

The Word of Faith

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With the Heart Man Believeth

I Thessalonians 5:23, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The scriptures reveal that man is a spirit, that he has a soul, and that he lives in a body. In this text Paul does not say, "I pray God your whole heart and soul and body..." The heart is not mentioned here because it is involved in this word spirit. When the Word of God speaks of the heart of man, it is speaking of the spirit of man.

When the Bible talks about the heart, it is not talking about the physical organ that pumps blood through your body and keeps you alive. You couldn't believe with your physical toe or foot, or your nose or ear. The Bible says, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness." Jesus said, "Whosoever shall say...and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."

When He speaks of the heart, He is using it from the standpoint of illustration just like we do. We speak of the heart of a tree. What do we mean? We mean the very center of that tree, the very core of it. When God talks about the heart of man, He is talking about the very center or core of his being.

We talk about the heart of a subject. What do we mean? We mean the very core, the very center, the very heart of man's being - his spirit. He starts with the most important part of man, his spirit. "I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body..." He starts on the inside and comes to the outside.

When the New Testament speaks of the heart or the spirit, it is talking about a man that is just as real as the outward man is. We live in this physical world and become so body conscious until it is hard for us to realize that spiritual things are just as real as material, physical, and natural things are. In fact, spiritual things are more real because God, who is a Spirit, created all of those things.

We want to point out to you that when the scripture talks about the heart of man and spirit of man, it is talking about a man. I Peter 3:4 says, "But let it be the hidden man of the heart." Notice that expression, "man of the heart." So when Peter talks about the heart, he is talking about a man - the man of the heart. Then notice the expression "hidden man." This man, the Bible says, is just as much a man as the outward man is, but he is a man of the heart or a man of the spirit - a hidden man. You can't see him with your physical eye, but he is in there.

Paul put it this way in II Cor-

inthians 3:16, "Though our outward man (the body) perish (or as the margin says, 'is decaying'), yet the inward man (the hidden man of the heart) is renewed day by day." Here is where we come into difficulty then when it comes to believing God. We are to believe God in our hearts, in our spirits, in this inward man. To believe God with the heart means to believe God with the spirit.

We cannot believe with out intellect. That goes without argument. Faith is a product of the human spirit. This inward conviction, this thing called assurance on the inside of us is a child of our spirits. We don't know why we know. We cannot explain it, yet we do know on the inside of us because that is where we believe.

When it comes to physical healing by the power of God, healing for our bodies is received from God the same way salvation or the new birth of our spirit is received, or the same way the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is received - by faith, by believing on the inside. Yet so many times we substitute the faith of this outward man. We all know that when it comes to salvation, the Bible says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." You receive salvation by faith. It says, "We walk by faith and not by sight." So when it comes to salvation, we don't let our feelings or the outward man

rob us.

Feeling is the voice of the flesh. Reason is the voice of the mind, or soul, or the intellect. And conscience is the voice of your spirit. You have never read where we walk by feelings, because if you did that then you would be letting the outward man dominate you. You have never read in the Bible where it said we walk by reason, because if you did that you would be letting your intellect dominate you.

It says we walk by faith, and in that way we are letting our spirits dominate us. We try to get our physical healing with a natural human faith, and we can't do that. After Jesus was resurrected from the dead He appeared to the disciples. Thomas wasn't with them at the time, so the disciples told him they had seen the Lord. He said, "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe."

About eight days later, Thomas was together with the disciples in a room. The door was shut, and suddenly Jesus stood in their midst. He knew what Thomas had said, even thought He wasn't present when he said it. He looked at Thomas and said, "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side; and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God."

"Jesus said unto him, Thomas." He didn't commend him at all. He said, "Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." In other words, Thomas just believed what this outward man told him. He contacted Jesus and saw Him there physically. When it comes to receiv-

ing things from God many folks try to use Thomas' faith to receive, and it doesn't work. It is by believing on the inside.

The Bible, in contrast, gave us the lesson about faith in the 4th chapter of Romans, about Abraham. This is a type of the child of God's faith. Here it says in Romans 4:17, "Before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb."

Notice that Abraham believed according to that which was spoken unto him. He didn't wait for all of this to come to pass, and then believe it. "If it ever comes to pass, he'll believe it." Anyone could believe that - sinner or anybody could have that kind of faith. But he believed what God said before it ever came to pass, and that is what brought it to pass. It is believing in our hearts that brings to us that which God has provided for us.

Now the Word of God has been given to us to feed our spirits, to develop our spirits, and to give faith or cause faith to come into our hearts. Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." So if you want to get faith into people, the only way you can do it is with the Word of God.

Get the Word of God into them. If you can't get the Word into them, then you can't get faith into them. If you can't get faith into them, then you can't help

them and God can't help them because He can't help them apart from His Word. If He did, He would make Himself out a liar. You see, God has bound Himself by certain rules and certain laws, whether you realize it or not. If He violates those, then He is a liar. If He is a liar then He is nothing to any of us.

He said He has magnified His Word above His name. When it comes to healing (I am using this as an illustration to show what it means to believe with the heart), as you bring folks into the Word, faith grows. There are those who are especially anointed with the ministry of healing, but every believer ought to have a ministry of healing. I don't mean every believer ought to be anointed of the Spirit to minister in certain ways, but I mean every believer ought to be able to take the Word of God to a sick person and open that Word to them and give them what the scripture says on it.

If those folks are receptive to the Word of God, then faith will come into their hearts. When you open the Word up to people, then they will see that the Word says, "By his stripes we are healed." In fact Isaiah, prophesying about the coming Messiah, in Isaiah 53:3 says, "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him: and with his stripes we are healed."

Then Peter, in I Peter 2:24, was looking back to the cross and back to the sacrifice of Jesus, and he said, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." Open the Word to the sick, and if their minds are open, that Word, through their mind, will get

down into their spirits. As they meditate upon it, they will come to see that by His stripes, according to the Word, I am healed.

If that person acts upon the Word of God, they will ignore what this outward man tells them. The body may tell them that the symptoms are still there, even the pain or the misery, or whatever it is. But instead of walking by natural, human faith, you walk by Bible faith. I have seen people with conditions that the doctors said could never be cured, but as I opened the Word to them, I have seen them with every symptom still present say, "I'm healed."

I asked them, "How do you know you are?" They said, "Because the Word says, 'Himself took my infirmities and bare my sicknesses.'" Those people are alive and well. Not just one of them, but many of them. They are alive and well today with no symptoms of the disease what-so-ever. Yet, when they acted in faith and made their confession, they had every symptom they had ever had. As far as medical science was concerned, their condition was still incurable. What happened? They believed in their hearts.

MONTHLY LESSON

The lesson for this month is Tangibility of the Holy Spirit. Tangibility means capable of being touched and also perceptible to the touch. The secret of healing is the tangibility of the Spirit. Write for your free copy today and learn many more truths about the Tangibility of the Holy Spirit.

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Weekday services will be at 10:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. The last service will be on Sunday, February 6th at 2:30 P.M.

Invite your friends and meet us there.

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| Columbus, Georgia | WHYD-FM | 107.3 | 11:00 AM |
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