

THE MOST POWERFUL VACUUM IN THE WORLD!

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“If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable” (1 Corinthians 15:19).

My heart goes out to a group of people who, at least deep in the recesses of their hearts, are miserable. An immense vacuum exists in their hearts. An insatiable hunger grips their soul. They seek to fill this emptiness with pleasure, thrills, material effects and even religion.

This ‘void’ had its beginnings long ago in the Garden of Eden. Eden was a wonderful paradise created for humans by the Creator. It was a place of unrivaled beauty. Everything you would ever need to be happy and content could be found in this perfect utopia. Adam and Eve had it all – they communed face to face with the Lord and enjoyed satisfying fellowship, but something terrible occurred and this abysmal void was formed in their hearts. It was so bad that all of mankind was affected.

It happened like this. The serpent, vile and cunning, came and tempted Adam and Eve casting doubt on the word of the Creator. He said, ‘If you will only partake of the forbidden fruit, you will be as God. You will have infinite knowledge and immeasurable power.’

Forgetting the Lord’s instructions not to partake of this forbidden fruit, Eve ate and gave fruit to Adam. As a result, far-reaching consequence occurred and an immediate void rent their hearts. Realizing their costly actions, our first parents tried to ‘cover up’ their evil deed by making clothes out of leaves, but the sinful exploit wouldn’t go away. Howbeit, the Lord came to the garden, confronted Adam and Eve, clothed them in skins of sacrificed animals (a picture of the ultimate sacrifice of Christ) and expelled them from their paradise.

From that moment on, every man, woman and child has this emptiness, this loathing vacuum that needs to be filled – one that inevitably must be filled by our Creator Himself. Therefore, in the fullness of time, God sent forth His son to redeem fallen man and fill once and for all, this void in their hearts. And because of this incredible sacrifice by the Lamb of God, God could return and fill the emptiness of man’s heart that was created by the disobedience of Adam and Eve. The Spirit of the Lord is now able to take up permanent residence within every person who invites Him. This is what sets Christianity apart from all other religions – the risen Savior indwells the heart of the believer! Glory!

Make no mistake my friend, it is vanity to try and fill this void with anything else – I know because I’ve tried it! All the toys, money, sex and prestige the world has to offer will never alleviate this vacuum – only Jesus. Do you still have this nagging void? Would you like to fill it once and for all and experience the joy that comes with having a personal relationship with the Lord?

All you have to do is realize you are a sinner, confess your sins to the Lord and invite Him to come into your heart and fill that void. Don’t wait another second – do it right now. You’ll never regret it!

Dear Lord, thank you for filling this void in my life thirty-five years ago and giving me unspeakable joy. Times have been difficult, but you have never left me. You have always been there when I needed you the most. Thank you for the awesome power of the cross of Christ and the shed blood that washed me white as snow. Use this feeble, yet humble message to touch someone's heart today.

In Jesus name, your son, Pastor Greg.