people...<sup>40</sup> But be sure that everything is done properly and in order.*

## 9. What does the biblical perspective say about “work”? How does it relate to vocation - the Lord’s calling on your life?

*1 Peter 1:15–16 (NIV84) But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;<sup>16</sup> for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”*

*Ephesians 6:7 (NLT) Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.*

Vocation = a summons or strong inclination to a particular state or course of action; *especially*: a divine call to the religious life

*Jeremiah 1:5 (NLT) "I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations."*

## 10. Does the ideology of the "great reset" at all align with biblical prophecy?

**The Great Reset** the main theme of the World Economic Forum's summit in Lucerne in May 2021, which was postponed to 2022. The World Economic Forum generally suggests that a globalized world is best managed by a self-selected coalition of multinational corporations, governments, and civil society organizations. (Wikipedia)

Globalization to deal with:

- Climate Change
- World Health Crises
- Economic Inequities

Globalization = one world government

Surveillance = Contact Tracing and Tracking

Economics = cashless society with one world currency

Ecology = Radical Climate Change Agenda

Great Reset = Using Covid as an excuse / opportunity for "building back better" (Justin Trudeau, Pres. Biden, Boris Johnson, NZ Prime Minister), "New World Order", World Economic Forum (WEF)

"Economic globalization, political democracy, and the nation state are mutually irreconcilable, based on the logic that only two can effectively co-exist at any given time." (Schwab, 107)

"While the strategies of the global reset are coordinated and complex, the aim of it all is simple yet sinister: Control. Total control. Global control. Iron-fisted control." (Hitchcock, 55)

"The great reset and its cashless agenda are a catalyst and necessary antecedent for the one-world economy of the Antichrist." (Hitchcock, 63)

### The first Great Reset—the Tower of Babel

*Genesis 11:4, 6 (NKJV) And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."...<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.*

*Daniel 7:23, 25 (NLT) Then he said to me, "This fourth beast is the fourth world power that will rule the earth. It will be different from all the others. It will devour the whole world, trampling and crushing everything in its path...<sup>25</sup> He will defy the Most High and oppress the holy people of the Most High. He will try to change their sacred festivals and laws, and they will be placed under his control for a time, times, and half a time.*

*Revelation 13:16–17 (ESV) Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead,<sup>17</sup> so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name.*

**SO WHAT?** God's word contains the answers to life's questions. Are you searching for the answers in the right place?

*Jeremiah 4:22 (NLT) "My people are foolish and do not know me," says the Lord. "They are stupid children who have no understanding. They are clever enough at doing wrong, but they have no idea how to do right!"*

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## ONWARD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, November 13, 2022

**1. PIZZA LUNCH TOGETHER AFTER WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY**—Join us for lunch immediately after worship next Sunday. Pizzas provided. Bring: salads or desserts plus drinks in liter bottles (ice and cups provided).

**2. MOSHE & BATEL LOEWENTHAL, ONE MIDDLE EAST AGENCY TUESDAY @ 7:00PM**— Join us for dinner as we cast our vision and raise support for One Middle East Agency and their work in Israel. Seating is limited, so please text or email your reservations to Pastor Gary (317-513-0227 or [gary@garystump.org](mailto:gary@garystump.org)).

**3. SECURITY TEAM MEETING TODAY 1-2PM**—See Pat Weber for more info.

**4. YOUTH SUNDAY NIGHT 6-8PM**—Dinner; Bible Study: *Thieves: Sneaky Sins that Steal Your Joy*

**5. PAL (“PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES”) MEETING**—This is for families of adult children dealing with substance addiction. Every Tuesday night, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Free weekly meetings. Dr. Nancy Smith, facilitator. For more information, contact [nancy1108smith@gmail.com](mailto:nancy1108smith@gmail.com) or 317-508-8149.

**6. LADIES BIBLE STUDY**—Wednesdays @ 9:30AM at Kathy Stump’s house (12928 Whitehaven Lane, Fishers). Studying the book of 1 Peter using Jen Wilkin’s guide.

**7. ONWARD PRAYER RESPONSE CARD ONLINE**—To make it easier for some, you can scan this QR code in order to complete your Prayer Response Card.

