

Do You Really Care?

It is hard for us to conceive of a person not giving eternal realities serious thought. Yet that is true of the masses of people today. An agnostic once said that when people have comfortable homes, good food, and money for pleasure, they will not be much concerned about God, or life after death.

As we look around us today, we must admit that there is more truth than poetry in what he said. In these days of prosperity, the vast majority have little or no time for God, and give little, or perhaps no thought to the things which concern the life to come.

Even many professed Christians show little wholehearted devotion to Him, and very little genuine concern for the lost, and heartbreak over sin is a rarity.

Ask yourself, "What is my attitude? Am I really concerned about my eternal welfare so that I put forth my best efforts? Or am I more concerned about the things of this life?"

Remember, your eternal destiny is in YOUR hands.

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 centuries ago, the words are still true.

The church is not immune from the struggle of 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. **IT SEPARATES FROM GOD.** According to Isaiah, our continual sinning will push God away and close His ears to our prayers (59:1, 2).
2. **IT ROBS OUR HAPPINESS.** David speaks of the misery and unhappiness of sin in his Psalm of penance (51).
3. **IT HARDENS THE HEART.** "The deceitfulness of sin," the Hebrew writer contends, "will ultimately harden the heart" (3:13).
4. **IT DESTROYS.** Paul warns that sin destroys the soul now and forever (1 Tim. 5:6; Rom. 6:23).

- David Powell -

Did you put our Gospel Meeting FIRST last week?

We master the Scriptures only when the Scriptures master us.

News & Notes

OUR MEETING: Thanks to Terry Jones of Pennsboro, WV for coming our way and presenting the outstanding Bible-based lessons at every service.

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Herman McHan of the Columbiana, OH Church of Christ.

BAPTISMS: John McClung, Jr. (grandson of Keith & Elaine McClung). Also, Nicholas Haught in Weston, WV (grandson of Skip & Sue Haught).

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 401.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Resumes this Tuesday, April 23rd at 9:00 a.m.

MEN'S ENRICHMENT CLASS: Canceled until Tuesday, April 30th at 7:00 p.m.

CHESTER'S LADIES DAY: Saturday, May 11th. Registration: 9:00-9:30 a.m., Program begins: 9:45 a.m. Speakers: Docie Moore and Sue Haught. Lunch provided.

PANTRY: Noodles & tuna fish.

PRAYER & CARD REQUESTS: Barbara Stevens (daughter of Donna Stevens, sister of Tammy West & Tresie Shultz), 750 Neimans Ave. SE, East Canton, OH 44730.

Chris Lamb (David Roach's sister), Curahealth Heritage Valley, 1000 Dutch Ridge Rd., Room 214, Beaver, PA 15009, or her home address: 78 Preakness Drive, Chester, WV 26034.

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Arlen & Joann Webb, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Doris Dunham. **Weirton Medical Center:** Mary Jane Bowers. **Brighton Rehabilitation & Wellness Center:** Cindy Mehlmauer, 246 Friendship Circle, Beaver, PA 15009. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

MEMBER VISITS: Elders and Minister visits with members are being made and can be scheduled in your home or to meet here at the building. Please schedule an appointment so this outreach can be completed ASAP.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Weirton Heights.....	Apr. 21-26, 7 p.m. (except Sunday).....	Rico Brown
Salem, Easton, WV.....	Apr. 21-26, 7 p.m. (except Sunday).....	Wade Webster
McKinleyville.....	Apr. 28-May 2, 7 p.m. (except Sunday).....	Different Speakers
St. Clair Ave., E. Liverpool.....	May 3-5 (Fri. & Sat. 7:00 p.m.,.....	Rico Brown
	Sun. 9:45, 10:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.)	



The Heart



Over 800 times we find references to the "heart" in the Holy Bible. We are told: The "pure in heart" shall inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:8). We are to love the Lord with "all our heart" (Matthew 22:37). Like those in the first century, we should obey the Lord "from the heart" (Romans 6:17). A "true heart" is of great value (Hebrews 10:22). "With the heart man believeth" (Romans 10:10). We can plan (purpose) "in our heart" (2 Corinthians 9:7). Wherever your treasure is, "there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21).

Please examine your heart. May we all seek to have a tender, touchable, God-fearing, righteous heart.