

GOD WANTS NO PART OF YOU

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Those are words we do not like to hear from anybody. Can it be true of God that He wants no part of me? The expression would usually mean that God wants nothing to do with me; I, however, am using it to emphasize God's desire to have **all** of me and not just *a part* of me. With God it is all or nothing, so if I am inclined to offer Him only part of myself then the original meaning of this phrase may very well apply to me.

God is not in the business of saving part of anything. If He saves me then He saves me completely. If I serve Him, I must serve Him completely.

*He answered: "Love the Lord your God with **all** your heart and with **all** your soul and with **all** your strength and with **all** your mind' and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Luke 10:27*

When God provided for the propitiation of sins, He provided for absolutely everyone. (1 John 2:2). He provided for every part of everyone.

*And the very God of peace sanctify you **wholly**; and I pray God your **whole** spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1Thessalonians 5:23*

How would we like it if God decided to save only part of our bodies? He might also have a whim to save only a certain age group from within the church. So, if you are in the 18-42 years old group, then God promises to save your left knee cap. God does not work that way, does He? Yet many times we seem to operate based on partial service to God. We give part of ourselves on a part-time basis but expect to be fully rewarded, forever. It might seem ironic to call on Jesus' words in Matthew 5:29 here as He teaches that we should pluck out our right eye if it causes us to sin. We should prefer that to having our whole body thrown into Hell. Mmm...so, God would accept a less-than-complete "me" rather than have the complete "me" in Hell?

I think the message is that Satan, also, wants the whole me. He knows that if he can get a part of me then he gets all of me. So, he is quite happy letting me think that I am basically a good person with just one or two small parts that do their own thing. It does not bother him at all if I sing praises to God on Sunday as long as I still entertain anger or covetousness or lust in my heart. God, on the other hand, will not tolerate any part of me being given over to Satan's will.

If it were not for Jesus, we could all say goodbye to our bodies, not just parts of them. In our English language the word "whole" can mean healthy. Jesus went around making sick people whole. The King James Version of Luke 5:31b reads, "*They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.*" Jesus repairs the damage done by sin. We will see that someday when He comes, and we see that our bodies look like His! Meanwhile He enables me, as He did Caleb (Joshua 14:8) to "wholly follow the Lord my God".



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

Today's Sermon: What Must I Do to Be Saved?

Paul will be preaching today.

Scripture Reading: Acts 16:25-34

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Paul will be continuing his lessons on the Psalms and stopping to sing a song from our songbook when appropriate.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** August 4th, at the building, 6:30pm- Arthur will be continuing his lessons on the book of Matthew. Come at 6 and bring something to eat with us before the lesson if you like.
- ❖ **Next Potluck:** August 15th.



- There will be a quick men's meeting today following worship.
- The next 5th Sunday Regional Singing will be on Sunday, August 29th. It hasn't been decided yet where that will be.
- Paulette has been in Arkansas visiting Sue Austin, who taught her through World Bible School.
- Steve Connors had hernia surgery on Tuesday. There were complications which required a trip to the ER, but things are going well now. Steve and Amy are at Endwell today where Steve is leading singing.
- Arthur has been asked to speak at a memorial service for Sharon Rumsey, a lady he was asked to visit in hospital several months ago.

PRAYERS

- Pray for **Paulette**, our new babe in Christ.
- **Dan Myers**, Paulette's friend, needs prayer for multiple health problems. He needs a kidney biopsy.
- Pray for **Zachary Cowles** as he has been deployed with the army for the next two years.
- **Jackie** is recovering at home and dealing with edema of the legs and feet.
- **Pat Gutherie** from Kittanning has lung cancer.
- **Gail Westerhold** is having another kidney surgery on Wednesday, August 11th to remove more cancer. She has asked us to pray for her.
- **Jerry** has been suffering weak spells and lack of energy.
- Pray for **Linnett Short**, who has stage 3 lung cancer.
- **Arthur's younger sister, Sue**, has stage 4 breast cancer and **his brother Chris** in England has Alzheimer's Disease.
- **Amy Connor's friend Denise Whitfield** has colon cancer and will soon have surgery.
- Please pray for **Nancy Holcomb** from the Horseheads church as she is suffering from dementia. Also pray for her daughter Sarah.
- **Pray for Dawn and her family as her sister Alice passed away early Wednesday morning.**
- **Nancy Black**, who is a good friend of Ruthie's is suffering from complications of diabetes.
- **Pray for Keith Hoffman, workman acquaintance of Ruthie, Paul and Dawn. He has cancer.**

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.