

“Healing the Sick Heart”

Dale and Royce had a great week at the First Baptist Church of Havre De Grace sharing their very latest research with a small but enthusiastic group there with Pastor Ron Smith.

In the next few issues we'd like to walk you through the outline of our seminar, "Healing the Sick Heart".

We begin with John 8:32:

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:32 (KJV)

In this verse we explore the value and importance of understanding the supernatural power of truth. Jesus told us that he is "the way, the truth, and the life" and that "no one comes to the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)

So, if Jesus is the "truth" then no one can come to the Father except through Jesus. Just what does that mean in a supernatural or "spiritual" sense? It means that our connection back to God must come through Jesus or another way to put it is that there are spiritual laws in place that require us to make our connection to God through the Son that died on the cross.

In order to understand why it must be this way we have to go all the way back to the Garden of Eden.

When Adam and Eve committed the original sin their direct spiritual connection with God was broken. The spirit inside of them, inside of all of us, could no longer directly communicate or connect with God.

Just like there are laws of nature, there are also spiritual laws. For instance, gravity is a natural law. What goes up must come down. We all understand this, but grasping spiritual laws can become much more complicated for us. Spiritual laws encompass everything about us, the universe we live in, and all the "truths" that we cannot easily see, even when our spirit tells us what is true.

Truth is like God exists and our understanding of the difference between good and evil. These truths are self-evident deep in our souls even though many of us in this world deny the truth about God and the truths about our own understanding of good and evil.

Regardless of whether a person believes in these truths or not, denies them or not, they are still truths for all of us. The truth about gravity is true for all of us just as the truth about God is true for all of us.

So, this severance of our spirit with God is like a person becoming deaf and blind in the natural. We cannot hear Him and we cannot see Him until we get that spiritual connection back with God.

What we learn about Jesus is that His death on the cross paid the spiritual penalty for Adam's sin and by His resurrection we now have a path back to God through the resurrected Jesus.

Even so, we are still born into sin. It's spiritually inherited just like our skin color or other characteristics are inherited by laws of nature, but now we have a provision through Jesus to return to God through the power of our mouth and our heart.

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth, and believe in thine heart, that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:9

That is all that is required of us to receive this great gift of salvation. But, salvation is only the beginning. Now we are re-connected with God. Now we have opened the door between the life force within us (our spirit) and the source of that life source: the Spirit of God.

What amazing spiritual powers might be available to us if we yield our spirit to the creator of the universe? The possibilities are limitless.

In the coming issues we're going to explore this spiritual connection and try to help us all understand better how this connection to God works and in the same process we'll discover what causes what makes it fail.

But, you've got to know. You've got to know what's right and what's wrong. You've got to know the truth, because we already know that only the truth can "make us free."

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