

HEALING THE HEART AND LIFE BY WALKING WITH JESUS CHRIST DAILY

A Series Of Studies In
The Reality Of Spiritual Life
Here And Now

Outline of the Series:

1. How our hearts and lives are broken and the promise of healing.
2. Understanding the will and the mind, the center of brokenness and of healing.
3. Out of the furnace of feeling. Escaping the tyranny of feeling, passion, emotion.

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4. The broken body and its social world. Healing the family and its wounds.
5. The restoration of the soul. "He restoreth my soul."
6. Living wholeness of life in the Kingdom and Power of God. Questions and Answers.

The Source of our Brokenness

Just one thing:
Self-will

The will of individuals and groups to get what they want, regardless of what it does to others or themselves.

Because of the will and drive to get what we want, we live in a world of disappointment, insufficiency, injury and hurt -- mental, emotional, physical and social, with scarred and dysfunctional, pain-filled souls and bodies.

Our lives are characterized by thoughts and feelings of:

DEFICIENCY
DESERTION
DREAD
DEATH

We see ourselves FORCED to take charge of our life and world in whatever way we can, resulting in further injuries and disappointments to ourselves and others.

We become incapable of doing the good we intend. We desperately want to be good, but we are prepared to do what is not good.

Gal. 5:17, Rom. 7:14-19

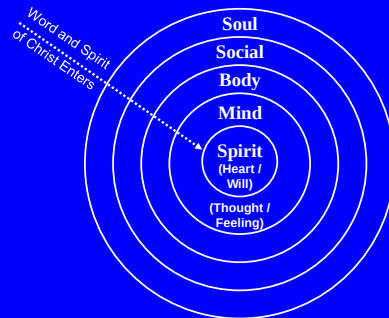
The pattern we fall into is one of:
MORAL FAILURE
LACK OF PEACE AND JOY
(CONTENTMENT, HAPPINESS)
LITTLE OR NO
PRODUCTIVITY OF GOOD

All Dimensions of our being are occupied by the very things that make up and sustain this broken quality of life.

Infinite Environment



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The Biblical Diagnosis:

**Gal. 5:17-21 and Mark 7:20-23
and many other passages.**

- The Wizard of Oz and the hidden life.
- He is me.
- Shakespeare: “God has given you one face, and you make yourselves another.”

Into the Midst of All This, God Comes to Heal Us:

1. Isa. 61:1 (Luke 4:18), John 3:16, Rom. 5:8 & 8:31-39, II Peter 3:9
2. “The Lord is my Shepherd, I SHALL NOT LACK”!!!!
3. This very world is A PERFECTLY SAFE PLACE FOR US TO BE !!!
In the Fathers hands.
No matter what happens!!!!
(Matt. 6:25-34, Luke 12:22-34)

The first object of
the faith that heals is Jesus,
alive now in our world.

Through him (constantly
walking with him) we enter the
Kingdom, the Life stream of God.

We take the “living water” and
“never thirst again.” (John 4:14)

All dimensions of our being,
from will to soul, are then
progressively healed,
and from there healing flows
out to others, and eventually
to the whole cosmos.

We progressively learn to act from the reality and power of God and the real presence of God with us.

Naturally taking on his character and doing his deeds.

This is the path of discipleship, of apprenticeship to him in his kingdom. In all phases of our life.

The first stage of this is the transformation of our thought life under the direction of the Spirit of God and a surrendered will seeking by all means to be healed and renewed in eternal living.

This is what we will study next week.

Assignment

Three times daily, meditatively work through the 23rd Psalm. If you have not memorized it, do so. This will go well with meditatively working through it in a quiet place for 10-15 minutes.