NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

"We may have many broken soles but we only have one soul that can be saved."

Saving Soles

Recently the tops of my shoes separated from their soles. I only have one pair of good shoes, which I wear six days a week. Until I could get to the store, I used some Shoe Goo and clamps and saved my sole. It is said that the average American owns about 19 pairs.[1] Imelda Marcos is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the women with the largest shoe collection. She had more than 3,400 pairs.[2]

A local shoe store recently closed in our area called Reineberg's. They were a family owned business for 141 years. They sold and repaired many a sole over those years. My mother–in-law purchased shoes from them for many years. On the last day of their business, I went to the store. They did not have any of my size left. However, I did purchase shelving from them. As Mr. Reineberg was helping me to load the shelving into my van, I asked him what was going to happen to all the antique shoes and items that he still had. He told me that he had contacted the History Center several times but no one called him back. I told him that I would try to help. I wrote something on Facebook about this. To my surprise, the CEO of the History Center saw it and responded that she would look into it. A few days later, I was at a historical presentation and the CEO was there. After the meeting, I approached her and asked about the Reineberg items. She thanked me and said that they were going to see him the next day.

A few weeks later, on the internet were the old shoes I saw at the store which were now in the History Center. These shoes were initially purchased at Reineberg's and were special because they belonged to a poor old soul named Edward Molenaux. They were the only pair he had.

"As he traveled the highways and byways and railroad tracks of America, he would stop at cobblers and saddle makers and asked for scrap pieces of leather, hoping to extend the life of his shoes. The leather got so thick that he could nail pieces of leather onto the shoes without feeling the prick of the nail's point. At the end, the pair of shoes weighed 18 pounds. The shoes were bequeathed to Reineberg's when the hobo passed away. In the 20s, or maybe the 30s, Ripley's Believe It or Not wrote up the shoes as one of those stories that was too weird to believe."[3] My name is not in the full story but, I helped to save his sole.

We may have many soles but we only have one soul. When God created man, "he breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul." Gen 2:7 The soul of man is not a physical part of the human body. It consists of the nontangible functions of existing like feelings, thoughts, emotions, and actions. It confers individuality and humanity to all of us. When the soul leaves the body, the body no longer has life. The soul is created at conception and never dies. The soul is what will stand before God to be judged. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Heb 9:27 "Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. Rev 20:15 "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death," James 5:20 "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" Rom 10:14 Lord, here I am use me to help save a soul, today.

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The sole I helped saved.

"He that winneth souls is wise."
Prov 11:30

The soul you can help save.

[1]newdream.org/blog/stuffcheck-shoes   [2]funtrivia.com/askft/Question43498.html

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