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SCAN DIGITAL CONNECT CARD



Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Message: Certainties for 2022 (or any year) in the Life of a Christian

In a world of uncertainties we can live with confidence because God is unchanging in his character and faithful in his promises.

The vague uncertainties of other systems/world religions:

- Elysian Fields: Greek mortals related to the gods and heroes can abide there → you EARNED this hope.
- Nirvana: In Hinduism, the ultimate release from the cycle of life and liberation from Karmic bondage → you EARN release.
- The Eight-fold Path of Buddhism: Those attitudes which extinguish the fires of passion and the associated suffering involved → you EARN absorption.
- Islam: The five pillars of Islam, faithfully followed, will allow for the good to outweigh the bad (hopefully) → you EARN worthiness for heaven.

We KNOW!

"For we KNOW that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate... Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin." Romans 7:14-15, 24-25

"For we KNOW that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies." Romans 8:22-23

"For we KNOW that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." 2 Corinthians 5:1

"And we KNOW that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers." Romans 8:28-29

Q 1: What is your only comfort in life and death?

A: That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

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He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.
Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

Q 1: What is our only hope in life and death?

A: That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.
New City Catechism, Question 1

"Besides this you KNOW the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires." Romans 13:11-14

We celebrate the certainty of our hope. We celebrate the one mediator between God and man who has finished his work and is presently praying for us in Heaven, preparing a place for us in Heaven and pouring out his Holy Spirit upon his church.

QUESTIONS:

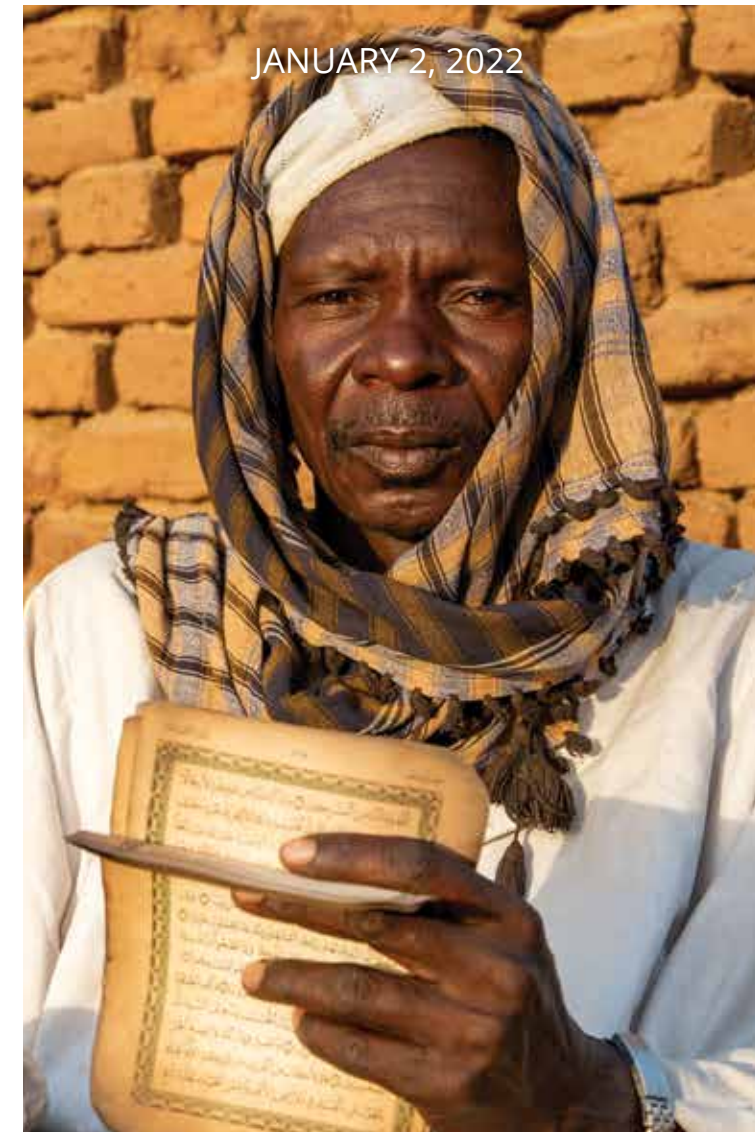
1. Why do these certainties give you confidence, hope and a resilient spirit?
2. Why are the statements from the world religions filled with vague uncertainties?
3. Why does the reality of the cross of Christ and his suffering for our sin speak with a definitive resolution and not uncertainty?



