

Those to Serve

(B) Jorge Garza
(FV) Mike Mallett
(O) Doug Pruett
(A) Mike Lovell
1st prayer Judd Wall
2nd prayer Jack Wall
Announcements: Keith Stifflemire
Singing: Kevin Grant

October 30

Noon Fellowship

November 6th

Mission Sunday

Daylight Saving Time

November 11th

Veterans' Day

November 13th

Men's Business meeting

November 24th

Thanksgiving Day

Prayer List:

Valerie's sister-in-law
Anita Adams
Diane Savage (Virginia's niece)
Cheryl Burks
Virginia Lovell
Dora Martinez
Letha Sheldon
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

Don't Push Me!

One time I was urging a teenager to obey the gospel of Christ, and she said, "DON'T PUSH, ME!" A parent told me recently that every time she talked about religion to her daughter, she said, "DON'T PUSH ME!" Sadly, many people have this attitude about becoming a Christian. The next time someone says to me "DON'T PUSH ME!" I will ask them pointedly if they intend to allow the devil to push them into eternal hell – that is exactly what they are doing by rejecting Christ.
by Aude McKee

Happy Birthday

Mike Mallett Oct. 21

Haley Day Oct. 21

Ruby Jones Oct 24th

Valerie Garza Nov. 1st

Tammy Burks Nov. 3rd

Jorge Garza Nov. 12th

Theresa Pruett Nov. 14th

Calvin Burks Nov. 26th

Linda Houts Nov. 28th

Terry Day Nov. 30th

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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Broken-Hearted

The poet and playwright Oscar Wilde once said, "The heart was meant to be broken." There are few people alive today who can truthfully say that they have never had the experience of having a broken heart. We, through this experience, become intimately acquainted with the feelings that accompany a broken heart, the overwhelming grief, and the despair that seems to have no cure. In experiencing it we also come to understand what it is that causes a heart to break, that is, the loss of something we have come to depend on for our well-being. It may be the loss of a person in our life or the loss of a thing like our house and possessions in a fire or other natural disaster. Having a heart that is broken is universally seen as a negative at the time that it occurs. However, sometimes, later on, when we stop to consider where the pain has led us we realize we are better off for having gone through it.

Throughout Scripture, the idea of a broken heart is not always negative, in fact, it is sometimes seen as a very good thing. In **Psalms 34:18** the psalmist proclaims, "The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart and saves such as have a contrite spirit" (**Ps. 34:18**). Why is this? Why would the Lord desire us to be broken-hearted? It all comes down to the thing that is lost which causes the sorrow. The prophet Isaiah makes clear the thing lost is our relationship with God through our sin, "But your iniquities have separated you from your God" (**Isa. 59:2**).

It is not that God delights in our sorrow, but He desires that we, through that sorrow, come to ourselves and turn from the sin that caused the separation in the first place. Paul emphasizes this in his second letter to the Corinthians, "Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter" (**2 Cor. 7:9-11**).

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The real problem is not the sorrow that comes from being broken-hearted. The problem is that when our world is shaken by whatever it is that causes the emotional turmoil we allow that emotion to be the driving force behind our actions instead of facing the difficulty itself. It is the difference between worldly sorrow and godly sorrow, the difference between Peter's repentance and Judas' suicide. God doesn't want us to have sorrow for our sins because He is vindictive. He wants us to be sorrowful for our sins so that we might take hold of the opportunity that He extends to us to be reconciled to Him once again (**c.f. 2:Cor. 5:20,21**). All one has to do is read David's outpouring of emotion in Psalms 51 to understand what God desires for us in regard to our sorrow for sin, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart—these, O God, You will not despise" (**Ps. 51:17**).

By Will Vann

A Good, Lost Man

I know a man who is unquestionably honest; he is very diligent to seek the right course in life; he has the courage to stand for the Lord in the face of all opposition; he has experienced a genuine encounter with Jesus; yet, he is lost! Before you call me a bigot, listen to what Jesus said to this man: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (**John 3:5**).

Nicodemus was a very religious man. Unlike other religious leaders who stubbornly refused to accept the evidence for the deity of Christ, Nicodemus wisely and honestly confessed that Jesus came from God. He courageously pleaded with the hard-hearted rulers to investigate His claims (**Jn.7:50-52**). Though some rulers believed on Jesus, they were afraid to confess Him lest they be put out of the synagogue (**Jn.12:42,43**). Nicodemus, on the other hand, assisted Joseph in the Lord's burial (**Jn.19:38ff**). In spite of all these sterling qualities, however, Nicodemus needed to be born again before he could enter the kingdom of God.

If you think you are headed for heaven simply because you are religious, or because you do some things that are right, or because of your sacrifice for Jesus, you had better read **John 3:1-8**. And then turn to **Acts 10:34,35**. Those who have not been born again are not in the kingdom of God, no matter how religious they appear to be. Do you need to be born again?

by Rick Duggin