



PEACE WITH GOD... AND DEEP WITHIN.

Introduction:

Today, one is becoming increasingly aware of tremendous needs in the life of people. Often physical problems have resulted from psychological problems that are unresolved. Let me explain.

Man has three distinct areas... Spirit, soul and body.

Our body is very obvious...

We care for it, bath and dress it, feed it, and generally should care for it. When we are sick, this part gets affected, and we become aware of pain and generally go to a doctor for help. God has a wonderful solution here, too... as He has provided healing for us, through faith in His Word. It is the outward house that contains the spirit and soul.

The spirit of man is the part that wants to worship.

God made us to have fellowship and communion with Him, and this is in the area of the spirit. Unfortunately, because of our sin, we have cut ourselves off from His purpose, and very often this area becomes given over to the worship of other things... other gods, etc. But when we give our lives to the Lord Jesus, and are 'born again' having truly repented from sin, our spirit becomes alive, and once again we have fellowship and communion with God. (The Kingdom of power is within you!)

The other area of our lives is the vast and complex area of the soul.

It is this area that we want to look at tonight. This is your personality... and is comprised of your emotions, intellect and will. It is here that you make decisions, get educated, communicate etc. It is this area that makes you uniquely different from everyone else. God has given you a

unique personality. Man tries to define this and categorizes us, placing us into Choleric, Sanguine, Phlegmatic or Melancholic type of personality!!! Somehow every situation you have been through in life affects your personality in some way, forming or deforming it in some way! Praise God He has planned to TRANSFORM it and restore it to what He had originally intended it to be.

Most of our problems are in this area, and while mankind in his wisdom has been doing all he can to alleviate this, and today there are Psychiatrist, Psychologists etc... the fact remains that there is only one solution... JESUS CHRIST.

Today people have turned to many things to shut out the problems that confront them....

Tranquillisers, ante-depressants... alcohol., drugs, sex, promiscuous living, loud music with a heavy beat, the occult, fortune tellers and horoscopes, spiritism and satanism are some of the things people indulge in. But instead of a solution, the problem compounds, and debt often incurred. Then to help this, they are deceived into thinking they can make quick and easy money by gambling, robbery, cheating, and get deeper and deeper into debt and trouble. No wonder there is so much in the way of rape, incest, murder and violence today.... Many just can't face life, and in absolute hopelessness commit suicide!

Some people turn to religion... and think that if they become a monk... or follow some kind of guru... or become devout in some religious order, that this will solve their problems, and some even try so-called Christianity... and become totally disillusioned. You see... unless people have an encounter with God, and do things God's way, their religion is in vain. There are no answers, no life, no assurance, no future definite expectation... just more hopelessness and despair.

DEPRESSION... DEJECTION.. OBSESSION & SIN are given fancy names today, as people get psycho-analysed.

But there is tremendously GOOD NEWS and a definite answer....

Let us turn to the Word of God....

ISAIAH 9:6..."For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called
WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR
MIGHTY GOD
EVERLASTING FATHER
PRINCE OF PEACE....

Of the increase of His government and peace, there will be NO
END....." It is going to go on and on increasing....

There is no problem too big for Him to handle, and yet no
difficulty and anxiety too small and insignificant, that He will not
have a solution for.

The Son came nearly 2000 years ago, just as was prophecied...
His name was called JESUS.... and He has been the wonderful
counsellor, mighty God, everlasting father, and PRINCE OF
PEACE ever since.

He made the way for us to have PEACE WITH GOD. through His
death on the cross and the blood that He shed. No wonder He is
the prince of peace, and those who have received JESUS as
Lord and Saviour, have experienced His amazing PEACE.
He is the MIGHTY GOD... All power and glory belongs to Him,
because of His mighty power.... Last night we were aware of the
Power of His Kingdom. He heals, delivers, equips etc.
Then He is the everlasting FATHER.... Earthly fathers let us
down... but He is different. He is a loving father, and loves us
with unconditional love... a love that is everlasting, and
consistent. He is the kind of father you can take all your troubles
to, and He always has the time to listen, and then release you
from the burden you have been carrying.

