

Backyard bird watching with Harry: by Harry Johnson

Questions and Answers

Over the last couple of years, I’ve been asked the following question time and time again. I’ll be at My Place Café having a cup of coffee and someone will come up introduce themselves and ask me a question that’s on this page. I love meeting you all and I love answering your questions. I started to think, maybe I should put some of those questions out there for others to read. I hope this helps.

Birding and bird-watching, what’s the difference?

Birding and bird-watching mean the same thing, the activity of

observing wild birds in the wild. Birds in cages or any form of captivity don’t count.

What do people do when they go birding?

Bird watchers observe wild birds in their natural habitat. Bird watching means learning to identify the birds and understand what they are doing. In North America, there are over 800 species of birds. Right here in Southern Oregon, you’ll find at least 100 species that are easy to find. Life around you suddenly gets more interesting when you become aware of the varied bird life all around you.

Where to you watch birds?

Birding is something you can do in your backyard. I’ve done many hours just sitting on my front deck watching birds. Go to our local parks, they’re a great place to watch birds. While traveling watch the birds in the area you’re driving through. That’s how I found the three bald eagle nest in Grants Pass and along I-5.

Who watches birds?

People of all ages watch birds. It’s an activity you can keep doing all your life, in any part of the world.

How can I learn more about bird watching?

Get your hands on a good bird book (known as a field guild). Get two or three field guilds. Each one gives you

something the others don’t give you.

Join a local bird club or go for walks with other bird watchers.

You may want to subscribe to a magazine devoted to bird watching. My favorite is *Bird Watching Digest*.

The most important, start noticing the birds in your backyard.

What do I need to start birding?

The great thing about birding is you don’t need

much. Start out with a pair of binoculars, new or used. Always start with a field guild and a hat. You’ll want something to write down notes, so get a small notebook that fits in you pocket.

Is birding expensive?

Compared to other sports, birding is not expensive. A notebook, a field guild and binoculars all together will cost less than a good pair of athletic shoes. And they’ll take a lot longer to wear out. I assume you have a hat. I hope this helps you.

Please feel free to give me a call or email me with your questions.

If you want to meet me and other bird lovers, we meet every Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. at My Place Café in Cave Junction. Please come by and say, “Hi.” We would love to meet you and talk all about your birds in your back yard.

The above is from Harry Johnson in O’Brien and birdwatchersgeneralstore.com. Contact Harry at birdwatching@frontiernet.net

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An Enduring Gift

“Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips.” Psalm 141:3

“For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.” Matthew 12:4b

This time of year is all about gift giving. People go about trying to get the right gift for friends and family members. Gift giving can be a wonderful thing when kept in its proper perspective. Sometimes I believe the materialistic nature and the drive to buy works directly against the true spirit of giving. We watch the fights that erupt in stores as people try to get a certain item. We see the pushing, shoving, angry, and worn-out people trying to out-do the person next to them. This is a sad commentary on our “me first” culture.

I have a suggestion of some gifts to give this year that you won’t have to fight over and that will last a whole lifetime. Try

some of these: a word of encouragement to someone, a cheery greeting to those hard to get along with, words of heartfelt consolation to those who are struggling, a word of thanks to those around you who do those many, many little things that make our lives better every day. When is the last time you sang to your spouse or your children? A wonderful gift would be telling them that you are so thankful for them, that they are a gift from God, and that they are more important than life. These are gifts, when given from a right heart that will brighten their day immediately and will rest in their hearts for life. Maybe it’s time to stifle the negative and profane speech and speak that which builds others up and blesses their hearts.

One more thing – maybe it’s time to tell God thank you and open your heart to Him. He will give you the greatest of gifts – Jesus!

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

Ministry at CBC
Sunday, December 14
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Praise and Prayer 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10
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Join us for the
CCA Christmas Program
“Midnight Miracle”
Thursday
December 18
7:00 p.m.

Seventh-day Adventist Church

Faith builders

Have you ever wondered what faith is? We can have faith or trust that your car will take you to your various appointments. We can have faith or confidence in someone maybe a spouse of friend, who may disappoint you.

Which lead us to question. Is there anyone or anything I can trust? For example, can I put my faith and trust in God? Is it important to God

that I believe in Him? How would I go about that? Let’s look in the Faith chapter. Hebrews 11:6 “Without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that comet to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Really God is the one who is the originator of faith. *Hebrews 12:2* says, “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.” He can do this when you respond to Him

in a positive way, and to what He is doing in your life.

Sometimes He has to discipline us to help us to grow in our Christian walk. How do you respond to the trials in life? “For whom the Lord loves, He disciplines.” *Heb. 12:6* Your positive attitude helps you grow in Him because faith is a process we go through till we have implicit trust in Him. As we claim His precious promise we come to

the place where we can say, God said it, I believe it and that settles it for me. Abraham is a good example of someone who trusted God.

Romans 4:20, 21 “he was strong in faith giving glory to God...was fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able to perform.” That’s the kind of faith we all need.

Along Abraham’s faith walk he was tested by God to see how strong his faith was. *Gen. 22:1*

Did Abraham trust Him enough to obey Him? Vs.2 “Take now your son Isaac, whom you love, and offer him for a sacrifice.”

Then God stopped Abraham just as he was about to slay his son. And God showed him a ram caught in the thicket, which he offered in place of his son.

When God tests us we can either get better or get bitter. May He help us.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

How to Get Ready for Christmas (Mark 1:4-8)

When John the Baptist comes he’s the Herald who announces that Jesus is coming: “prepare the way for the Lord.” The word that’s translated as “prepare” here can be used to describe making a thing ready or keeping it ready. John wasn’t telling them to prepare a literal road, instead he’s telling them to prepare themselves for the coming of Jesus. He says, “Get ready!”

In our love of the celebration of the birth of Jesus I think we sometimes get lost. We love to prepare for Christ because it’s like preparing for a baby to be born. We get so wrapped up in the manager scene that we forget that He’s not a baby anymore! We think that somehow he’s satisfied to see us make our annual appearance

at Christmas and sing a few Christmas Carols. But this baby who was born into a crude manage is now a KING.

John the Baptist was telling people, “You need to get ready because someone more powerful than I am is coming.” John’s voice was one crying out in the barren places. This time of the year people are expected to be happy, but the reality is there are more suicides during the holiday season than at any other time of the year. In the midst of so much activity and partying many lives are experiencing a spiritual drought. The question is “Have you prepared your heart to receive Jesus?”

So how are we supposed to get ready? In verse four, John uses the word “repent.” “John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the

remission of sins.” John tells us the preparation that we need to make is to “repent.” The Apostle Paul tells us in *2 Corinthians 7:10*, “For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.”

So there are two kinds of repentance possible in human experience: One is ‘the sorrow of the world,’ a feeling brought on by the fear of getting caught. Many people recognize the unpleasant consequences of their sin and are persuaded that they are guilty. This results in a superficial sorrow that may lead to a temporary reformation but not to a genuine turning to Christ for forgiveness.

“Godly sorrow,” on the other hand, is accompanied by conviction of sin, which is a work of the Holy Spirit like what the first converts felt in *Acts 2:35-37* when they

realized what they had done in crucifying Jesus: “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah.[a] this Jesus whom you crucified.”

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers,[b] what should we do?”

“Godly sorrow” stems from the realization of having offended a holy God. It leads to genuine repentance. Repentance may begin with a sorrowful heart but to be genuine it has to lead to action! Crowded among the sounds of exchanges of Christmas greetings, the singing of carols, shouts of joy as presents are opened, the call to repent is one of the most important things we’ll hear this season.

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