



**Brandi Beavers.** Health concerns.

**The Beavers Children.** Health concerns.

**Sibbie Byrd.** Nursing home. Health concerns.

**Drew Clifton.** Need of prayer.

**Hester Hollandsworth.** Health concerns.

**Matthew Hollandsworth.** Health concerns.

**Wes Johnson.** Cancer.

**Steven Kelly.** Cancer.

**Ryan Kendrick.** Special needs.

**Rita Lawless.** Health concerns.

**Karen Lovell.** Health concerns.

**Paul Mays.** Health concerns.

**Ruby Mason.** Health concerns.

**Carol Pace.** Health concerns.

**Jaydan Patrick.** Special needs.

**Carolyn Roop.** Health concerns.

**Joe Shulam.** Health concerns.

**Marcia Shulam.** Hospitalized. Heart surgery.

**Kitty Shumate.** Health concerns.

**Sharon Teschendorf.** Dementia.

**Wayne Youngblood.** Parkinson's & Dementia.

**Caregivers.**

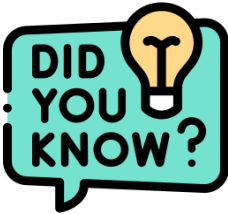
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### Times We Meet:

**Sunday:**  
**Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Worship:** 10:30 a.m.



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## He's Coming

In the last chapter of the last book of the Bible, we have recorded the last words of our Lord to us. Here's something He says to all mankind: "Behold, I am coming quickly and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Rev. 22:12-13).

Now, here's what we learn from this statement:

1. Jesus will eventually come back and when He comes, it will all be done quickly...i.e. the resurrection, the change of bodies, and the judgment. There will be no last minute opportunities to readjust our condition before God.
2. Jesus will judge "every man" and will do so "according to what he has done." Therefore, it behooves us to get our lives right before God while we have opportunity. When the Lord returns, it will be too late to make any changes.

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3. We also learn that He is qualified to render just judgment because of who He is. The expressions, "the Alpha and the Omega" refer to the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet. We would say, "He is the A and the Z." This just means that He is the one who got the whole creation started and He is the one who will bring it all to an end. Thus, not only is He "the first and the last," but also "the beginning and the end."

There's a great day coming...when it comes, things will happen very quickly. Are you ready for that day?  
—Guy Orbison, Jr.

***A Minute Too Short?***

Joe Munch is believed to be sentenced to the shortest prison sentence in history, one whole minute.

In 1906 while serving in the army he was out on leave and drank too much passing out on the street. A policeman found him in this condition and he was arrested. The court sentenced him to thirty days for being drunk and disorderly and fined \$100 — the equivalent of more than \$3,000 in today's dollars. Munch thought that was excessive and appealed to the Superior Court.

The judge there agreed, citing his "pretty thorough physical chastisement at the hands of the police, and that he had also spent several days in the city prison before his case came up for trial". Finding that Munch had already been "sufficiently punished", the judge was not about to uphold the lower court's sentence, but, since he was still technically guilty he needed to be sentenced to something. So, the judge ordered a one-minute prison sentence.

But maybe it should have been longer.

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***July Birthdays!***

20TH VELVET WYATT  
21ST DAVE ROBERTSON  
25TH SAMMIE BEAVERS

***Men's Breakfast!***

Our Next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Sat, July 26th! At a new time! Join us at Clarence's Steakhouse in Ridgeway at 9:00 a.m. for food & fellowship.

***Pizza/Movie Night!***

Our next Pizza & Movie Nights will be on August 9th! Pizza Supper at 4:45pm and Movie at 5:00pm.

**Upcoming Events:**



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***Solution***

Pharisees, offended; true; parable; proceed, heart; thoughts, blasphemies



***Do Trials Make Us Patient?***

“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him” (James 1:2-5).

The hardships of life build patience in us. But that growth depends on us. Christians respond in different ways to the troubles of life. Some fall away when they face tribulation and persecution (Matt. 13:21). Others endure the trial, but they don’t learn as much as they should. They don’t get rid of attitude problems or work on their weaknesses. They drift back into the same careless patterns in their spiritual life. Why does this happen?

James said it’s not enough just to make it through the crisis. He said these trials will bring patience—but, you must let patience have its perfect work. Let the effects of the trial sink in. Meditate on what you have learned. Don’t rush back to your earthly routine. Don’t go back to being lazy about your prayer life and Bible reading. Decide to do better. Commit to loving God more. Allow the fire of tribulation to mold you thoroughly into the complete Christian you need to be. Examine your heart, your speech, and your actions. Let this bad experience be a stepping stone to maturity, not an inconvenient interruption to your plans. Let the trial change you completely, not just in one or two ways in general. All of this takes something Christians in this age are unwilling to give: time.

