

## **SERMON**

**DATE: Saturday - Sunday, September 21-22, 2019**

**SERIES: *Faithful***

**SERMON TITLE: Who Are We?**

**SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 17:1-10**

### **Jeremiah 17:1-10**

[1] “Judah’s sin is engraved with an iron tool, inscribed with a flint point, on the tablets of their hearts and on the horns of their altars.

[2] Even their children remember their altars and Asherah poles beside the spreading trees and on the high hills.

[3] My mountain in the land and your wealth and all your treasures I will give away as plunder, together with your high places, because of sin throughout your country.

[4] Through your own fault you will lose the inheritance I gave you. I will enslave you to your enemies in a land you do not know, for you have kindled my anger, and it will burn forever.”

[5] This is what the LORD says: “Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the LORD.

[6] That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives.

[7] “But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him.

[8] They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

[9] The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

[10] “I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve.”

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1. We are people with monumental heart problems.

- Deceitful
- Beyond cure.

2. We are people who have broken God's covenant and broken our world.

- God knows us better than we know ourselves.

3. We are people scarred by rebellion and anger.

- We are without hope and without God.

4. We are people of the two ways.

5. We are people deeply loved by God.

- In times of greatest darkness, we have hope.
- *Ezekiel 36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.*
- *Jeremiah 31:33 "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.*

# Lagniappe

Would you like to help start churches in Louisiana, especially in the southern part of the state where the need is the greatest? Would you like to start churches that reach the ethnic groups of the state? Would you like to help churches refocus their emphasis on the youngest generation among us?

All of that happens when we give to support state missions through the Georgia Barnett State Missions Offering.

Since 2013, Louisiana Baptists have started over 200 churches throughout the state but mostly in South Louisiana. Many of these churches are predominantly African-American or Hispanic. Did you know we have Filipino churches in our area?

All of this happens when we are generous and give a special offering for state missions. If you receive offering envelopes in the mail, you have an envelope by which to give your offering. Or, you can simply write Georgia Barnett or state missions on your regular envelope.

If you give through the website or by texting, you will be directed how to give for missions.

I am thankful to be a Louisiana Baptist and thankful to see what God is doing in our state.

I hope that you will join with me in giving generously for state missions.