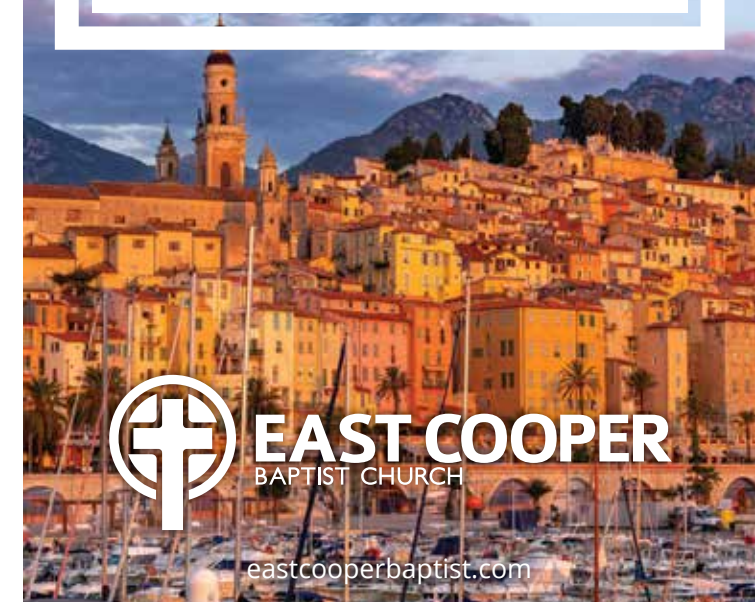
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LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING* CHURCH GOAL: \$500,000

LIFELINE INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION INFO MEETING

During this meeting, you'll hear directly from members of Lifeline's staff about the heart of their ministry, along with a general overview of our programs and the adoption process. **January 9 at 7:00pm.**



Attend this webinar: lifelinechild.org/information-meetings

WOMEN'S REJOICE

Register for this weekend of spiritual renewal. Join us **February 4-5** for a time of fellowship and worship as we look at the book of Philippians together. **Registration deadline is January 28.**

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Renew Class.

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BEGINNING JANUARY 9

We are looking forward to 2022 and a new season of our church's life with great joy and excitement. We've also just completed a season of vision planning, where we have prayerfully sought the Lord's direction for our church's life in the next season, and are excited to share this with you and have you be a part of it.

We are asking everybody in the East Cooper family to join us for a 4-part class on the Sunday mornings of this coming January called Renew. This class will be offered at both worship hours and will explore the Bible's instruction about the local church, your calling as a church member, and our church's unique goals and vision as we seek to do all we can to help broken people treasure Jesus.

Renew classes will be on Sunday mornings during both the 9:30 and 11:00am worship hours. The dates for the classes are January 9, 16, 23, and 30 in the East Cooper Gym. For people who volunteer on Sundays, Renew will also be offered on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm.

Sign Up Today!

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Welcome.

We're glad you are here to worship with us. If you are new to East Cooper Baptist, we would love to meet you. Please stop anyone with a blue name-tag and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.

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Traditional Worship

Sanctuary 9:30am & 11:00am

Contemporary Worship

Worship Center 9:30am & 11:00am

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COVID-19 Update.



The Delta Variant has declined in our area, therefore, the leadership voted recently to move to mask optional effective November 1. We appreciate your kindness and consideration as we navigate this season.

We encourage you to be praying for the medical staff in our community as they navigate this season's challenges due to COVID-19.