

Where Our Bibles Should Be

"Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee." (Psalm 119:11)

Spurgeon said this verse revealed the best thing in the best place for the best purpose. Here it is seen where your Bible, and mine, need to be and why.

The best place for your Bible: In your heart, *"Thy word have I hid in mine heart ..."* Not merely in my house, my office, my book shelf, my hand, my head, but in my heart. This means in me - my mind, emotions, will, spirit - my very being. Note the Psalmist said he hid the word in his heart. He hid it, not to conceal it or place it out of sight, but to bury it deep within that part of man which controls actions. The Bible must get into our hearts before it gets into our lives. The teachings of the Bible need to be planted deeply, firmly, and regularly in our hearts. This why we need to continually take advantage of Bible classes, sermons, private Bible reading and study time, good Christian literature, gospel meetings, lectureships, and other ways which will help us get the Bible in our hearts.

The best purpose for hiding the Bible in your heart: *"...that I might not sin against Thee."* When Jesus was tempted, He showed how powerful the Scriptures are in thwarting temptation (Matthew 4:3-10). *"It is written"* is living power against sin!

Here's where your Bible and mine, need to be — in our hearts. Learn to have Christ's mind in 2021 by hiding the Word in your heart.

- Charles Pugh III

Do You Know ...

How to relieve tension without tranquilizers ...
 How to have peace and happiness in your home ...
 How to find out God's will for you ...
 How to be at peace in spite of trouble ...
 How to face sickness and trouble ...
 How to get the most out of life ...
 How to live abundantly ... ?

Read Your Bible!

THE BIBLE ...

*Despised and torn in pieces, by infidels decried
 The thunderbolts of hatred, the cynic's pride —
 All these have railed against it, in this and other lands
 Yet dynasties have fallen, and still the Bible stands!*

Not only believe the Gospel — behave it.

News & Notes

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. The Covid-19 restrictions apply (masks & distancing).

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Resumes next Tuesday, August 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, August 7th, 8:00 a.m. at EJ's.

NORTH CENTRAL OHIO BIBLE LECTURESHIP: Friday - Sunday, August 6 - 8, Lorain, OH with different speakers. See schedule on the bulletin board.

PANTRY: Oatmeal, cereal & sardines.

PICTURE GALLERY OF PAST MEMBERS: Submit pictures (black and white or color) to David Malcomson to be displayed in the glass door cabinets in the basement as a visual history of the church here.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: Karen Meek (friend of Sharon Sprout), Katelyn Gorby (niece of Iris Durbin).

SICK & SHUT-IN: AT HOME: Jim Hadley, Marilyn Miller, Barb DeLong, David McCoy, Marlene Evans, Russell Martin, Emma Rine, Alex Harless, Rick Beck. **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Sarah Miller (Room 6). **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore (Room 210). **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

THE SIN PROBLEM

The world has a problem with sin. John, the Apostle, writes, "... the whole world lieth in wickedness" (1 John 5:19). Although written long ago, the words are still true.

The church is not immune from the struggle with sin. Because the church is composed of human beings, she remains imperfect. However, the church is the place to be to find strength and success in dealing with sin. It is imperative that even those in the church be reminded of the consequences of sin.

- 1. Separates From God.** According to Isaiah, our continual sinning will push God away and close His ears to our prayers (59:1, 2).
- 2. Robs Our Happiness.** David speaks of the misery and unhappiness of sin in his Psalm of penance (51).
- 3. Hardens The Heart.** "The deceitfulness of sin," the Hebrew writer contends, "will ultimately harden the heart" (3:13).
- 4. Destroys.** Paul warns that sin destroys the soul now and forever (1 Timothy 5:6; Romans 6:23).

> David Powell, *Bulletin Digest*



*SIN will take you farther
 than you ever wanted to go,
 Keep you longer
 than you ever wanted to stay,
 And cost you more
 than you ever wanted to pay.*

