



BLODGETT CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday: 10:00 A.M. class, 11:00 A.M. worship, and 6:00 P.M. worship

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A Photo of the Heart of Jesus

I once read a bulletin article written by Larry Fitzgerald where he told of a time when his father was taken to the hospital for emergency heart surgery. In a consultation room, the physician showed a picture of his Dad's heart. The heart had been injured due to a smoking habit, but despite the injury, Larry said that both his Mom and he couldn't help but note that the heart is a marvelous creation! He said they admired its construction and the genius that created it.

Now if we could see a photo or X-ray of Jesus' heart, it would look very much like the photos of Mr. Fitzgerald's, but we don't need to see such photos. The physical heart of man is not nearly as important as the spiritual heart and for this the Bible does have word-photos of our Lord's heart.

One such picture of the heart of Jesus is found in Matthew 9:35-36. *And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. {36} But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.* What a marvelous picture of our Lord preaching the gospel.

As Christians who want to follow in our Lord's steps (1 Peter 2:21), we too are called to reach our world with the good news of the Gospel. Our hearts should be mirror images of our Lord's.

Here is what Jesus' heart is like: "... when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them..." (Matthew 9:36). In our attempt to live the Christian life, please consider the following three points.

#1. To have a heart like Jesus, we must see what Jesus sees. It says "but" when Jesus "saw the multitudes. He was moved with compassion." He did not just see them but he saw their need. Do we see those around us as potential Christians? Where there is a lost soul there is hope. There is always the potential possibility of teaching a lost soul no matter how "good" or how "bad" they are.

#2. To have a heart like Jesus, we must feel what Jesus feels. "He was moved with compassion for them." The word "compassion" means to feel the pain of another.

How desperately we need people whose hearts are broken because their neighbors are experiencing hardship or trouble. But more importantly, how desperately we need people whose hearts are broken because their neighbor is not saved from their sins

#3. To have a heart like Jesus', we must do what Jesus did. Yes, Jesus was moved with compassion for the people. That compassion led to action. First, he asked them to pray for laborers. Secondly, Jesus asked his followers to go as laborers. It is not enough to pray for harvesters unless we are willing to help fulfill that prayer ourselves. There is a song we sometimes sing that says, "Here am I Lord, Lord send me." If we have the compassionate heart of Jesus, no truer words were ever echoed. ~Larry

We don't change the message, the message changes us.

Light Humor:

Three men were sitting together bragging about how they had set their new wives straight on their duties.

The first man had married a woman from New York. He bragged that he had told his wife to do all the dishes and clean the house. He said that it took her a couple of days, but on the third day he came home to a clean house and the dishes were all washed and put away.

The second man had married a woman from South Carolina. He bragged that he had given his wife orders that she was to do all the cleaning, dishes, and the cooking. He told the men that the first day he didn't see any results, but by the next day it was better, and on the third day, his house was clean, the dishes were done, and he had a huge dinner on the table.

The third man had married a Texas gal. He boasted that he told her his house was to be cleaned, dishes washed, the cooking done and laundry folded. And this was all her responsibility. He said the first day he didn't see anything, and the second day he didn't see anything, but by the third day, some of the swelling had gone down so he could see a little out of his left eye.

Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

Family News

- **John D Porter** is scheduled for an MRI on his knee this week.
- **Sharon Reynolds'** mother is in critical condition.
- We extend condolences to **Joan Ruel** in the sudden death of her nephew Jeremy.
- HRR pantry item for April is boxed macaroni and cheese.
- Thanks to the Slones for having the kids at their home for an Easter egg hunt.
- Next week the church in Mt. Vernon is having a gospel meeting with B.J. Clarke of Memphis, TN (April 16-19). Weeknight services begin at 7:00 p.m.
- Next Sunday following the morning service, the church is invited for lunch at Vaughn's Catfish.

"Anybody Can Be Mediocre"

A colorful old Cajun always wore a necklace made of alligator teeth. A visitor who spotted the Cajun asked him about his necklace.

"These are alligator teeth," the Cajun explained. The stranger responded, "Oh, I understand. That's like a string of pearls people wear in other parts of the country."

The Cajun countered, "Only difference is anybody can open an oyster." Anybody can be mediocre. Excellence comes to those who are willing to meet the alligators of life face-to-face.

The English language is confusing at best. Notice a few examples.

- We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes, But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes.
- One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese, Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.
- You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice, Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.
- If the plural of man is always called men, Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?