

HomeTouch

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Sunday, September 21, 2008

Scripture Reading: : Philippians 2:21-30

TODAY'S THOUGHT: If someone is too tired to give you a smile, leave one of your own, because no one needs a smile as much as those who have none to give. —Samson Raphael Hirsch

Catherine the Great once built a Russian Orthodox church in Nice, in the south of France, so she could worship in the manner to which she was accustomed, while visiting there. It occurred to her, as she was planning the project, that the church had to be on Russian soil in order for it to be a true place of worship. So, the empress arranged to have a barge-load or two of Russian soil transported to Nice, so the church could be built upon it.

We know that the presence of the Lord is not dependent upon the architect of a building or a church. We know that God is not worshiped on that mountain or this mountain, as the woman at the well suggested in her conversation with Jesus. We know that God's presence is not contingent on the proper soil upon which a church rests.

What we really know is that God's presence is contingent on the kind of soil that is in our hearts. It must be the kind of soil that is receptive to the seeds that are planted there. It must be the kind of soil that soaks up the "showers of blessing" that are rained upon us. It must be the kind of soil that is soft, and has not hardened.

In such a heart, in such soil, the presence of God will truly be felt.

Prayer: O God, thank You for Your presence in this place which I call my home. May I always have a heart that is ready to receive you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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ACTIVITY PAGE for the week of September 21, 2008

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: 2 Thessalonians 1-3

Monday: 2 Chronicles 23-25

Tuesday: 2 Chronicles 26-29

Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 30-32

Thursday: 2 Chronicles 33-36

Friday: Ezekiel 1-3

Saturday: Psalms 103-105

VERSE TO REMEMBER

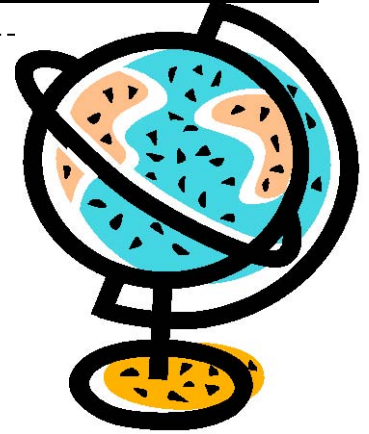
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name.

—Psalm 103:1

Geography 102

Last month (August 31) you had a Geography 101 question. Today you're in a different class. Selected countries of the world are listed below, followed by their capital cities, and primary monetary unit (before the EURO). The capitals and money units are scrambled. Unscramble the cities and money units in the space provided (Hint: The real word begins with the first letter of the scrambled word!)

COUNTRY	CAPITAL CITY	MONEY UNIT
1. Australia	Cnerarb _____	dlaolr _____
2. Brazil	Bsairila _____	curzieor _____
3. Canada	Otawta _____	dlaolr _____
4. France	Prasi _____	facnr _____
5. Greece	Anseht _____	damcahr _____
6. Ireland	Dbnilu _____	pdnuo _____
7. Italy	Rmeo _____	lria _____
8. Norway	Ools _____	kenro _____
9. Poland	Waaswr _____	zoylt _____
10. Sweden	Skmlothco _____	kanor _____



Answers

1. Canberra, dollar;
2. Brasilia, cruzeiro;
3. Ottawa, dollar;
4. Paris, franc;
5. Athens, drachma;
6. Dublin, pound;
7. Rome, lira;
8. Oslo, krone;
9. Warsaw, zloty;
10. Stockholm, krona.

AMAZING FACTS!

- ❖ *Facetious* and *abstemious* are the only words that contain all the vowels in the correct order.
- ❖ *Almost* is the longest commonly used word in the English language with all the letters in alphabetical order