And what if you aren’t as wise as you need to be? What if that is what we lack as we face troubles? James said to ask God for wisdom and He will give it if we believe. It’s easy to pray when we’re in pain. But many times we are so glad when it’s over we just want to relax and enjoy. There is a place for that. But we must not forget that the Lord has been merciful. It seems that I remember a story about nine men who failed to see that (Luke 17:11-19).

—Kerry Duke

***“A Minute Too Short?” Continued from Page 2...*** Later that same year Munch was on a transport ship when he got unruly and assaulted a sergeant. The sergeant shot Much in self-defense. It seems his minute in jail didn’t teach him much self-control.

In Romans 2:4-5 we read: “Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God.” People have a bad habit of seeing mercy as acceptance. Instead of gratefulness in receiving mercy we exhibit a stubborn pride that continues doing what we did to get us in trouble in the first place. Don’t see God forgiveness as an excuse to continue in continue in sin. God’s mercy should make us change, not think we got away with it.

If we don’t learn from our mistakes we are doomed in repeating them.  
—Barry Haynes



***What Does It Mean to Be Spiritual?***

It is rather popular in our day for a person to be “spiritual.” One might ask, “What does it mean to be spiritual?” The answer(s) to that question will vary from person to person.

If you ask the “experts,” you will find that being a spiritual person could involve anything from practicing yoga to caring for animals. It might also involve loving the planet, daily meditation, and loving yourself.

It seems there is no general consensus among the “spiritual advisors” about what is involved in being spiritual.

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***“What Does It Mean to Be Spiritual?” Continued from Page 3...*** However, there is one thing upon which the experts agree—being spiritual does not involve a belief in the Bible. In fact, some seem to have an agenda to separate faith in the Bible and spirituality. In their writings, those who push this agenda warn: “Believing in the Bible and going to church do not make a person spiritual.” In fact, some imply that faith in the Bible and attending church services are hindrances to “true” spirituality. Being “spiritual” is considered as being “cool,” enlightened, sophisticated, and modern; believing the teachings of the Bible and going to church services are for those who are “religious” at best and ignorant at worst.



But consider this. Why is there no agreement among the “experts” about the definition of a spiritual person? It seems to me that there is no agreement among them because there is no objective standard being used to determine what it means to be spiritual. In the absence of an objective standard, one person may claim that being spiritual is “becoming one with nature,” and another person might claim that it means to do yoga exercises. In essence, being “spiritual” is defined individually and is based on nothing more than fallible human opinion.

It is at this point that Christians have an advantage in defining true spirituality because the Christian has an authoritative standard, the Bible. The Bible has a lot to say about being spiritual: “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted” (Galatians 6:1). “For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace” (Romans 8:6).


According to the Bible, a spiritual person is one who “sows to the Spirit” (Galatians 6:7-9), lays up “treasure” in heaven (Matthew 6:19-21), and sets his affections on things above (Colossians 3:2). A spiritual person, therefore, focuses on things of a spiritual nature: God, the Word, the church, going to heaven, the value of souls, and salvation from sin.

Let the “experts” say what they will, but true spirituality is defined by God, not by men. Are you spiritual?

—Mark Lindley

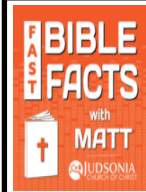


**Matthew 15:12-20**



1. “Then His disciples came and said to Him, ‘Do You know that the \_\_ were \_\_ when they heard this saying?’”
2. True or False: Jesus said the Pharisees were blind leaders of the blind.
3. Peter asked Jesus to “explain this \_\_ to us.”
4. “But those things which \_\_ out of the mouth come from the \_\_, and they defile a man.”
5. “For out of the heart proceed evil \_\_, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, \_\_.”

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 7!



**Did You Know This About Ezekiel?**

While Jeremiah was known as the “Weeping Prophet,” Ezekiel on the other hand was told by God not to cry.

Specifically, God told Ezekiel that he was about to lose his wife, and he should not mourn or weep. His behavior was to be an example to Israel of how they should behave when they face the tragedies that were coming their way due to the exile.

But even with all the tragedy the book contains, Ezekiel’s vision of the valley of dry bones in chapter 37 shows that God has the power to breath life in to His people once again.

Jesus speaks of the resurrection of the dead in John 5:28-29.

“Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.”

—Matt Clifton