

RELIGION

Scripture of the Week

St. John Chapter 4

Body Beautiful

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"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth." [Isaiah 52:7] KJV

Throughout the Scripture, the Lord God Almighty speaks to His people by using simplistic dialogue or in parables; as spoken by Jesus the Christ.

When we look at the human body and analyze and identify each part (either seen or unseen), each piece has its own character and function: even though some may be similar; but, different and unique.

As we look at our hands, God has given us appendages which are called "fingers". These fingers are a subordinate part of the hand. Even though several of them may appear to be alike, they are different and have different functions. Some are tall and some short, some are skinny and some are fat. And then there is the thumb. While the thumb is not classified as a finger, it is still an appendage.

Each finger and thumb is covered with layers of skin and beneath the skin is an intricate network of blood vessels, nerves, and muscles all stretched out and/or entwined over bones: each a part of or a whole inch longer or shorter than the other. Yet...each appendage has its own separate identity and separate function from the greater part of the

hand known as the "paw"--in laymen's terms. Yet--each separate function and each separate compartment is working together to successfully complete any task set before it.

We, as Christian Believers, can be compared to the structure of the hand. There are many members. Some may resemble and/or may have similar functions; but, are decidedly different. Some have different color skin or different hair, shoe sizes or may come from different backgrounds or different eye colors or shapes. Yet--as Christian Believers, we are part of the same structure. The same body. The body of Christ.

So--don't think too highly of yourselves.

As Paul spoke in the book of romans, chapter twelve and verses 3-5:

"For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."

God created us with different personalities and appearances. He certainly knew what He was doing; because, when he had completed His task of creation, he said, "...And behold, it was very good." [Genesis 1:31]

In the examination of the hand, it is quite apparent that the hand cannot function without the rest of the body. The hand and its parts are only parts of the greater part which is the body. Though this may seem insignificant to some, we must view this illustration as one which should greatly impact the awarenesses of all Christian Believers.

We, Christian Believers, are (all) members of the same body; which is the body of Christ Jesus.

Each body-part has its own function. Each function is identified and is an integral part of the whole.

I cannot function without you and you cannot function without me. We must work together. As the Scripture says, each member does not have the same office (or duties). God certainly knew what he was doing because... if we each had the same, identical duties, we would soon get very tired of one another.

There are Christian Believers of all colors, races, sizes and shapes; living in different locations; having different names; working on different jobs. But--we are all one in the Spirit and one in the Lord working toward a common goal. That goal is to save the lost (sinners) and get the world ready to receive the Coming King--Jesus Christ. Each Believer has Christ nestled within his/her bosom. Deep down in your soul.

When we look at the hand with our physical eyes, we can see the skin covering the outside and the nails. These

components of the hand are important but they do not make up the hand in its entirety. There are other parts which cannot be seen but they are all hard at work making the hand functional and they are equally as important as those parts which are visible..

When God was designing the blueprint for the human body, there was an order and a purpose. So shall it be also with the Body of Christ.

Some parts of the Body of Christ (Believers) are very visible while other parts are not seen but are hard at work making it possible for visible parts to maneuver and function properly.

Just suppose there were no nerves in the hand.

Then, the hand could not move. You see, the hand needs the nerves which receives impulses or signals from the brain to tell the muscles what to do. Therefore; the hand would not be functional because it was not complete.

just like the physical body cannot function unless all its parts are cooperating and operating as a unit--the same goes for the Christian Body of Believers. God, in his infinite wisdom, has created an "order" within and for everything.

Christian sister and brothers...we should be hard at work making the Body of Christ functional. Making it real and making it visible to the world. But--guess what? We must do it together.

Ladies Society Spreads Happiness In Sunday Picnic

Local businesses and the Scientology Ladies Society sponsored a Way To Happiness picnic and fundraiser August 16, 1992 in Bridal Veil, OR. The picnic was designed to be raise funds for a Way To Happiness promotional bicycle tour by seven-year-old Mikkel Bossen.

During the upcoming week long bike tour, Mikkel, and students from the Eagle Oak School, will pass out more than 400 Way To Happiness booklets to children and adults along the 450 mile course and promote using it as a tool to build moral values around. "My mother and I use the Way To Happiness as sort of a rule book,"

stated Mikkel. "Our agreement is that we both follow the rules [morals] from the book. If one of us doesn't, then we can use the book and talk over what went wrong and how to fix it and our lives go better. Then we don't get into fights and we feel better about each other."

"If you maintain free, open communication with your child, and use the Way To Happiness principles, your child will not want to do unethical things that he or she will then have to withhold from you," continued Bossen. "The child is happy, the parents are happy, and the family--as a group--flourishes." Bossen concluded.

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New Hope Missionary Baptist Church will be holding it's Annual "Gospel Music Workshop" - September 9 - 11th. Registration will begin at 6:00 PM each night.

The workshop choir will present a concert on Saturday, September 12, at 7:30 PM.

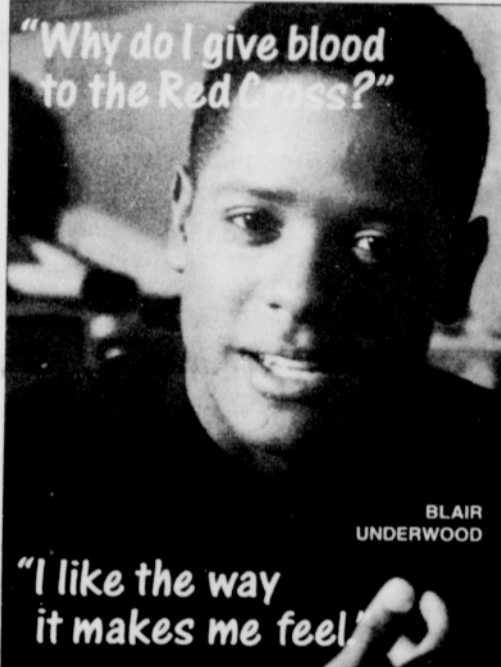
The guest conductor is David Curry, Director of the Mississippi Mass Choir.

New Hope Choir is located at 3725 N. Gantenbein. For more information, Please call -- 698-5447 or 281-1063.

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I Peter 4:11

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