

Human Wholeness (I Thessalonians 5:23-34)

The goal of Christian transformation is not knowledge, enlightenment or even changed behavior - it is wholeness. Soundness. To be a fully integrated person through and through. A mature, sound whole person is one living the life God created him to live - functioning as God intended humans to function. The question we face is, "Are you willing to be made whole?" It is a biblical and perfectly legitimate question (see John 5:6 and Matt 19:21).

Christianity maintains human wholeness begins and ends with the person of Jesus Christ. In Colossians 1:13-21, we read that in Christ alone all things are made whole and held together. Human wholeness will never be experienced in morbid introspection or in passive neglect - but only in a fixed focus on Christ. The power to be a whole, sound person is divine, not human (Ps 37:5; I Thess 5:24). If He does not deliver us, we remain captive. If He does not supply what is missing, we stay empty. If He does not invite us into His reality, we'll be unreal. God alone is the author and creator of all genuine wellness and human wholeness.

One of the Bible words for this wholeness is peace. God is known as the God of all peace. He gives a peace "not of this world". Jesus promises to give us His peace (Jo 14:27). A peace not found in the right socioeconomic strata, the right relationship, the right job, the right church - but only in Him, the Righteous One. The peace Christ gives is first and foremost "peace with God" (Ro 5:1,8-10). We do not make peace with God - He comes in person and makes peace for and with us. We also have the "peace of God" because the God of all peace now resides in us (Phil 4:7; Col 3:15).

All holiness, wholeness, and peace is derived - never self generated. All is by grace - fully and freely received or we do without. Our role is to trust Him and receive His ability to integrate every facet of our humanity into line with the One who is our Life - spiritually, soulishly, and physically (I Thess 5:23-24). Our spirits indwelt by the Spirit of Christ and leading our choices (Ro 8:9), our souls tuned and turned to the Spirit of Christ and not the outer, fallen voices of the world (James 1:21), over bodies and their members presented to God as expressions of His indwelling righteousness (Ro 6:11-13,19). Being made whole - to live in our birthright as children of God - is to cooperate by faith with God's operation in us.

Are you willing to be made whole? To confess His as Lord over all? To see every soulish reaction as an escort into His Truth? To present your body to Him as an instrument of His expression? To say "Yes" is to line up with your new nature. To say "Yes" is to cooperate with His operation. To say "Yes" is to proclaim His faithfulness to bring this to pass as only the God who created you can.



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CALENDAR



GREETINGS

We hope your new year has started well and we pray that 2011 will be your richest ever in all that matters most. We have a number of conferences set for the year all over the country and hope to see many of you face-to-face. We have a very limited slot or two left, so if you are interested, call soon.

The Atlanta event in April is a new venture and venue with Steve McVey and Gene Edwards. All information and reservations must be made online at www.gracewalk.org - find "Grace Explosion" and go from there. If you have specific questions, feel free to call me and I'll see if I can find answers.

As always, our desire is to ever enlarge the awareness of "Christ in you, the hope of glory" in any context or place. Size, format, venue - none of these are the determinants for our meetings. We are glad to come where invited, share with whoever shows up, and do so without reference to any cost or charge.

Thank you for joining us in the mission to bring Life - His Life - to "whosoever will".

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6,13,20,27 CCF
 8 Alachua Study
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 22 Ocala Study

MARCH

4-6 Lehigh Acres, FL (239-369-5555)

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1-3 Atlanta, GA (www.gracewalk.org, see "Grace Explosion")

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