

SALVATION OF THE WHOLE PERSON

A lesson on transformation

Romans 8:5-11

Introduction:

- Metam_____ - the process of a caterpillar changing into a butterfly
 1. This is a Greek word that literally means “after form”, thus a change in form or a t_____formation.
 2. As an unbeliever, the apostle Paul, screamed for his transformation.
 - a. He calls himself a w_____ man (Rom 7:24)
 - b. He asks who will save him from his condition – the answer is J_____ (verse 25)
- Salvation is the process of transforming the whole person
 1. Circle the part(s) of Jesus that rose from the dead?
physical spiritual psychological
 - a. Whatever did NOT resurrect CANNOT be saved in us.
 - b. Whatever DID resurrect WILL be saved in us.
 2. Are you screaming for a transformation of your spirit, psyche, and/or body?
 - a. Many s_____ in the wrong place (with their body, or psyche)
 - b. Salvation is of the whole person that starts in our s_____.

The Transformation of the Soul (5-9)

- How the word soul is used in the Bible (Greek – psyche, where we get our word p_____)
 1. Rarest use – the s_____ part of a person in contrast to their physical body (Matt 10:28)
 2. Common use – refer to a person’s l_____ (Matt 2:20)
 3. Most common use – refer to the aspect of a person’s being that wills and f_____ (Matt 26:38)
- Romans 8:5-9 refers to two mindsets
 1. The mind set on the f_____ (or sinful nature)
 2. The mind set on the S_____
 - a. Although believers at times may set their mind on sinful things, no believer is IN the f_____ (v. 9a)
 - b. The Spirit of God dwells i_____ all believers (v. 9b)
 - 1) A believer’s h_____ of life is to walk (or live) according to the Spirit (v. 4)
 - 2) The indwelling Spirit m_____ us to live right (Heb 12:5,6)
- The transformation of the soul is a process that takes t_____ - metamorphosis is used in the following verses:
 1. 2 Cor 3:18 – we are in the process of being conformed to the i_____ of the Lord
 2. Rom 12:2 – the process involves r_____ our minds
 3. The completion date of this process in believers is either at d_____ or at Christ’s second c_____

The Transformation of the Spirit (10)

- Contrasting words
 1. Our b_____ is d_____
 - a. The body is dead because of s_____
 - b. “Dead” does not mean non-functioning but m_____ (literally, deathly) – see v. 11
 2. Our s_____ is a_____
 - a. The spirit is alive because of r_____ (not our righteousness but Christ’s righteousness transferred to us – see 2 Cor 5:21)
 - b. This implies that our spirit was dead before coming to Christ (see Eph 2:5)

- Upon receiving Christ, the transformation of our spirit is immediate and c_____
- 1. This is unlike our psyche, where transformation is gradual
- 2. Therefore we must funnel everything through our spirit, which is our c_____ with God (I Cor 6:17)
 - a. Don't let your e_____ drive your decisions but your connection to God.
 - b. Don't let your d_____ drive your decisions, but your connection to God.

The Transformation of the Body (11)

- Some wrongly teach that biblical resurrection is only spiritual
 - 1. This would make Jesus a l_____ (Lk 24:39)
 - 2. This would make His s_____ for sins ineffective (I Cor 15:16,17).
- Rom 8:11 promises that Christ will give l_____ to our mortal bodies – this is talking about resurrection!
 - 1. This is referring to a physical resurrection of the mortal body and making it immortal (see I Cor 15:51-55)
 - 2. The indwelling Holy Spirit g_____ it (Rom 8:23)
 - 3. This will happen at Christ's c_____ (I Cor 15)
- Some misunderstand this aspect and insist that if you have enough f_____ you will be instantaneously healed (Is 53:5 is often quoted as proof)
 - 1. Believers should view adversity as a t_____ of faith (James 1:2-4). God decides when the testing period is over.
 - 2. Some Christians may be d_____ by God through sickness (when a person repents, they will be healed – the meaning of Jms 5:16).
 - 3. Some sickness we bring on ourselves (e.g. w_____ can cause ulcers)
 - 4. Some failing health is due to our g_____ make-up or to the natural aging process.
- Miraculous healing
 - 1. The spiritual gift cannot be exercised at any time but only when the Spirit d_____ (see Acts 28:8; 2Tim 4:20)
 - 2. The purpose is not for healing, but to bring g_____ to God (see Jn 9)
 - 3. It is a taste of the permanent transformation that will take place at Christ's coming.

Conclusion - Always start where the transformation is perfect and complete: your s_____ or connection with God.

- 1. Allow your connection to God to affect your soul or p_____ (your thinking and emotions), not vice versa.
- 2. Allow your connection to God affect your b_____ (glorify God regardless of health), not vice versa
- 3. Look forward to the time where the salvation process of transformation will be complete (I Thess 5:23,24).