

A TIME OF REFLECTION

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Halfway through another year, time for a philosophical question: **What's it all mean?** Don't say you haven't thought it; we all think it. Don't say you've found the answer – that just irritates everyone who has decided that life is difficult and confusing and so no one really gets it. You can chuck it into the “**unanswered questions**” bin where it will be joined by just about everyone else's query.

The primary problem with that question is that no one – even the greatest prophets who speak with consideration and logic – **has arrived at an answer that satisfies all of us**. Jesus' disciples had just had their world reimagined. The man they watched crucified by the Roman soldiers had come back. Alive but different. So, they asked Him their big question: “**Is this when You will reestablish Your Kingdom?**”

Jesus sighed. Okay, it doesn't say, “**He sighed**”, but He must have. It's got to be one of those unwritten emotions that drove His answer. What He said was, “**It's not for you or any other man to know. That's for the Father to decide. And He'll let us know when He's ready.**” What an impossible response to their “**big question**”.

Unfortunately, if we understand His comment, we have the answer to our “**big question**” too. We can write a thousand philosophical essays aimed at “**What's it all mean?**” Some will be simple. Some will be brilliant exposes. Some will have us all nodding (in agreement, not sleep). But ultimately, all will leave us wondering if what has been proposed actually answers the question. Only God knows. The positive outcome for those of us who love and obey God is found in 1 Corinthians 13:12 (Amplified Bible):

For now, we are looking in a mirror that gives only a dim (blurred) reflection [of reality as in a riddle or enigma], but then [when perfection comes] we shall see in reality **and face to face!** Now I know in part (imperfectly), but then I shall know **and understand fully and clearly, even in the same manner as I have been fully and clearly known and understood [by God].**

So, let's just wait!

Welcome!

July 14th, 2024



"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM
Unity in Prayer & Youth: 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid's Club
Prayer ½ hour before services

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Wednesday Bible Study – we continue our new study, “The Great Disappearance” – Rapture of the church, taken from Dr. David Jeremiah’s study. We have student study guides available for \$10 each. Please see the Pastor for more details.

Flagging Class – suspended until further

notice.

Save The Date! Annual VBS will be on August 19th through the 23rd, 6 – 9 P.M. We need volunteers for this vital week. We will have a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer for you to indicate when you are able to help. God will richly bless you as you invest in the lives of children.

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TEXT: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; 2 Chronicles 20

I. **GOD’S** _____ – 2 Chronicles 20:6

A. The first _____ of our prayer – acknowledge God’s power – Psalm 66:3

B. Dagon _____ twice before the ark – 1 Samuel 5:1-4

C. _____ provided for Jehoshaphat and the allied army. 2 Kings 3:14; 2 Chronicles 16-20, 22-24

II. **GOD’S** _____ – 2 Chronicles 20:7

A. **God has never** _____. Psalm 98:1

B. **The key is to** _____ – 1 Chronicles 16:12; Psalm 77:11

III. **GOD’S** _____ – 2 Chronicles 20:7-9

A. **There is great** _____ **in His promises.** Proverbs 30:5; Psalm 18:30

B. **God’s Word is** _____ – Hebrews 4:12

C. **God’s Word cannot be** _____ – Deuteronomy 4:2

D. **God’s Word will be** _____ – Ezequiel 12:28; Isaiah 55:11

IV. **THE** _____ – 2 Chronicles 20:10

A. **This enables him to** _____ **God.**

I must _____ my problem with His power, performance and promises.

B. **This enables him to** _____ **God.**

C. **This enables him to** _____ **God** – 2 Chronicles 20:14-22

CONCLUSION:

2 Chronicles 20:25