Today there are many counsellors in the world, but He is the
WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR.... and does not charge!!! His
wisdom far surpasses any earthly wisdom, and His ways are
higher than man's and His thoughts are greater than man's as
He knows the beginning from the end.

When Jesus was on earth... He was filled with the Holy Spirit,
and the anointing of God worked through Him, bringing release,
wholeness and freedom to those who had been oppressed by the
devil.

In fact in Luke 4:18 we find Jesus quoting from Isaiah 61:1-3.
"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, for He has anointed me to:

PREACH GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR
SENT ME TO BIND UP THE BROKEN HEARTED
TO PROCLAIM FREEDOM FOR THE CAPTIVES
AND RELEASE FROM DARKNESS FOR THE
PRISONERS
TO PROCLAIM THE YEAR OF THE LORD'S FAVOUR
AND THE DAY OF VENGEANCE OF OUR GOD,
TO COMFORT ALL WHO MOURN AND PROVIDE FOR
THOSE WHO GRIEVE IN ZION
TO BESTOW ON THEM A CROWN OF BEAUTY
INSTEAD OF ASHES...
THE OIL OF GLADNESS INSTEAD OF MOURNING
AND A GARMENT OF PRAISE INSTEAD OF A SPIRIT
OF DESPAIR."

They will be called OAKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, A PLANTING
OF THE LORD FOR THE DISPLAY OF HIS SPLENDOUR....

Every one of these areas relate to the soul... and God wants us
to be restored.
Psalm 23..."He restores my soul."

I never fully appreciated this area of need, as I had been
privileged in my own upbringing...
But God was doing amazing things in the meetings... and then in
1984 I began to understand....God was restoring broken lives

THIS AREA IS VERY IMPORTANT TO GOD.... as He wants
restoration, rebuilding and renewal to take place..... Isaiah 61:4-6.

MARRIAGES have broken down, because of the hurts that
people have had.

HOMES have been destroyed, and instead of the presence of the Lord, there is fighting etc.

CHILDREN no longer respect older people, as there has been a breakdown of this due to rebellion in the world...

MORALS and **INTEGRITY** have been replaced by IMMORALITY and HYPOCRASY...

HONESTY and **RIGHTEOUSNESS** and **JUSTICE** are hardly understood...

BUT GOD IS MAKING PEOPLE WHOLE, so we lose our FEAR, SELF AWARENESS, SELF PITY, SELF INDULGENCE... and we become FILLED WITH JESUS and His wonderful love. THEN WE RESTORE, REBUILD and RENEW..... TREES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS SPEAK OF STABILITY.....

AREAS OF NEED:

- REJECTION

Love and trust has been betrayed. Broken marriage, as you have been pushed aside for someone else. Heartache and loneliness have filled your life. National, religious, family, business, friends, etc. You have become defensive and tended to build a wall around yourself, so that you will not be hurt again.... Even have barbed wire on top!!! Jesus knows what rejection is like... He was despised and rejected of men... but HE HAS RECEIVED YOU....

- FAILURE

As a wife, husband, mother, father, provider, home-maker, in business, spiritually, in relationships with other people, etc.

- ABUSE

Physical.... You have suffered at the hand and ill temper of someone. Somehow your body has been attacked and scars and wounds have been inflicted deep inside as a result.

Verbal... You have no physical scars to show for this, but deep inside you are scarred and wounded through verbal abuse. Maybe you have been the victim of the silent cold moody treatment.... But you are hurting, and today Jesus wants to restore you.

Sexual... Rape, incest, adultery, fornication, homosexuality, sexual perversion of any kind, abortion... Perhaps you might have been the victim, or the abuser... but both need to be restored.

- NEGATIVE INPUT... CURSES ETC.

Lack of unconditional love in the family. Continual bombardment of negative input, making you feel unworthy, incapable, lacking in ability, etc. Hopelessness, depression, loneliness, suicidal tendencies, wanting to run away...

Desperation... Also the results in your mind over curses placed on you... FEAR.. TORMENT...

TODAY... Jesus wants you to know HIS PEACE....

BEFORE RESTORATION THERE NEEDS TO BE FORGIVENESS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU....

VERBALISE your forgiveness....

His anointing will restore and make you whole.....