

## *SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS*

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How is it that computers always need updates, cars need tune-ups, and wheel alignments, even human bodies need toning? Why can't we just achieve our perfect height and weight and never have to worry about it again? We spend more money keeping our autos in shape than we did to buy them. Lawns have to be cut, floors have to be mopped, trees have to be tended. And when we reach the Fall, we get to rake the leaves that were so green a month before. Why can't stuff just reach perfection and stay like that until we have a change of mind?

We call it the **circle of life**. And that's the problem: "**life**". Adam and Eve had it made in Eden, then God sent them out because of their disobedience away from the Tree of Life. We've been cutting and weeding ever since, which might be okay if the stuff we invented didn't need the same attention. An IT guy at work was setting up my Linux desktop the other day. Before installing the "**dock**" for my personal cloud server, he did a last-minute Ubuntu upgrade. Poof! The screen went black. The system wouldn't work. Took him all day to figure out that Ubuntu released an upgrade that interfered with video output, and we weren't the only people it affected. ***That's the nature of life in our world.***

We're happy that science and medicine have made our lives better. But have they? If so, why do we still have health issues and die before 100? Why can't we live 930 years like Adam? And before we get too frustrated, let's remember that Jesus, the greatest man ever, died at 33. Does it all sound troubling?

For most of us, ***it sends us to faith***, and to the knowledge that God prepared us to live forever. There's a little door called "**Death**" we go through and there we are, in eternity with God and everyone else who've been waiting for us. Yeah, there are a bunch of unanswered questions, but let's just answer the ones we can and go back to mowing and weeding. 1 Corinthians 13:9-12:

***For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.***

# Welcome!

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025



*"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: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid's Club

Prayer ½ hour before services

BOOK OF ACTS TODAY #2

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Prayer – every Sunday evening, from 6 – 7 here in the sanctuary. This is informal, come as you are for the time you are able. James 5:16 (ESV):

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Wednesday Bible Study – we continue our study of the Book of Ephesians.

Iron Sharpens Iron – Saturday, June 7 – 8:30 a.m. – 12:55 p.m., doors open at 7:30 a.m. @ Calvary Assembly of God, 960 Mineral Springs Road, Cobleskill, NY 12043. The cost is of \$39 per man if we have 5 or more, payable by June 3rd. Students are \$25 each. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer so we can plan. This is a life changing event for our men, let us all plan to go.

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TEXT: Ecclesiastes 1:9; Habakkuk 1:5; 1 Samuel 1:15-20; 3:1-4 & 2 Kings 2:19-20

\_\_\_\_\_ is the vehicle through which \_\_\_\_\_ is expressed. Jesus laid down His \_\_\_\_\_ at Calvary and on the day of Pentecost picked up \_\_\_\_\_ body called the \_\_\_\_\_.

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ LIFE WITH GOD
  - a. It must be built on an \_\_\_\_\_ union.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ + time = \_\_\_\_\_.

Communion + time = \_\_\_\_\_.

Samuel was able to be perfectly \_\_\_\_\_ to God in all things.

2. A \_\_\_\_\_ FROM WHAT \_\_\_\_\_  
We must get \_\_\_\_\_ to the New Testament and the New Testament way of \_\_\_\_\_ things.  
\_\_\_\_\_ in love sets \_\_\_\_\_.

The instrument must \_\_\_\_\_ against all that is \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s \_\_\_\_\_! Jeremiah 9:1

3. A \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD’S VOICE – Hebrews 5:14  
\_\_\_\_\_ to wait on God by \_\_\_\_\_ waiting!

4. A \_\_\_\_\_ – 1 Samuel 15:2-3, 9  
God doesn’t \_\_\_\_\_ anything by how \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ it is!

5. A \_\_\_\_\_ HISTORY  
“God does \_\_\_\_\_ except in \_\_\_\_\_ to prayer.”  
Jeremiah 15:1  
“Give me ten men that \_\_\_\_\_ nothing but God and \_\_\_\_\_ nothing but \_\_\_\_\_ and I will change the course of history.”