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BAPTIST CHURCH

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*From Pastor Perkins*

## THE HARDEST QUESTION YOU'LL EVER HAVE TO ANSWER



Life is full of questions. Most of them go unanswered. We have to learn to live with our questions and consternation and puzzlement. Paul said in I Corinthians 13: "Now we know in part." He is alluding to the fact that there are questions in life with which we have to live.

When Jesus appeared before Pilate on the evening before His crucifixion, Pilate was puzzled that the Jews were so angry with Jesus. He had heard about Him. He had heard about His preaching, His miracles, His teaching. But when Pilate saw Him standing there in his courtroom, He didn't seem to be dangerous. Jesus was nothing like the rumors Pilate had heard about Him. Jesus had been scandalized as a common dangerous criminal.

Having found nothing in Jesus' dossier worthy of condemnation, Pilate asked the crowd, "What shall I do then with Jesus who is called Christ?" (St. Matthew 27:22). Though he did not know it, Pilate articulated the most important question we will ever have to answer. Pilate's dilemma is really our dilemma. Until we answer that question, we will be haunted through the years by a nagging emptiness.

It's a hard question. On the surface, it seems nice, simple and polite. All of us under our own brand of disillusionment have convinced ourselves that we have accepted Him. NOT! We still live by our own standards and values irrespective of what Jesus has to say about them.

That aside, it is still the hardest question we'll ever have to answer. There are only three choices:

- Reject Him: this was the resounding choice of the crowd.
- Indifference: this was the attitude of Pilate. He really didn't care.
- Commit to Him: this is the choice of very few.

Make the choice to commit to him. It makes all the difference in the world.

Be blessed

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# NEWS AND NOTES

## AUGUST 2, 2020

### Worship Services

We continue to stream our worship service each Sunday morning at 10 am on Facebook Live. If you do not have the Facebook app, simply go to the church's website: [greaterchristchurch.org](http://greaterchristchurch.org) and press the Facebook LIVE button and you will automatically be connected to the worship service.

Share this information with all your friends so they can share with us. Streaming our service gives us an opportunity to reach many more people with the Word of God.

You are also urged to join us for Bible Study each Wednesday evening at 7 pm via Facebook Live.

### Dial in to Sunday Worship

The online worship service is now available to people who can not get on using Facebook Live. You can listen to the service by dialing in using the credentials below.

Dial: 415-762-9988

Meeting ID: 523 363 3657

Password: 036620

### Thank You

Dear Dr. Perkins & Greater Christ,  
Asking God to bless you in return for the thoughtfulness you've shown.

Sincerely, Patricia Ivy & the family of the late James Clifton Melton

Special thank you to Rev. & Mrs. James Perkins and GCBC members for the prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers, gifts and concern. I appreciated seeing some of you at the viewing and funeral for Robert Chapman (Bob). Church support is so important along with family. God bless you all, be safe and see you when the church opens.

Respectfully, Meda Chapman.

NEW  
Church  
OFFICE  
HOURS

**MONDAY**  
**10 AM - 2 PM**  
**TUESDAY - THURSDAY**  
**10 AM - 3 PM**  
**CLOSED FRIDAY**

## GIVING

During this crisis time, please do not fail to continue to pay God His tithes and give your offerings. The church has to be sustained. God has left the church in our hands.

### YOU CAN GIVE BY:

- going to our website; [www.greaterchristchurch.org](http://www.greaterchristchurch.org) and give through PayPal (select Online Giving)
- giving through the Givelify App
- mailing your contribution to the church
- calling the church office and requesting that a deacon picks it up
- bringing your offerings to the church office

**GOD WILL NOT FAIL US!**  
**LET US NOT FAIL GOD!**

### Stay Connected

Although we won't see each other on a weekly basis, we can still stay connected. Call or text each other just to say "Hey, hope you're okay. God bless!" You're especially encouraged to check on our older members and those who are sick and shut-in. Let them know that we love them and that we care.

## WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

# 24/7 PRAYER

# 313.924.9599

## GCBC Prayer Call

Wednesdays, 7:00 am - 7:10 am

Dial: (701) 801-1211

Access Code: 954-484-868

