

Human Wholeness: Living From the Center
(A Christian Anthropology)

The Object and Focus of Christian Anthropology Is The Original Christian - Jesus Christ - John 1:14

- In Jesus Christ, we see what God created man to be... - John 5:19,30; 6:38; 14:10
 - ...a human creature made in the image of God for a personal and relational oneness with Himself
 - Unbroken and personal union with God - Jo 10:30; 17:21
 - Faithful and intimate communion with God - Jo 5:19,30
 - Consistent and obedient expression of His Father's life - Jo 1:14; 12:45; 14:9
- He is our way, our truth, and our life - Jo 14:6
 - "The life He lived qualified Him for the death that he died; the death that He died qualified us to receive the Life that He lived." (Ian Thomas)

Jesus Christ Himself Is The "Content" of Human Wholeness - I Jo 5:12

- The central neurosis of our time is a lack of life content - Jo 15:5
 - Human currency cannot purchase what we need for life - Eph 2:8-9
- There are three options for "being":
 - 1) God - Is 44:6-8
 - 2) A creature separated from the life of God - Eph 2:1-3; 4:18
 - 3) A creature joined to the Life of God - Jo 17:21-23; I Co 6:17; Ro 8:9-11; Ga 2:20; Col 1:27
- We are made alive together with Christ - Eph 2:5
 - ...made complete in Christ - Col 2:9-10

The Free Gift of Human Wholeness in Christ Calls for Celebration - I Pet 1:8

- It is more about adoration than analysis; ...delight than duty
- It involves the whole person... - I Thess 5:23
 - ...spirit indwelt by God Himself
 - ...soul tuned and turned to the reality of God
 - ...body presented to God as a visible expression of His invisible nature