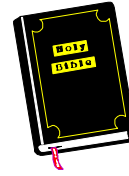


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“every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b

THE HEARTS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

The **hearts** of people have always been important to God. Not that physical blood pump in our chest, but the **spiritual** heart that moves us. This is more important to God than the physical, or outward, man. After all, it's our heart (the spiritual one) that we'll take with us to eternity, not our bodies.

The Lord had these words for Samuel when he had been sent to choose a new king (David) to replace Saul:

“Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature;... for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.” - 1 Samuel 16:7

Seeing then that we want to spend eternity with our God, it would be wise for us to be looking at our **own hearts**, to make sure they're up to the job. But, it's a hard thing to do—to see our own heart and how to change it:

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doing.” - Jeremiah 17:9-10

The way for us then to learn about hearts is from God's Word. He's recorded for us there many different **people** and types of hearts, some good, some not so good, and some bad - and a way for us to see and understand them.

"For out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh." - Matthew 12:43

As you read in your Bible then, look for the **people** and ask yourself these questions:

- What did this person (or people) **say**, what did they **do**?
- Was it good or bad? Did God approve or not? **Who** benefited?
- **Why** do we have their example recorded? What can we learn from it?
- What made them do it? What reward could they expect? If a physical reward, were they doing right?

Trying to search out the hearts of people in the scripture **won't be easy**. But it will be rewarding (“Seek and ye shall find”, Matt 7:7) and will help us come to a better understanding of **our hearts** and of **Godliness**.

— Ed Kelleher, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: HARVEY ALLEN

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“Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together” - Hebrews 10:24,25

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** *Betty Mathis, Margaret Herring, Lamar Reeves, Elma Berrier* and *Phyllis Johnson*.
- **Prayers** are requested for brother **Wilson Burton**, an elder at the Kannapolis church in NC, manager/head counselor for the Carolina Bible camp, and a good friend of **Jan Kelleher** and **Keith Carter**. He's been diagnosed with Leukemia (CLL). His wife **Lil** spoke at our first Ladies Day.
- **Sharon Mancuso** is doing better after surgery.
- **Ernie Richards** had spinal surgery on his neck, to relieve great pain and must rest 6 weeks. He is doing better and hopefully will have a full recovery.
- **Ralph Jones** also had neck surgery recently.
- **Tommy White's** sister-in-law, **Nancy**, is receiving hospice care.
- Pray for all these, and the work of the Lord here at West Columbia.

"This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me"- Psalm 119:50

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- Our usual **first Sunday** luncheon has been moved to this Sunday, 10/30, as the Allens will be with us. There will be no luncheon in November.
- There was **no bulletin last week**, 10/23/11 as the editor was out of town.
- **Our thanks to Stewart Schnurr** of the Twin City congregation for preaching for us last Sunday. **Harvey Allen** is doing well and will be preaching for us this Sunday AM and PM 10/30, after his daughter **Erin's** wedding Saturday. Pray for them.
- **Gospel Meeting** at Walterboro church of Christ with **David Pharr**, Fri-Sun, 11/18-11/20/2011. If you'd like to go see Ed or Jan as they'll likely go down one night.
- **Bible Bowl** is to be Saturday 2/25/2012, the subject is Genesis Chapters 37-50. If you're interested in this please **Ken or Faye Parks**.
- **Sign up to help get Lorraine Porter here on Sundays!**
- **Bible Study at Church Building, Saturdays 3 pm**, all are invited and please invite visitors to come! It's a good way for people to learn more of us. An informal session around a table with everyone using their bibles and Strong's Concordances.

“Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men.” - Galatians 6:9,10

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HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYETH

“Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” - Revelation 3:4-6

The Facts of the Gospel

1 Cor. 15:1-8 — Whatever else the Christian system unfolds in the New Testament, it is first of all a record of historical facts. It is a divine revelation, an unveiling of man, a body of ethical precepts — it became a religious system. In these scriptures a story of fundamental, primary facts are found.

“**That Christ died.**” This is recorded by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The fact of His death, like the fact of His life, is universally conceded. The apostle Paul takes us back to the saddest scene ever enacted upon the earth, to the darkest day in the world's history. But, the greatest blessing ever offered mankind became available because of what happened that day.

(a) As a sacrificial victim: “For our sins.” Jesus did not die merely as a martyr, but also as an expiatory offering on account of our sins. John 1:29; 1 John 3:5; Gal. 1:4; Titus 2:14.

(b) As a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy: “According to the Scriptures.” It was not just the will of wicked men, but also in fulfillment of God's divine plan for saving man from our sins, that Christ died, Isa. 53:1-8

“**That He was buried.**” Jesus Christ, being human as well as divine, touched life at every point. He began as an infant at Bethlehem, and ended in a tomb just outside of Jerusalem. He was buried in a borrowed tomb — another point in His humiliation.

(a) In a place of beauty. The tomb was in a garden, a lovely spot fashioned by the hands of a rich man. John 19:38-42.

(b) In a place of purity. It was "in a new tomb wherein was never man yet laid." Matt. 27:60. He who came to resurrection and life, even his body did not see corruption. Psalm 16:10.

“**That He has been raised.**” Jesus' resurrection is declared in Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20. (a) "On the third day". Jesus foretold this in Matt. 16:21. On the first day of the week, which became the day of worship for Christians. Acts 20:7, I Cor. 16:1-2

“**That He was seen.**” By Cephas, by the twelve – by over 500 brethren, by James, by all the apostles, and the last by Paul. All of these were eye-witnesses to His resurrection.

These facts are enough to compel us to:

- **Believe in Christ, John 8:24;**
- **Repent Acts 2:38;**
- **Confess Christ publicly, Matt. 10:32;**
- **Be baptized into Christ, Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-5.**
- **Live faithfully Rev. 2:10.**

And then enjoy the blessings of eternal life ...

- Jerry Blount, elder, Pleasant Valley church of Christ, Wichita, Kansas

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