

## Vital Imaging



'Vital Imaging saved my life,' says Dick Butkus a former football great. As part of a regular medical checkup he had a full body scan. By lying on his back and having an arch like device pass over him doctors were able to obtain detailed pictures of all his internal organs.

The full body scan revealed that he had a serious heart condition. 'The Doctor told me I had one foot in the grave and the other foot on a banana peel,' Dick Butkus relates. Shortly after his scan he had a 5-way bypass operation that may have saved his life.

The Vital Imaging or full body scan has the potential to reveal serious problems on the inside of the body when there may be no outward symptoms. Because of advances in technology what is going on inside the body is no longer a mystery only to be discovered by surgery.

Vital Imaging reveals in details what is occurring inside the body but we don't need any kind of advanced technology to obtain detailed pictures of the condition of our soul. God has done that for us. And because he knows all things in a perfect way, even the thoughts of our hearts, the assessment he wrote of our hearts is accurate.

The problem people have with his assessment is that it is shocking to the good opinions they hold of themselves. It is sometimes roughly equivalent to a person who outwardly appears to be in good health being told that they have a serious life threatening disease. For physical illnesses there are sometimes no cures, however for the soul no matter how terrible the condition there is a cure that never fails.

Now, what does God say of the heart? 'As it is written,' Romans Chapter three reads, 'There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that seeketh after God.'

They are all gone out of the way. There is none good; no not one. Their throat is an opened sepulcher [grave] with their tongue they have used deceit, the poison of asps is under their

lips. Whose mouths are full of cursing and bitterness: their feet are swift to shed blood. The way of peace they have not known.'

This grim picture is the true assessment of our spiritual state. It is God's vital imaging of our hearts. Knowing this leave us completely miserable until we find the cure for sin. The remedy for sin is found in a person 'the only person who ever lived good enough to bring healing to the human heart' the Lord Jesus Christ. He is 'the light of the world' who alone can bring light and salvation into the darkness of our hearts. He is a man, but not only a man, he is God come in the flesh. 'And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.'

He was virgin born. 'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel which means, 'God with us' Matthew 1:23. At the age of thirty he began his public ministry which continued for three and a half years during which he did works of power and love which proved to the world that a great light was shining upon them. At the end of this time he was crucified and slain by wicked hands. He went to the cross as a willing victim as a lamb to the slaughter, 'He was oppressed and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.' He was slain and laid in a grave, 'And he made his grave with the wicked, and the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth' Isaiah 53:7,9.

Three days later he arose from the grave. Women who came to anoint his dead body on the third day found instead an angel in the tomb who said to them, 'Be not affrighted ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen: he is not here: behold the place where they laid him' Mark 16:6. After his resurrection he was seen of many and even ate a meal with his disciples before he ascended up to heaven to sit at God's right hand. In heaven 'God has highly exalted him and given him a name above every name that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow' Philippians 2:9-10.

This man 'the Lord Jesus Christ' is the one and only cure for the human heart. The blood he shed on Calvary's cross can wash away every stain of sin, 'The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin' 1 John 1:7. And only coming by faith to this living person can bring peace and rest into our hearts. Won't you come to him who did so much to win your confidence and love and trust him for eternal life?

**Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.  
Matthew 11:28**