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HEARING OR HEART PROBLEMS?

There are many that teach that in order to be saved, one must have faith that Jesus is the Son of God (Jn. 8:24). Many agree also that repentance and confessing our faith in Christ is necessary just as the Bible says (Lk. 13:3; Rom. 10:10). However, when we talk about a person being baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38), many people deny that baptism is necessary. Why is this? Could I suggest when folks deny baptism's necessity, it is because they have either a hearing problem or a heart problem. Why do I say this? Let us study Acts 16:14-15. In Acts 16:14-15, we read, *"And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my*

house, and abide there. And she constrained us." Notice that before Lydia was baptized, she *"heard us."* Her hearing would have produced faith (Rom. 10:17). Not only did she listen, but the words she heard also opened her heart, and then she was baptized. She laid aside all preconceived ideas, and simply listened to God's word. Therefore, as a result of the words she heard, and her open heart, she was baptized. Thus, when folks declare that baptism is not necessary for salvation, we see they either have a **hearing problem** or a **heart problem**. Let us make sure our hearing is sound and our heart is open to the word of God. (from *The Old Paths*)

What Will You Pray For Today?
Brian Price

"I thank my God always, making mention of thee in my prayers"
(Philemon 1:4). What will you

pray for today? All of us have our concerns and challenges that we bring to the throne of the Father. Somebody is sick or needs help and we rightfully petition our God. But when was the last time you thanked God for the benefits that **others** bring to the cause of Christ? Imagine the comfort brought to Philemon to hear that the "apostle Paul" took the time to thank God for him. When you pause today to bring your thoughts before the "I AM," take some time to thank Him for the good that others do. Don't just bring **your** list of challenges, but bring your list of thanksgiving for the lives that have touched yours.

Be An Encouragement Jeremy Joy

"Encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness" (Hebrews 3:13). Have you ever been around someone who used your heart as a place to dump negative thoughts and words that weigh you down? On the other hand, have you ever been around someone who has made you feel like you could change the world by yourself?

The second question illustrates the power of **encouragement**, which involves "*inspiring courage*" in others. It is what happens when someone makes a meaningful deposit into the heart of another. We **need** to encourage one another. We live in a world full of negative attitudes and actions meant to tear down. Even loved ones may unintentionally fire arrows deep into our hearts. One way to encourage others is through words that are properly seasoned; they taste good on the way down. What will you hear today? How will you handle it? Most importantly, what will you say to others throughout the day? Why not resolve now to be an encouragement?

Stay Away From The Vomit Jason Hardin

"Like a dog that returns to his vomit is a fool who repeats his folly" (Proverbs 26:11).

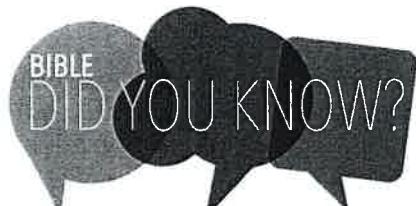
GROSS! If you've never seen that nasty picture illustrated right before your eyes, it doesn't take much to imagine how repulsive it really is. But remember throughout the day the wise man's parallel with that disturbing image...the person who repeats the same

foolish mistakes, the same bad decisions, the same sinful actions over and over again. What is it in your life that repeatedly troubles you? What temptations do you constantly go to battle against? What pitfalls are consistently causing you to stumble? Can you do better today? If not, why not? When those all-too-common obstacles rise up before you today, remember...**stay away from the vomit.**

Resentment
Jason Hardin

Let's recognize resentment for the poison that it is. **re-sent-ment**(noun) the feeling of displeasure or indignation at some act, remark, person, etc., regarded as causing injury or insult. Let's recognize resentment for the poison that it is. But let's do more than *recognize* the poison. Let's set the poison down and walk away from it. For good. "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom were sealed for the day of redemption. Let

all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (Eph 4:25-32)



"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. For by me your days will be multiplied, and years of life will be added to you. If you are wise, you are wise for yourself, and if you scoff, you alone will bear it.

***The woman of folly is boisterous, she is naïve and knows nothing. She sits at the doorway of her house, on a seat by the high places of the city, calling to those who pass by, who are making their paths straight: whoever is naïve, let him turn in here, and to him who lacks understanding she says, 'Stolen water is sweet; and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.' But he does not know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the depths of Sheol."* Prov. 9:10-18**

People, Places, and Things of the **BIBLE**



Solomon's Porch

The Temple Mount Sifting Project recently announced the discovery of a capital from one of the columns that formed the eastern colonnade of the Second Temple, known in the New Testament as “Solomon’s Collonade.” Josephus also describes the colonnade in both *Antiquities of the Jews* and *The Jewish War*. The capital itself is in the Doric style and would have adorned the top of one of the columns that surrounded the Temple Mount area to provide shade for those who visited the Temple. Dr. Leen Ritmeyer, one of the world’s leading experts on the Temple, has responded to the announcement by agreeing that the capital is likely from Solomon’s Colonnade while correcting information about the size of the column the capital likely came from. The Bible records that Jesus (Jn. 10:23), Peter and John (Acts 3:11), and the early church in Jerusalem (Acts 5:12) all spent time at Solomon’s Colonnade. The capital, whose size indicates that the column had a circumference of 75 centimeters (30 inches) at its top, is a section of one column that formed part of the double colonnade that surrounded the Temple Mount plaza. Dr. Gabriel Barkay, the director of the Temple Mount Sifting Project, said that “this is a capital in the Doric style, one of the characteristics of the art in the time of the Hasmonean Dynasty. This appears to be the capital of a column formed part of the eastern colonnade of the Temple Mount, which Josephus and even the New Testament called ‘Solomon’s Porch.’”



A column like this is impressive testimony of the immensity of the structures on the Temple Mount in the Second Temple era, and fits in well with Josephus’ narrative, which describes what he saw with his own eyes.”