

Human Wholeness

(Part 2)

The goal of Christian transformation is human wholeness - the end of which is a life lived to the glory of God (I Co 10:31). Christianity, then, is an all-inclusive spirituality that involves every aspect of our humanity:

- Jesus Christ indwells and enlivens us spiritually.
- He restores and rectifies us soulishly.
- He expresses Himself through our bodies.

All of life is virtually an open invitation to be led by His Spirit (Ro 8:5-14) into wholeness, wellness, maturity, completion... spirit, soul, and body. God is leading us on an eternal journey of knowing Himself and becoming purer and purer expressions of His life (Jo 17:3). This is not about drivenness, but decidedness - a willful and voluntary sanctioning - to authorize Him to manage our entire being. Wholeness, therefore, doesn't happen accidentally, but intentionally; not passively, but cooperatively. We may even resist (Acts 7:51), grieve (Eph 4:30), or quench (I Thess 5:19) His leading into wholeness.

His intent is to lead us on a journey of ever-increasing operational oneness - two moving together as one. He is leading us out of what didn't come from God into all that is ours in Christ... out of ignorance into knowledge, out of error into truth, out of fantasy into reality, out of sight into faith, out of fear into love. All is being realigned with the intent and action of Christ as we learn to get into step with Him. To be led by His Spirit is to "set our mind on the things above", on "Christ, Who is our life" (Col 3:1-4).

To be spiritually minded is to celebrate our union with God through Christ (I Co 6:17; Col 1:27). To be one with God is not something we achieve, but Someone we receive. We are to delight and rejoice in our new creationness, to happily consent to the holy constant of God abiding in us. To be spiritually minded is also to cultivate our communion with God (Ps 37:4-5; Col 3:16). After our new birth, all of our soul and body functions need to be adjusted to a new center - organized and oriented around the Person of Christ. The spiritual disciplines keep us centered in the God who makes us whole. The disciplines have no power in themselves to transform us, but they center us in the One who can. Finally, to be spiritually minded us to consent to the flow of His life through us (Phil 1:21). We work out what God has worked into us as we pray "Not my will, but Yours; not my way, but Yours; not my word, but Yours." As we consent to His will and cooperate with His way and believe His word, the supply of His Life - His whole and holy Life - is activated in us (I Thess 2:13).

This is being led by the Spirit of God Himself. This is working out what God has worked in. This is being made whole... well... mature. This is glorifying God with all of our beingness.



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GREETINGS

Some of you have inquired about the Atlanta "Grace Explosion" event in April. Steve McVey, Gene Edwards and I will be doing the teaching. The theme will be "The Life, The Liberty, and The Love of Christ." Location, costs, schedule and registration are all given on the www.gracewalk.org website (see "Grace Explosion"). Steve McVey will be addressing "The Life", Gene Edwards "The Liberty." And I will speak on "The Love". Hope to see some of you there for the weekend. If you have specific questions about who is speaking at what times, contact me.

Also, we've had a couple of changes in our calendar and have had a few (mostly summer) dates open up if you are interested in a meeting of some kind. Contact me soon if you'd like to consider an event.

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4-6 Lehigh Acres, FL (239-369-5555)
3 Alachua Study
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1-3 Atlanta, GA (www.gracewalk.org, see "Grace Explosion")

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12-15 San Antonio, TX (210-490-2827)
27-29 Dalton, PA (607-625-4612)

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