

Center for Christian Living
The Encounter With Jesus

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Spiritual Site, I was Blind, but now I see

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Introduction

“But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he will instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.”

1 Corinthians 2:14-16

“Jesus heard that they had put him out, and finding him, He said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?” Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you.” And he said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped Him. And Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind.” Those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things and said to Him, “We are not blind too, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

John 9:35-41 John 9:35-38

“For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.”

Romans 1:21

Unbelief The Great Disorder of The Heart

Sin and wickedness from birth, In the heart it starts right away, It's the control center of life
It determines the behavior

The wicked are estranged from the womb; These who speak lies go astray from birth.”

Psalms 58:3

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.”

Psalms 51:5

Persistent Anxiety Fear

Has extreme negative effects on the body

Some are.... Muscular Tension, Heart issues, Insomnia, Fatigue, Colitis, Ulcers, Stomach

Some of these can be Psycho Somatic

Unresolved Pressure on the Mind, Depression, Phobias, Irrational fear, Changes in personality
Moodiness, Panic attach, Social habit, Compulsive behavior

Sin Affects

Tears, Pain, Fighting, Worry, Unrest, Burden down, Sickness, Lord of the soul, Rules the heart

We all die because of sin, Murder / hate, In sin our mother conceived us, argument

Broken marriages, Death, It turn a soft heart into stone, Rebellion, Chaos, Belligerent

Defiles Conscious. Heart behavior attitude, Ingratitude, Sin is Incurable

Sin is the only thing God hates

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I. THE DEMAND CHRIST MAKES UPON THE HUMAN HEART -- Faith (ver. 35).

- a. Personal. It must be the trust of the individual Heart.
- b. Immediate. It must be exercised now without delay.

II. THE HOMAGE CHRIST ACCEPTS FROM THE HUMAN HEART -- Worship (ver. 38).

- a. Believing: rooted in our Heart and proceeding from the soul's faith in Christ.
- b. Joyous. Worship will always follow

III. THE WORK CHRIST PERFORMS ON THE HUMAN HEART -- Judgment (ver. 39-41).

- a. Indirect. It follows as an inevitable result of His presenting Himself
 1. I am the Bread of Life. 6:35
 2. I am the Light of the World. 8:12
 3. I am the Gate for the sheep. 10:7
 4. I am the Good Shepherd. 10:11,14
 5. I am the Resurrection and the Life. 11:25
 6. I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. 14:6
 7. I am the True Vine. 15:1
2. Real. It infallibly results in --

- a. Separating men into two classes -- "the not seeing" and "the seeing."
 - b. Retribution is acting upon them in accordance with their ascertained characters and dispositions.
3. Progressive. This work is going on as truly and efficiently as when Christ was upon earth.
4. Permanent.