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Galatians

Lesson 18 Holy Spirit

Looking for an answer in your life?

Galatians 3:1-3, *O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? ²This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? ³Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?*

The Spirit of God gifts believers and how He works through them in the manifestation and operation of those gifts for the building of the body. Holy Spirit was at the very focal point of life in the church and interest in the body of Christ.

Sometimes at the end of a psalm you see the window, and sometimes you don't, but he always goes to God because he understood the sovereignty of God and the depravity of man. He knew where he had to go for the solution.

Jeremiah 17:9, *“The heart is deceitful above all things,
And desperately wicked; Who can know it?”*

This is a very familiar verse, don't miss the important principle which we can learn from this because of the familiarity of this verse.

You and me have one of those deceitful, desperately sick hearts.

What does he mean by heart?

He means mind and heart. From verse 10 where he uses the word heart and mind.

- ✓ Your thinking capacities,
- ✓ your analysis capacity,
- ✓ your evaluation capability, and
- ✓ your mind.

God spoke through Jeremiah that it is more deceitful than all else.

When someone comes and says, "Now what you need to do is look inside and get in touch with yourself," What would be your response?

I don't trust what's in there, because it doesn't give me the right answer.

My heart is deceitful above all things.

The most deceitful thing that I'll ever run into is my heart.

The reason: Because I am depraved, even though I'm redeemed I still am depraved. I still have sin that is in me. The sin that is in me is biased in my own favour and against God.

Consequently, it lies to me about,
what I am,
makes me think I'm better than I am, and
I'm not responsible for what I am responsible for.

It deceives me. The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick.

Who can understand it?
Nobody, and I can't!

1 Corinthians 4:4, *For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord.*

Paul says that I am looking into my own life and I can say that I don't know anything against myself,
my conscience is clear, and
my conscience doesn't acquit me.

Why?

Because I have a lying heart and I can't trust my heart.

Proverbs 16:2, *"All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight."*

Have you ever felt like that?

But the Lord weighs the motives.
Your heart is deceitful, it's depraved.
You can't trust it.

Proverbs 14:12, *There is a way that seems right to a man,
But its end is the way of death.*

You can't trust your heart.

So, when these people say that you need to reach down inside of you and find the answer.
We know we get the wrong answer since we have most deceitful heart inside of us.

Jeremiah 17:10, *I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind,
Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the
fruit of his doings.*

The Lord search the heart and test the mind.
God will tell him the truth about himself and God will show him the results as well.
You can't trust yourself except that you can trust God!
You have to go to God. That's why we must depend upon the Holy Spirit, not ourselves.

Therapist:

If you can't get the truth out of your own heart which is in, you and how is some therapist is going to know your heart?

You can fool you all day long and you can fool anyone else too!
You can cry when you don't mean it,
You can laugh when you don't mean it.
You could admit something you didn't do,
You don't admit what you did.

Psalm 7:9, *Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, But establish the just; For the righteous God tests the hearts and minds. ¹⁰My defense is of God, Who saves the upright in heart.*

The righteous God tries the hearts and minds.

Only God can

- ✓ tests,
- ✓ evaluates, and
- ✓ knows the truth.

Psalm 26:2, *Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; Try my mind and my heart.*

David doesn't want to go to human counsellor.

This is a wrestling in prayer. This is repentance and brokenness.

Psalm 139:1-12,

If you want to get in touch with what you are like, who do you get in touch with?

Yourself?

Therapist?

Someone else?

No, only the Holy Spirit!

Psalm 32:6-9, *For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You In a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters They shall not come near him. ⁷ You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah ⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. ⁹ Do not be like the horse or like the mule, Which have no understanding, Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you.*

This is so practical!

The picture of a person who sees the flood coming and he is drowning. He is in massive trouble.

Now what does David say?

What the godly will do?

Pray to God in a time when He may be found!

To whom do you go?

Go to God.

You want a counsellor?

Who is the wonderful counsellor?

The Lord.

V 8, "I will counsel you and I'll counsel you with My eye on you."

You want accountability?

God

- ✓ sees everything you do,
- ✓ hears everything you say,
- ✓ knows every thought you think.

This is accountability.

Who's your counsellor?

God is your counsellor.

1 Corinthians 2:12-13, *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. ¹³ These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*

When you want to know the spiritual supernatural resources available from God, then get in touch with the Spirit because He's the one who reveals them.

V 13 says, by the Spirit.

So, when I want to know the solutions, the answer, the counsel, the wisdom, and the truth about myself I go to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit's the source of all!

Job 12:13-17, *"With Him are wisdom and strength, He has counsel and understanding. ¹⁴ If He breaks a thing down, it cannot be rebuilt; If He imprisons a man, there can be no release. ¹⁵ If He withholds the waters, they dry up; If He sends them out, they overwhelm the earth. ¹⁶ With Him are strength*

and prudence. The deceived and the deceiver are His. ¹⁷ He leads counsellors away plundered, And makes fools of the judges.

Why do we substitute some person's human opinion about us in the place of prayer?

V 20, *He deprives the trusted ones of speech, And takes away the discernment of the elders.*

The ones you really turn to God deprives them of speech.

The elders God takes away their discernment.

V24, *He takes away the understanding of the chiefs of the people of the earth, And makes them wander in a pathless wilderness.*

God makes them stagger like a drunken man. He is comparing God with any human counsellor, any human king, and any human mind.

Where you going to turn?

Turn to God.

The great tragedy of the church today is that it is filled with sin and weakness.

The solution to

- ✓ personal problems,
- ✓ family problems,
- ✓ corporate church problems, and
- ✓ Every possible problem you face

The solution is in God's counsel, ministered to us through the Spirit of God in response to faithful prayer.