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BAPTIST CHURCH

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*From Pastor Perkins*

## GETTING RID OF OLD BAGGAGE



Despite the desire to experience renewal in their life, many people find it difficult. The main reason is that they are not able to get rid of their old baggage. There are old hurts, old attitudes and old relationships that are not working for us any more. Yet despite this fact, many people still find themselves unable to get rid of this old baggage to find a fresh start.

There is one fact that we must come face to face with, and that is that there can be no outward change until there is inner change. We need to face this fact. Too many of us frustrate ourselves by making cosmetic changes. We change our outward appearance and delude ourselves into thinking that we have made a fresh start when in reality all we have done is changed the outside. Inwardly, we have not changed. We still cling to the same old values, opinions, and actions that have us trapped in the first place. The change we think we have made is tantamount to rearranging the furniture on the Titanic.

Getting rid of old baggage must begin with adopting a new set of values to live by. Paul said: "If any man (person) be in Christ, he (she) is a new creation. Old things are passed away. All things have become new." II Corinthians 5:17. The key to inner change is adopting a Christ-centered value system. You cannot cling to the old baggage and cling to Christ at the same time.

This explains why so many church members are burdened and unfulfilled in their spiritual life. They are going through the motions of living by the values of Christ while trying to live out their depressing habits. It cannot be done. You will cling to one way and let the other way go. To experience freshness and renewal in our inner life, we must get rid of our old baggage and cling to the words and values of Christ.

I remember going to the airport to catch a flight. Traffic on the freeway had caused me to be behind schedule. When I got to airport curbside, I could not check my bags. The attendant told me that I was in danger of missing the flight and that the only hope I had was to carry my bags to the gate and maybe they would be checked there. I had one large bag, a computer strapped across my shoulder, and a briefcase in the other hand. I was hustling, struggling and sweating trying to get to the gate, when out of the shadows, a man yelled out, "Let me help you sir." He pulled up in one of those little shuttles and took my bags. He told me to hop on and he proceeded to drive me to my gate. I obeyed his command. I sat on his wagon, wiped the sweat away and caught my breath. I made it to my gate in time to catch my flight.

This is what we must do. Jesus said, "Come unto me, all who are burdened and heavy laden and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Surrender to Christ. Get rid of the old baggage and catch your flight!

Be Blessed.

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# NEWS AND NOTES

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### Reopening Phase II

We are pleased to announce that we are moving into our next phase towards full reopening of our worship and ministry services and activities. In this phase we will:

- Return to in-person Sunday Study Hour classes. They will meet at 9:00 AM and meet in their same locations as before. We are trying to continue to offer classes on conference lines and other virtual options as well as the in-person option.
- Resume in-person ministry meetings and activities. Ministry leaders must contact the church office and complete a space reservation form to schedule meetings and activities.
- Music ministry return to full operation (full choir) and in-person rehearsals.
- Funeral Service Guidelines:
  1. Home going Services for Members Only.
  2. Temperature checks are required, masks and Social Distancing for All in attendance.
  3. The Deceased family members may sit together.
  4. Repast options are not available at this time.
  5. Video recordings and Live-streams need to be arranged through the Funeral Home as part of their Funeral Service Contract/ package.
  6. Availability for DVD picture presentations during Family Hour must be preapproved by funeral committee in conjunction with the technical arts ministry.

Please note that we will continue to:

- Social Distance
- Properly wear mask at all services, meetings, and activities held in our facilities.
- Encourage hand sanitizing frequently

We pray that more of you will feel comfortable coming back to in-person worship services and return to all of the wonderful ministry work that you have been involved with in the past.

Let's all stay prayerful, vigilant, and adhere to the various safety protocols so that we can be comfortable coming back together.

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