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Schedule of Services

- We have the privilege this Sunday at 10 AM of assembling together in the auditorium to worship

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WHAT JESUS DID, HE DID FOR YOU!

By Jonnie Hutchison

Did you know, dear reader, that Jesus Christ died for YOU? He shed His precious blood on the cross to provide salvation for YOU! His suffering and the hours of agony he endured were for YOU! **What Jesus did, He did for YOU!**

Jesus left the glory of heaven for YOU. He left a place where there is no sin, no sorrow, no pain and no death to enter into a world as a man where all of these are common occurrences. *“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men”* (Philippians 2:5-7). **What Jesus did, He did for YOU!**

Jesus endured rejection, ridicule, and persecution for YOU. Just as the prophet Isaiah foretold, Jesus was *“despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief”* (Isaiah 53:3). Those He loved and sought to save turned their backs on Him, and, being

filled with envy and hatred, *“plotted to take Jesus by trickery and to kill Him”* (Matthew 26:4). Even with His life under constant threat and in the face of great opposition, Jesus continued His mission for which He came into this world. **What Jesus did, He did for YOU!**

Jesus bore YOUR sins on the cross. The inspired Peter wrote, *“who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness — by whose stripes you were healed”* (1 Peter 2:24). Because of what Jesus did, you do not have to suffer in the eternal punishment of a devil’s hell but instead, you can exist eternally in the joy of heaven. **What Jesus did, He did for YOU!**

Jesus is coming again for YOU! Jesus promised, *“.... I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also”* (John 14:2-3). **What Jesus will do, He will do for YOU if YOU will accept and obey Him.**

NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: **Green Plain members:** Remember Jane Morris, Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, and Carolyn Byars. **Family and Friends:** Jenne Pool, Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, , Janice Canter, Maryanne Pedigrew, Dale Foster, Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook, Pat Hocking, Sandra Cook Downs, and Hollis Stubblefield. Jason Rutledge is home and recovering from the covid virus.

- **PANTRY ITEMS August 2020: 2—Canned Potatoes; 9—Canned Tomatoes; 16—Vienna Sausages; 23—Pinto Beans; 30—Creamed Corn.** Please bring any additional items you wish for the “blessing box” which is located next to the breezeway on the north side of the building.
- **See our Facebook page** for announcements, updates and articles. Access to past editions of this bulletin are available on our website at <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.
- **Mission Work:** Please continue to pray for the preachers this congregation is supporting in India and for Ronnie Gootan, David Nance, Mike Kiser, Arnold Gerson and Paul Jones in their respective works.
- **August 2020 Anniversaries:** 13th—Gail and Jonnie Hutchison; **Birthdays:** 4th—Teresa Enoch; 10th—Brent Morris. If we have left anyone out please let us know.
- **We offer FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES through the mail. Enroll on our website or send your name and return mailing address to the address on the first page of this bulletin. You may also call 270-978-7569 or you may email us at greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org.**
- **Additional Study Opportunities:** We encourage our readers to take advantage of the wealth of Bible study opportunities which are available online. There is a list of some of these at the bottom of this page. You will find scores of recorded videos and live programs that you can watch at your convenience. The Bible admonishes us to “...grow in the grace and in the *knowledge* of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18).
- **God has given us the only standard by which to judge what is right and what is wrong in His written Word, the Bible. Always remember, He is the Potter, we are the clay, therefore He has the power or authority over each of us (Romans 9:20-21). Let us submit to our Potter and allow Him to mold us into the image of His Son (Romans 8:29).**

ONLINE SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Gospel Broadcasting Network
<https://gbntv.org/>

World Video Bible School
<https://store.wvbs.org/wvbs-splashpage.html>

A Bible Answer
<https://abibleanswertv.org/>

Good News Today
<http://gnttv.org/>

In Search of the Lord's Way
<http://searchtv.org/>



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: According to the book of Proverbs, what is the “beginning of wisdom?”

Last Week: Who were the first people to see Jesus after His resurrection?

Answer: He appeared first to Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9;ff; John 20:11-18) and the other women (Matthew 28:1-9) and to two of the disciples (Mark 16:12).

FUNCTIONS OF THE HEART By *Victor M. Eskew*

The Bible has much to say about the heart of man. No, we are not referring to the physical heart that pumps blood through one's body. We are talking about the spiritual heart. This heart is the mind of man. A well-known verse about the heart is found in Proverbs 4:23. The wise Preacher exhorts his readers, saying: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." The heart is the control center for every human being. Everything that is thought, said, and done originates first in the heart.

