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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "A CASE OF CONVERSION, APOSTASY AND RESTORATION"

PM - SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

SINGING SCHOOL SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8. WE WILL HAVE A LUNCH FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP AND THEN CLASSES DURING THE AFTERNOON. PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND

BIBLE BOWL WILL BE AT 2 PM AUG 25 AT SIXTH AVENUE

BIRTHDAYS:

Aug 18: Glenn Lockhart

22: Charity Chambers

24: Linda Davidson

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Aug 18: Kenneth & Gail Windham

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SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

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A CASE OF CONVERSION, APOSTASY AND RESTORATION

(Acts 8:9-24)

I. The _____ of Simon (vs. 9-11).

A. Simon was a man of that area that used _____ or sorcery to capture

the minds of the people of Samaria.

- B. By sleight of hand and trickery, Simon had gotten the people to believe that he had the _____ of God.

II. The _____ of Simon (vs. 12-13).

- A. When they heard the truth, their minds were _____.
- B. Along with that preaching, Philip had been performing miracles to _____ the things he was preaching were true (vs. 6-7).
- C. What is amazing is that the one who had held power over the people by _____ also believed and was baptized.
- D. Luke then tells us something that I find _____.
1. He continued to go with Philip wherever he went and was in _____ at the miracles Philip performed.
 2. The reason, at least to me, is that he was seeing something that was _____.

III. The _____ of Simon (vs. 14-19).

- A. Word got back to the _____ in Jerusalem about what great success Philip was having in Samaria so Peter and John came.
- B. The apostles laid their hands on some of the converts and passed _____ gifts on to.
- C. At this point, Simon _____ to get this ability for himself.
- D. Sadly, he _____ the apostles to give him that ability and he would pay them for it.

IV. The restoration of Simon (vs. 20-24).

- A. It is interesting that many in the religious world, those infected with the false doctrine of _____, teach that Simon was never saved.
- B. For Simon to have not been saved would be to have him expressing an _____ faith at his conversion.
1. Luke says the exact _____.
 2. Luke says that "Simon himself believed _____."
- C. The _____ is, Simon obeyed and was saved but then sinned and became lost.
- D. It is at this point, we get to see another great spiritual lesson: a child of God who sins can repent and pray for forgiveness and have that sin _____.
- E. Some call this God's _____ law of _____. God. their brethren to pray for them.

**A Heart of Gold
John C Robertson**

I Corinthians chapter seven makes a statement regarding how we affect others by our attitude toward sin. Paul was made to be comforted in his inner being at the news of the Corinthian's repentance and willingness to work out other troubling issues (2 Corinthians

7:6-7). Paul knew that the Corinthians could have done otherwise at the hearing of the straightforward charges he made against them in his first epistle to them. The Corinthians could have hardened their heart against Paul and the gospel of Jesus Christ; however, they were made sorry “*after a godly sort,*” and repented of their sins (1 Corinthians 7:9). Not only was Paul comforted in the Corinthian’s repentance but Titus was as well (see 2 Corinthians 7:15). Truly, our disposition toward sin in our lives affects others.

When the Apostle John wrote to the “*elect lady and her children,*” he “*rejoiced greatly that I have found certain of thy children walking in truth, even as we received commandment from the Father*” (2 John 1, 4). Again, at 3 John 4, the Apostle John said, “*Greater joy have I none than this, to ear of my children walking in the truth.*” When Christians really “*love the brotherhood*” (1 Peter 2:17) with an “*unfeigned love*” (1 Peter 1:22), we will be affected by one’s attitude toward truth. The erring may cause loving brethren great pain, anguish, and anxiety (2 Corinthians 11:28) whereas the faithful give way to joy (see passages above).

Paul was excited to know that **the Corinthians had a heart of gold**. Paul had aggressively exposed their error in his first epistle to them. Paul explains that he was testing them “*that I might know the proof of you, whether ye are obedient in all things*” (2 Corinthians 2:9). So, for the most part, the brethren in Corinth were willing to correct their wrongs with “*fear and trembling*” (2 Corinthians 7:15). Such are the people that the Lord seeks to serve him. Isaiah records, “*For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite*” (Isaiah 57:15). Again, David said, “*The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise*” (Psalms 51:17).

When we obey God’s commands of love and self repentance, the way to heaven is seen clearly. As we obey from the heart the command to love others, our joy is made complete when we see the object of our love exercising a humble, contrite, and repenting spirit. This is what the Corinthians had and this is what you and I must have if we want to be with the Lord for ever. A heart of Gold!