

**Quote for the Week: IF CHRIST IS ANYTHING, HE MUST BE EVERYTHING!**

**Questions for Q & A Sunday:**

**Lynda - Q:** Ecclesia in the past Celebrated the passing of Church members by putting them up on the big screen in remembrance of them and their service if any! Will the church go back to celebrating the passing of the members, etc?

**A:** Our Rising Star Services is where we remember and celebrate the transition of Loved Ones.

**Josh - Q:** Does ECF have an In-Prison/ Jailhouse Ministry/Volunteer to pray for them so their souls won't be lost?

**A:** We ministry to Juvenile Hall did before the Pandemic. If anyone is interested to starting a Prison Ministry We'd be open to organizing it.... Jesus reminds us in Matthew 25:37-40.

**Josh — Q:** David committed Adultery, God took the Child; David still rolling around on His Chariot with 42's and vogues. David has his right-hand man killed in battle, still on 42's and vogues. David takes census without approval, 70,000 people suffered the consequences. David doesn't even catch a cold, still on 42's and vogues. I'm confused?

**A:** The phrase - 42's and vogues?...I'm assuming it means someone is doing well, dealing with no consequences. Which I believe is what the author of this question is concerned with...**Which is not true David had many consequences:**

- He was publicly exposed for his sin with Bathsheba;
- War never left His kingdom, because his sins;
- He was hated by his sons Absolam and Adonijah, One tried to killed him to take his throne, the other tried to politically over throw him and take his throne;
- God would not allow him to do the one thing that his heart desired, build Him a temple, because his hands were to bloody;

- and his consequences extended to his son Solomon, who at the end of his life turn from God, because of the many women that were in his life and God divided the kingdom, during the reign of Davids grandson - Rehoboam. (See 2 Sam.12:1-9; 2 Sam. 3:1-6; 2 Sam.15-18; 1Kings 1:5-9; 2 Chron. 28:1-7; 1 kings 11&12.)
1. God Made a Covenant with David...(Read 2 Sam.7: 9-16) God promise to make his name great (2 Sam.7:9) to provide a place for His people (2 Sam.7:10) to give him rest from all his enemies (2 Sam. 7:11) and to raise up his offspring to succeed (2 Sam.7:12)
  2. David was a man after Gods on heart (1 Sam.13:14) — Because:
    - a. He was Obedient Everything God told Him to Do -
    - b. He United the tribes into one Kingdom
    - c. He was a Man of great Faith...He fought and Killed Goliath.
    - d. He had heart of genuine Worship...He wrote the majority of the Psalm
    - e. He was genuinely repentant of his sins - Ps. 51

**Lynda - Q: # 1** Why was Jesus born a Jew?

**A:** 1 - We see in Genesis 12:1-3 God makes a promise to Abraham (that his descendants would become a great nation) and Jesus is Abraham seed through Israel son Judah.

**Lynda - Q: # 2** In Acts 2:38 Peter said to them repent and be baptized in the \*\*\*Name of Jesus Christ.\*\*\* In Matthew 28:18-19 Jesus told them to baptize in the \*\*Name of the Father\*, \*\*\*the Son and \*\*\*the Holy Spirit\*\*.. Are both of these ways of baptizing correct?

**A:** the simple answer is both ways are correct... baptism signifies and outward show of our inward conversation ... and Jesus makes clear that we identify with the triune nature of God, but basically....

**Lynda - Q:** What is the NAME of the Holy Spirit? Name of the Father (God) Name of Son (Jesus) Name of Holy Spirit (. )?

**A:** His Name is the Holy Spirit - also called the Spirit of Truth (Jn.14:7); Comforter (Jn.14:26) and the Spirit of Christ (Rom.8:9). Just as God the father has several name .... Jesus has several names Savior, bread of life, the good shepherd...

**Josh - Q:** Is the mansion we receive in Heaven going to be our new perfect bodies or are we going to live in real mansions?

**A:** NO, our heavenly bodies are not our mansions, Paul describes our heavenly bodies in 1 Corinthians 15: 40-54; and Jesus tells in John 14:2 that we have a mansion - Greek word is "*Mone*" which is literally translated: Rooms; dwelling places; places to stay.

**Lynda - Q:** When you die and go to heaven and you have been married more than once who will you be with in heaven?

**A:** Matthew 22:23-32. Verse 30 specifically says "People will neither marry nor be given in marriage" (c/r Mark 12:18-27 & Luke 20:27-40) No ones, there is no marriage in Heaven.

**Josh - Q:** Is speaking in Tongues real? Speaking in an "unknown" language. That is not the example given in Acts. The people spoke in another language (known) they had not spoken before to minister to those who spoke that language. Is speaking in a "unknown" language something man has done? (flesh) I have not seen it displayed as in Acts — speaking a language to talk to a person who does not speak the same language you speak.

**A:** The Greek word is "Glossa" which translate language or dialect. Its the same word in I Corinthians 12 & 14; Particularly 1 Corinthians 13:1 - Every account where we find Angels speaking in the Bible they spoke that language the hearer understood.

**Lynda - Q:** What exactly does "Love" mean and look like on God's Commandment to "love your neighbors?" How should and do I love my neighbor?

**A:** 1 Corinthians 13 (NLT). Love is patience love is kind... how you want to be loved you treat others the same - the key is God knows we cannot love properly with relying on Him to love through us.

**Lynda — Q:** How do or what shall I pray for my adversaries?

**A:** Matthew 5:44; if your enemy is hungry feed them, if they're thirsty give them water.....Romans 12:14 -bless those who persecute you  
Our prayers should petition God to draw them to himself and how he would use you help draw them to Him IF THEY ARE RECEPTIVE TO CHRISTIANITY AND SALVATION.

