

Heart Surgery

Background

Sometime ago, I'm not sure when but probably around 2003, I had the following picture while at Stanton Road Baptist Church in Luton, England. Recently it came back to me (maybe with a couple of alterations) so I am recording it here.

Heart Operation

In my mind's eye I saw a hospital operating theatre. It looked pretty much like any theatre you'd see on a TV drama except that the frame holding the drip for blood and plasma (please excuse me for medical inaccuracies) was not the normal metal one but a wooden cross with the drips hanging from the arms.

The operation began and the surgeon opened the patient's chest. He then removed the heart and showed it to me. I saw that it was covered in Post-It notes which when I looked closer had words such as "hate", "greed", "envy", "depression", "fear", "loneliness" and "anger" written on them. The surgeon explained that all these things were preventing the heart from functioning properly.

He then took a new heart from a container, and I saw that it had no notes stuck on it. Instead, it had words like "love", "peace" and "joy" moulded into the heart itself. I realised that this was not just a replacement heart but the heart that was always meant to be there. There could be no rejection because it was designed specifically for this body.

The one that had been removed was the one that shouldn't have been there but somehow the owner had allowed it to replace his God-given one. But the Father had kept the original for the time when the owner was ready to get it back.

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