

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- February 19, 2015

"How About A Face-Lift?"

Dr. Karl Menninger in his book The Vital Balance tells the story of President Jefferson and a group of men crossing a stream on horseback. On the bank of the river stood a man looking at them. After several men had crossed the river, the man waved to Jefferson and asked to be taken across on his horse. The president gladly obliged. When the man was dropped off on the other side of the river, he was asked: "Why did you choose the President to ask him this favor?" The man replied: "I didn't know that he was the President. All I know is that on some faces I see the answer 'No' and on others 'Yes.' His was a 'Yes Face.'"

The story tells us something about the Face of God. When we think of God, we think of Him sooo far away, out of touch and out-of-reach. But God has a "smiley face." Jesus Christ is the reflection of who God is and what He is really like. For instance:

- Jesus was a Friend of Sinners.
- Jesus healed on the Sabbath.
- Jesus took children in His lap, prayed and blessed them.
- Jesus extended Forgiveness and Grace to prostitutes and thieves, etc.

The list goes on and on. Now, let me ask you: "Do you think Jesus had a Yes Face or a No Face?" The answer is obvious. His Face reflects God's Face!

How about your face? Does it reflect kindness or meanness? Is it welcoming or does it say – Keep Away from Me? Is it filled with Warmth or Coldness? Does it reflect Humility or Pride? Does it reflect Christ's Face or Another or what's in your heart?

Maybe it's time for a "Face-Lift." Ask God. He'll do it for you!

Have a blessed week! Keep warm! See you in church Sunday.
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