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What's a Christian to Do?

Well here we are, leaving the summer and approaching the fall. Where has the year gone? It seems as though we no longer live by the clock or calendar. Seemingly, time goes so fast, we now live by seasons of time— winter, spring, summer, and fall.

This also applies to spiritual seasons and times in which we live. One thing is true, we are living in a "season of time", which seems to point to our Biblical time clock and prophetic Word of God.

2021 has proven to be a continuation of turbulent times, beginning with the Global 2020 Pandemic, to the Atrocities of Afghanistan, to those possessed with the destruction of Israel to include the implosion of our current administration compelled to undermine our founding Fathers and Biblical values.

We also are walking through concepts and terms, which has never been in our vocabulary. For an example, in January 2021, Merriam-Webster added 520 new words and definitions to the dictionary. That's hundreds of words and phrases that have reached enough popularity to fall under the umbrella of common usage and that have gone through much scrutiny before being given the dictionary's stamp of approval. Below are just a few new words added to our Webster's Dictionary and vocabulary.

BIPOC

For years, the acronym POC was used to refer to "People of Color." BIPOC—"Black, Indigenous, (and) People of Color"—picked up major steam in 2020. You probably saw the term on your social media channels and read it in the news during the protests that surged after the killing of George Floyd by a police officer in May 2020.

Cancel Culture

Merriam-Webster defines this term as "the practice or tendency of engaging in mass canceling as a way of expressing disapproval and exerting social pressure."

Digital Blackface

Merriam-Webster describes it as "the use by White people of digital depictions of Black or Brown people or skin tones especially for the purpose of self-representation or self-expression."

Entheogen

If you know what a psychedelic drug is, then you know what an entheogen is. They're one and the same. According to Merriam-Webster, an entheogen is "a psychoactive, hallucinogenic substance or preparation (such as psilocybin or ayahuasca) especially when derived from plants or fungi and used in religious, spiritual, or ritualistic contexts."

We could go on but you get the picture! Let's get back to the question; **What's a Christian to Do?** Simply put, from a Biblical standpoint, we are invited to surrender to the promises of God as never before! We are invited to **BECOME** what Jesus wants to do inside of us as opposed to trying to **DO** some external ritualistic exercise of religiosity and an "appearance of godliness but denying the power thereof." **2 Tim 3:1-5 says; But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!**
NKJV



Jerry's Surgery Update

I first want to thank all those who prayed, sent get well cards, and called to give encouraging words during my hip surgery at Redlands Community Hospital. This surgery, which should have been 1.5 hours, turned into a 3-hour surgery. And what should have been an over- night stay, turned into a 6 day stay in the hospital.

In addition, I had a few complications with my recent Meniere's disease diagnosis and abdomen issues while in the hospital, which added to my extended recovery process. At the end of the 6-day stay, I could barely stand, let alone walk. Because of this, it was recommended I be transferred to a rehab facility in San Bernardino for further recovery. But I opted to just come home for further physical in-home therapy, and in-home nurse care, which is covered by my insurance.

My recovery time will take a little longer, but I am thankful for the Lord's healing touch, companionship, and help, along with my precious wife Holly who has tirelessly been a tremendous help to me during this time to include returning countless phone calls and text to so many inquirers.

While in the hospital, and now at home, I have reflected on much as I just crossed over my 65th Birthday on September 1st. One main focus has been on the goodness and faithfulness of God in our times of Distress. Webster's dictionary defines Distress as "*pain or suffering affecting the body, a bodily part, or the mind*" or "*a painful situation.*"

However, above the distresses of life, Gods Word is my foundation and reminds me of this fact.... Ps 107:6 says; – "*Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.*" KJV

Ministry Expansion

In our last newsletter, we reported to you a possible expansion of ministry in the Cherry Valley/Beaumont California area in which we live. We are thankful for the doors the Holy Spirit is opening in two focused areas. The first one is the complex where we have lived for three years. Our home is located in a gated community in Cherry Valley, which has a large club house where various activities are held. Prior to Covid, I submitted a request to the facility board members to begin an outreach and Bible Study in the community club house. But due to the pandemic, it was denied. However, I recently received their positive vote to begin this expansion of ministry on December 2, 2021. The board is also making an announcement in their local newsletter mailings for the next two months as we prepare for the Grand Opening.

The second ministry expansion will be in the Beaumont area as the Lord leads. Though we do not have a physical location as of yet, we seem to have a small group of folks who may congregare together as we trust the Lord for a location. We have a few possibilities, but we will see how the Lord may work. Please pray with us as we believe in a huge mission field, which is being established as a result of a tremendous building of new homes and businesses'.

New Added Locations of Responding Recovery Ministries



We are thankful for the recently added Responding 12 step Recovery group meetings, which have begun in **Arkansas**. In addition, over the past two months, new meeting locations are also in **Arizona** and **Florida**. We encourage all new assembled groups to inform us so we may be an assistance and so we may list them on our website for those interested who may live in or around these locations. However, not all NEW groups inform us but below are those we are aware. Also, we are in the process of making an effort to get the word out and to be virtually available to start up new groups in various areas. Below is a list of the groups we know of in various States

Responding Recovery Group Meetings - California

Redlands ARK Church of the Nazarene -Redlands, CA
Banning Church of the Nazarene -. Banning, CA
Oroville Nazarene Church- Oroville, CA
Hesperia Church of the Nazarene - Hesperia CA
Highland Church of the Nazarene - Highland CA
Garden Grove Friends Church- Garden Grove, CA
Evergreen Royale Motel-Anaheim, CA
Calvary Road Church-Garden Grove, CA
Grandma's House of Hope- Garden Grove, CA

Responding Recovery Group Meetings - Tennessee

Cross Style Center - Lebanon TN (meeting 1)
Global Vision Church - Mt Juliet, TN
Cross Style Center - Lebanon, TN (meeting 2)
Next Step Resource Center - Lebanon, TN
Responding Recovery Center - Lebanon, TN
Smith County Jail- Clarksville, TN
Wilson County Jail- Lebanon, TN
Lazarus Transformation Center- Lebanon, TN (2 meeting locations)
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Christ Church -Nashville, TN

More Locations Soon Coming to....

Texas and Tennessee

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Responding Recovery Group Meetings - Nevada

Fallon Nazarene Church- Fallon, NV

Responding Recovery Group Meetings - Oregon

Hope Christian Church- Central Point, OR

Responding Recovery Group Meetings - Pennsylvania

Responding Recovery Group - Gouldsboro, PA

Responding Recovery Group Meetings - Arkansas

Time to Stand Ministries - Clarksville, AR **(BRAND NEW)**

Responding Recovery Group Meetings - Oklahoma

Redemption House of Prayer Church of the Nazarene -

Pryor, OK

Community Church - Locust Grove, OK

Responding Recovery Group Meetings - Arizona

Responding Recovery Group Meeting - Clarksville, AZ **(New)**

Responding Recovery Group Meetings - Florida

Responding Recovery Group Meeting - Wimbrov Sebastian, FL **(New)**

