

The Heart Is Where Home Is

It was Paul's wish for all Christians "that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith" (Eph. 3:17).

The word "dwell" in this verse brings forth a powerful concept concerning our relationship with Christ. According to Robertson's *New Testament Word Pictures* the root of the word in the Greek means "to make one's home, to be at home." Isn't that interesting! Jesus is not only to make His home in our hearts, He is to be at home there, as well.

The question to ask ourselves in light of this is: "Is Jesus 'at home' in my heart?" Some people only want Jesus in their hearts as a visitor. But Jesus wants to dwell in our hearts and "be at home" with all we feel, say, and do. This brings a whole different perspective into the picture.

Our whole lives extend from what our heart desires. We must keep our hearts pure and sincere. Jesus will then "be at home there" and many good things will come to our lives as a result. How do we make our heart so that Jesus feels at home? The text tells us: "through faith."

Edd Sterchi, Broadway church of Christ, Campbellsville, KY (*Bulletin Digest*)

How We May Know That We Are God's Children

When ...

- We love things we once hated.
- We hate things we once loved.
- We find joy in Christian fellowship.
- We hunger and thirst after righteousness.
- We pray, "Not as I will, but as Thou wilt."
- We give ourselves to the noble work of making peace.
- We have obeyed "from the heart that form of teaching."
- We are more interested in serving than being served.
- We fit our lives into God's great plan as water fits into a vessel.

- Frank L. Cox -



Satan's Dart Hits Home

Satan attacked a Christian. First, he shot a poisonous dart at the Christian's heel, but the Christian was unharmed because he had his feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace.

Satan's next attempt was at his loins, but the Christian repelled this because he had his loins girded about with truth.

Unsuccessfully, the Devil tried a shot at his breast, but there he wore the breastplate of righteousness.

The Christian knocked away another dart with the shield of faith, and his helmet repelled another.

But the Devil, not discouraged, slipped around behind the Christian and shot him in the pocketbook, and killed him dead as a hammer!

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudging, or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:7

- San Augustine Church of Christ, San Augustine, TX (*Bulletin Digest*) -

Be an organ donor. Give your heart to Jesus.

News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To Nancy Cox at the recent passing of her sister, Donna DeBee.

Donna was also Shirley Beagle's niece. God bless and comfort these families.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: TODAY about Noon at the Fellowship Building, followed by our **early afternoon worship service at 2:00 p.m.** at the church building.

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP: Begins tomorrow, July 8th through July 13th at Tomlinson Run State Park.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Canceled this Tuesday, July 9th. Resumes **Tuesday, July 16th.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, July 13th, 8:30 a.m. at the Columbiana, OH Church of Christ

LADIES DAY: Weirton Heights Church of Christ, **Saturday, July 27th, 9 a.m. - Noon, Registration: 8:15 a.m.** Speakers: Rhonda Northcraft Martin & Tammy Northcraft. Theme: Telling the story "Through Sharing Your Faith" & "Through Serving Others." Lunch provided.

SECRET SISTERS: Remember daily in prayer and with a small gift or remembrance once each month. Questions: see Latisha Brown.

PANTRY: Baked beans.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS & CARDS: Marlene Reynolds, 140 N. Surrey Road, East Liverpool, OH 43920. Marlene has cancer.

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Blondenia Orr, Arlen & Joann Webb, Russell Martin, Doris Dunham, Chris Lamb (David Roach's sister). **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers.

CROSSROADS: Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

— Take Time —

- ◆ To pray; God requires it.
- ◆ To read the Bible; it's God's Word.
- ◆ To go to church; we need the fellowship.
- ◆ To make good friends; it makes life worth living.
- ◆ To rest; our body requires it.
- ◆ To smile; it brightens the lives of others.
- ◆ To tell your family members you love them.
- ◆ To enjoy nature; it is God's gift to you.
- ◆ To be kind to your pets and feed the birds; they are God's creatures.
- ◆ To blow the dust off your mind - read good books.
- ◆ To visit the aged; someday you'll be old.
- ◆ To help the bereaved; we too shall be there.
- ◆ To visit the sick; our day will come!
- ◆ To enjoy your home; you worked hard for it.
- ◆ To be kind to children; they have a rough road.
- ◆ To encourage and help our young people.

- Author Unknown -

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