



ASK
ANYTHING

and everything

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- admits we may not understand as much as we wish.

January 25th

What's the
"unpardonable sin"
all about?

February 1st

How do we know that
Jesus really was
resurrected?

February 8th

What is the deal with
prayer....does it matter
and how does it work?

February 15th

The role of confession,
repentance, contrition,
and forgiveness?

February 15th

Confession...

...is a vital piece of
reestablishing
intimate relationship

What can I do to be
happy?

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happy?

...it seems so elusive...

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happy?

a first world question



Hope
or
despair?





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Thanks but no thanks NYC!

Hope

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Pastor
Alinx
"Alex"

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a this world question

1

Happiness was the norm for the human experience prior to the 'fall'

Walking with God in His holiness and honoring the moral beauty of His character...His virtue.

Genesis 1 & 2

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internal 'settledness'
accompanied by a world that is
orderly and peaceful

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I have said these thing to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

John 16:33

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Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

James 1:2-4

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Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, *(continued)*

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but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Romans 5:1-5

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And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

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- Solomon
- Jesus

Ecclesiastes 3:9-13

9 What gain has the worker from his toil?

10 I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with.

11 He has made everything beautiful in its time.

Also, He has put eternity into man's heart,
yet so that he cannot find out what God has done
from the beginning to the end.

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...and discovered by the virtues of His godliness.

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Continue letting the Holy Spirit empower you!



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