**Josh - Q:** What is blended Father? What is a Pliant Father?

**Josh - Q:** What is the Biblical stand on Wokeism? What would Christ say on each aspect including racism?

**A: Mason, Eric. Woke Church (p. 25). Says:** Pan-Africanists and Black Nationalists use the term “woke” to refer to no longer being naïve nor in mental slavery. We have borrowed the term and redeemed it to be used in the context of being awakened from deadened, sinful thinking. In fact, every believer has been awakened from sin’s effects and Satan’s deception (Eph. 5:14). Thus, the believer is able to be aware of sin and challenge it wherever it is. Woke is a word commonly used by those in the black community as a term for being socially aware of issues that have systemic impact. This social awareness doesn’t come from just watching the news or reading history through a traditional lens. Being woke has to do with seeing all of the issues and being able to connect cultural, socio-economic, philosophical, historical, and ethical dots. A similar term is conscious. — what does Jesus say about it, in NT language James says 1:27 says:  
<sup>27</sup> *Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world. (NKJV)*

**Josh - Q:** I’ve always wanted your honest opinion on BLM (Black Lives Matter Organization)? Are you for this? What’s your opinion? What do you think positive or negative from your perspective as a Pastor from church organization like Ecclesia?

**A:** Philosophically but not organizationally: Their organizational posture and tenets are not consistent with biblical teaching and morals. Yet, philosophically I agree with the problem of systemic racism and we need to address it and work to eradicate it from our social, legal, educational and economic systems. That’s why I believe the church should have a response and stand regarding these issues from a biblical position.

**Josh - Q:** Where would you like to see the church at in one year from now? More evangelism? More outreaches? More of everything?

**A:** YES!!

**Josh - Q:** Can you guys pray for healing over my body and the pain I go through everyday?

### **Questions that came in to late:**

**Q:** How do you pray for a person who was born with a mild case of retardation or any disabling defect?

**A:** The issue of praying for those who are born with certain forms of retardation or disabilities, is to pray that God will cause them to live a full life in spite of and in the midst of their various physical challenges. Like Joni Eareckson Tada and Nicholas James Vujicic, God uses these two and more, in very powerful ways with their physical challenges.

**Q:** Can disciples these days bind evil away from their body, soul and the spirit with prayer like Peter and the original disciples did or is that a spiritual gift?

**A:** If we could bind evil from our body, soul and spirit, then none of us as Disciple would need to worry about attacks and temptation for the Enemy. The Disciple is Christ weren't able to bind evil from their body, soul and spirit either. The only thing that keeps evil from our body, soul and spirit is obedience to the Word of God. And God give us the power to obey in the person of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

As far as binding evil or Devil is concerned, we have not been given authority to do that. Only to bind disobedience in the Church as it relates to sinning Saints and Church Discipline (See Matthew 18:15-20) and that is base on the agreement of two or three. Even Matthew 16:19 says we have the ability to bind those thing that would come against the mission and purpose of the Church.

Our job is to RESIST the Devil and when we do that, the Word says he will flee from us (See James 4:7) and we resist him when we obey the Word of God.

**Q:** If a person is raised in the type of church that does not pray like Catholic do or is there a prayer resource book out there that can help a person with this type of issue?

**A:** If you are talking about how to pray, the Disciple had the same dilemma in Luke 11:1-4, when they ask Jesus to teach them pray and Jesus said when you pray, pray this way and He gave us what is literally the Disciples Prayer, but traditions calls it the Lord's Prayer. Listen, Prayer is just a conversation with God. Me talking to God about what is on my mind and my heart. There is no form or formula to follow when you pray. Share with God all your concerns. Your doubts, your fears, your desires and your dreams. Its a conversation and remember the protocol for a good conversation is giving the other person an opportunity to speak as well. So prayer is speaking but it is also listening. One more thing prayer should always be based on the Word, when you don't know what to say, pray the Word and know this that all of God's answers to your prayers will be in line with His Word, He will never give you something or tell you to do something that contradicts His Word. The Word is the Foundation for everything we do.

**Q:** My son is an advocate of gun ownership and was trying to persuade me to get a weapon. He said that even Christ told us to arm ourselves. I disagreed. So, he gave me scripture to back up his statement, Luke 22:36, " Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. " We went back and forth about the meaning of this statement. For me, it was unclear why he would tell people who routinely needed to have knives and swords for daily use to go out and purchase them. I even pointed out the events in Gethsemane, when Peter cut the guard's ear and Jesus healed the man. I decided to ask you for your insights about this scripture and to gain more clarity about the issue of weapon ownership.

**A:** This issue let me say from the out set is a matter of conscience. How one is convicted by the Holy Spirit of God and His leading in their lives. The scripture referred to, is not a license to bare arms in our cultural context. Christ encourage the baring of sword due to the cultural environment and the lawlessness that was pervasive in their time. In the context of the passage, Jesus reminds that the last time He had send them out they were to take nothing and trust God to provide. This time they were do the same,

trust God for his leadership and provision, but to do what was obvious in terms of self care and preservation.

We do have our share of lawlessness as well, and yet we have police forces that help to maintain an environment of safety. Yet, we know that even that is not a perfect solution. Therefore, as it relates to bearing arms as a believer, we must trust the leadership of the Holy Spirit in our lives to give us God's mind for us individually and particularly. Not the world's or individuals perspective to govern our decision to arm or not to arm.

**Thank You all for your questions, I trust these answers will give you the direction you need to follow God's will for your lives.**