


LOOKING UP

November-December 2024



*"...look up, and lift
up your heads."
Lk. 21:24*

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Man has long been fascinated with the concept of changing one thing into another. All the way up until the 18th century, alchemy was a relatively common pursuit of many of the leading intellectuals of the day. This was the supposed process of changing something common into something valuable, the most common attempt being the transformation of lead into gold. With the advent of modern science and our understanding of how the physical world works, alchemy eventually disappeared.

But the idea that something common can be changed into something more valuable is far from gone. It is a deeply ingrained instinct within humanity. Today, a common outlet for this drive is turning trash into something that can once more be used through recycling.

If you look at history and find that there is some common impulse or instinct that changes over time but never goes away, it's usually a good idea to look at it more closely. That is because this is often a reflection of something that God has placed

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Regular Schedule

Sunday

9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship service

Holy Communion

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

Meal

2nd Sunday of the month

Board Meeting

7:00 PM 1st Tuesday
of the month

Ladies Bible Study

10:00 AM Wednesdays

Youth Group

TBA

Friday Night Bible Study

7:00 PM Location TBA

into us. And indeed this idea of renewal is as old as the Fall. Where before mankind was in a state of perfection, after sin entered the world we became subject to decay, affliction, and suffering. And since that time, we have felt a pull to get back to what once was.

Alchemy turned out to be a failed process because it was not natural. Through that means, man never was able to change something common into something valuable. But the means by which God saved us is also not natural. It is not natural that God would join His divinity with humanity and bring salvation into the world. It is not natural that God should be able to die. And it is not natural that a Man should rise from the dead. Yet through this very unnatural process God achieved what man never could. He transformed something common into something of great value. In saving you, He has caused you to be able to live, though you die.

Today you must see that transformation by faith. One day, your eyes will open in eternity and all that the Lord has done for you through the finished work of Jesus will be made plain. All praise, honor, and glory to God our Savior who makes old things new.

Looking Ahead

November (all month)

Options 360 Pregnancy
Resource Center
"Baby Bottle Drive"

November 20th

Red Cross Blood Drive

December 8th

Christmas Program
*(After the program, Sunday
School will take a break until
January 5th)*

December 24th

Christmas Eve Song Service

*"Go therefore and make
disciples of all
nations, baptizing them in
the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit, teaching
them to observe all that I
have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you
always, to the end of the
age." Mt. 28:19-20*

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