Consider-ables w/Max Lucado

You Cannot Save Yourself

by Max Lucado

You work hard, pay your dues, and "zap"—your account with God is paid in full. Jesus says, *"No way."*

What you want costs far more than you can pay. You don't need a system of payment; you need a Savior. You don't need a resume; you need a Redeemer.

The Bible says, *"For what is impossible with men is possible with God"* (Luke 18:27). Don't miss the thrust of this verse. You cannot save yourself. Not through the right rituals. The right doctrine. Not through the right goose bumps. Jesus' point is crystal clear. It is impossible for human beings to save themselves.

It's not the possessions—it's the pomp that hinders us. It's a different path. Admission of failure isn't usually admission into joy. Complete confession isn't commonly followed by total pardon. But then again, God has never been governed by what's common!

From *The Applause of Heaven*

Responsive Reading: Psalm

A Song of Ascents… Of David

Women:	I rejoiced with those who said to me,
	"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
Men:	Our feet are standing
	in your gates, Jerusalem.
Women:	*Jerusalem is built like a city*
	that is closely compacted together.
Men:	That is where the tribes go up—
	the tribes of the LORD—
All:	**to praise the name of the LORD**
	according to the statute given to Israel.

Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

The Day Is Near

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-17

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham: Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife, Solomon the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa, Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram, Jehoram the father of Uzziah, Uzziah the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon. After the exile to Babylon: Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, …

Gospel . . . (cont'd)

Zerubbabel the father of Abihud, Abihud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, Azor the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Akim, Akim the father of Elihud, Elihud the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah. Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.

Upcoming Events

VOLUNTEER BELL RINGERS NEEDED!

Ring a bell...help change a life

Dec. 4th – All Day @ County Market – Call Duane Bengtson @ 651-706-4235

We will be conducting our usual Wednesday evening Advent Learning Services beginning on December 4th. This year's theme will be *"The Apostles' Creed."* *These services begin at 7:00pm and last 45 to 60 minutes.*

…Still working on it
Your patience is appreciated!

Church council & Membership…

At the Annual Meeting in February 2020 we will be looking for some new council members. IF you have been a member for year as of this winter, are 18 years old, and are interested in serving as a council member, please talk to either Pr. Rob or Kevin Almendinger (council president), or one of the other council members (listed on the north wall of the community room, near the calendar in the corner).

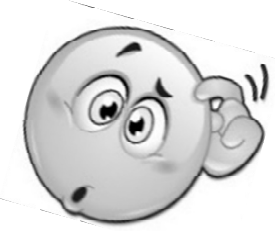
Upcoming Events *(Cont'd)*

We have a need for some new cemetery board members! The job doesn't require a great deal of time, but this doesn't lessen the importance. If you are interested, please see Mitch Olson or Duane Bengtson.

We will also be needing a new church treasurer. If you are interested in assuming this role, please see Pr. Rob or Diane Youngquist.

GRIN-ABLE(S)...

- Q: What kind of Christmas music do elves like?
  A: "Wrap" music
- Q: How can Santa deliver presents during a thunderstorm?
  A: His sleigh is flown by raindeer
- Q: What do you call a snowman with a six pack?
  A: An abdominal snowman
- Q: How does a snowman get to work?
  A: By icicle
- Q: What do snowmen call their offspring?
  A: Chill-dren
- Q. Where do Christmas plants go when they want to become movie stars?
  A. Holly-wood!
- Q. How do Christmas angels greet each other?
  A. "Halo!"
- Q. What's red and white and falls down chimneys?
  A. Santa Klutz!



Calendar…

- ✓ **Christmas Tree – installation/decoration – December 8th**
- ✓ **Next Council Meeting – December 10th @ 6:30pm**
- ✓ **Christmas – Kid's program – December 15th**
- ✓ **Next Communion – December 22nd**