The heart of man has several functions. We want to examine these in this article. First, the heart enables us to think. Man has the ability to allow things to come into his mind and formulate ideas about those things. His mind gives him the ability to come to an understanding of the things that enter into his mind. This capacity to think gives him great power and ability. He can use the things about which he thinks to better his life, to protect himself and others, and to subdue portions of the world unto himself. It was the writer of Proverbs who said: "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he..." (Prov. 23:7).

A second function of the heart is reasoning. Man is able to gather all kinds of evidence together and come to conclusions about the evidence. He can reason as to the validity of the evidence. He can reason about the strength of the evidence. He can reason as to the usefulness of the evidence. God knew He created man with a mind that could reason. In Isaiah 1:18, He exhorted Israel with these words: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord..." When Paul stood before Felix, he used this function of the heart upon the ruler. "And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a more convenient season, I will

call for thee" (Acts 24:24-25). When Paul wrote to the church in Thessalonica, he understood that they could reason. Therefore, he admonished them with these words: "Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil" (I Thess. 5:20-22).

A third function of our heart is the ability to will. In other words, each person has the power to choose his own actions. There are numerous passages in the Bible wherein individuals were exhorted to choose what they would do. Joshua said to Israel: "...choose you this day whom he will serve..." (Josh. 24:15). On Mount Carmel, Elijah addressed the people of Israel, saying: "Who long halt ye between two opinions: if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him..." (I Kings 18:21).

Our will gives us freedom. No one can force us to do anything. We choose what we want to believe. We choose the behaviors in which we will engage. We choose the lifestyle that we desire to live. Human beings are not robots that serve the will of another. If one person serves another person, it is because he chooses to do so.

A fourth function of the heart involves our motives. Our motives are what cause us to act in a certain way. In Nehemiah 6:2, Sanballat and Geshem sent word to Nehemiah. They wanted him to meet with them on the plain of Ono. The last words of this verse contain these words: "But they thought to do me mischief." These men did not want to meet with this man of God to have just an important conversation. Their motive was evil. They wanted to bring some type of distress or harm to Nehemiah. Their motive originated in their heart. We all have motives for the things we do. The crazy thing about motives is that we can be driven by two or three at the same time. One motive, however, usually takes precedence over the others.

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A fifth function of the heart is purposing. In II Corinthians 9:7, Paul instructed the Corinthians about their giving. He wrote: “Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give...” Before we do something, we can have the end in mind. This is a purpose. Paul was telling the Corinthians to purpose, determine beforehand, what they would give. Giving was not to be a knee-jerk reaction. The Corinthians were to reflect upon their giving. Having done so, they were determine the amount they would contribute to the poor saints in Jerusalem. Being able to purpose is extremely important. We can set goals. We can make plans. These things keep us going when the going gets tough.

A sixth function of the heart involves the emotions of man. Sometimes we act as if we have no control over our emotions. We can go from calm to angry in milliseconds. We have feelings of joy upon hearing the first word of a song. One simple memory can cause tears to pour down our cheeks. It seems we have no control over our emotions. This, however, is not the case. All emotions begin in the mind of man. It is possible to be angry and not sin (Eph. 4:26). It is possible to love our enemies (Matt. 5:44). It is possible to count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations (Jms. 1:2). It was possible for Jesus to endure the pains of the crucifixion with joy (Heb. 12:2). To tame our emotions is difficult. We must be extremely aware of our feelings. When we are, we can have control over them.

A seventh function of our mind is memory. The things that enter into our minds can be recalled by the mind. We can travel and know the way back home without a GPS. We can lose a loved one, yet be able to experience joy as we think about the good times we shared with him while he was living. We can read about events that happened many years ago, and recall them as if we were there. Jesus took advantage of our memory when He instituted the Lord’s Supper. “And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, this is my body, which is given for you: this do ye in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood which is shed for you” (Luke 22:19-20). Every Sunday, Christians use this function of their mind to recall the love of God manifested on the cross of Calvary that procured their salvation.

Man is a very unique creature. He has a heart like no other creature upon the Earth. His heart allows him to think, to reason, to will, to have motives, to purpose, to express a wide range of emotions, and to remember. What a blessing we have because we have a heart. However, we must also pay attention to the warnings found in the Bible about man’s heart. One of them is found in Jeremiah 17:9. “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” It is for this reason we must guard it with all our might. Let us never be fooled by our heart. One thing is certain, we cannot fool God. He knows all hearts. “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 doings” (Jer. 17:10).

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