

A Great Day in the Kingdom – July 22, 2022

How is your heart condition, these days? This of course, has nothing to do with the heart that pumps blood throughout our bodies. The question remains concerning the state and heart of your soul. The heart or condition thereof in the New Testament is mentioned over 1000 times! Today, all of us need to check our spiritual heart condition.

In the early Church of Jesus Christ, the Disciples' hearts were open to all people. Jews, Gentiles and even Pagans were included in sermons and proclamations. That's how the Church grew, with the legitimization of the Gospel. These early teaching moments provided no other agenda, other than the Love of Jesus to all. Somewhere, in our political, social and entitlement, the message was weakened. Theologians debate the exact timing as to when this began to occur.

Church, we are in a new narrative. The narrative is being renewed from **2 Corinthians 6:11-13**,

“We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.”

All of us need to take care of our spiritual arteries, capillaries and veins. Here is a phrase I hear far too often, “I can't stand those people who....” The answer of Jesus is clearly stated, time and time again. You and I are called to forgive, include and Love this world. Yes, that includes all of the people in it. Please, allow God to examine your heart, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Is your heart wide open? If not, we cannot truly share the Love of our Savior.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, help me to see beyond my opinions and tolerances. Help me to see the world, through the eyes of Jesus, my Savior. Help me to live and Love, unconditionally. I ask that you give me this strength, through the power of the Holy Spirit. In the name of the Risen Christ, Jesus I Pray! AMEN!!!