

Living in Abundant Life

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Our Salvation Is Abundant Life

Receiving the Gospel

Salvation Restores That Which Was Lost – **Mt.18:11**

- The negative programming that we accepted with the fall

Our Part in the Process = Reprogram Ourselves

- **Rom.10:9-16** – Hearing the Gospel = The Good News
 - Hearing + Believing with the heart + Speaking it
- **Rom.12:1-3** – Be transformed by a renewing of the mind
 - Re-newing = Gk, an-ak-ah'-ee-no-sis = Again new. As before the fall-
 - Mind = Gk nouce – mind often translated understanding (eg. The mind of Christ)
- **EMBRACING A NEW UNDERSTANDING**
 - Einstein said, “No problem can be solved from the same level of consciousness that created it.” To put in other words,

Logos: “The thinking that got you into your problem will never get you out.”

Responding to the Gospel

- **MANY RESENT THE IDEA** that God wants us to prosper – are offended or consider it fleshy
 - There are reasons for this
 - Offensive to tell someone starving that he could have abundance, or someone on his death bed that he could be healthy
 - Story of Minister, Worship Leaders and Meetings in South America with a family living in a drainage pipe – from nothing, they first got chicken (they had eggs) then a goat (milk), etc. – This was prosperity for them
 - Many going through all types of hardships (physical, financial, relational)
 - We get comfortable in our position and do not want to change it (security and pride)
 - Some rather die than accept they are wrong (ego) –
Logos: The truth that has the greatest potential to set me free has also the greatest potential to offend me
 - Others just in desperation, no more strength, give up being right and change. Nevertheless we must share the truth
 - To minister to them one must trick their ego to overcome resistance (confrontation does not work most of the time) - **Eph.4:14** – Speaking the truth in love
 - There are a number of ways to do that
 - The final decision to embrace the truth is always up to them

We Always Walk by Faith (beliefs) - 2Cor.5:7

THE POWER OF OUR BELIEFS

Our Beliefs DETERMINE

- Our choices
 - We always choose what we believe is the best choice to get what we want, based on our understanding
 - When we feel our choices are limited it's because of our beliefs
- Our behavior and actions
 - Why did you do that?
 - Determine what is the source of your behavior
- Our perception (Blind Spots)
 - We always focus on and see what confirms our beliefs
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- **Our ability to receive from God**
 - We can only receive from God what we believe
- **Our results**
 - Your life today is the result of your beliefs
 - **WHAT BELIEFS HAVE PRODUCED THE RESULTS IN YOUR LIFE THAT YOU DON'T WANT?**

Cellular Memory

- **Biological Discovery: Beliefs are recorded at the cellular level**
 - They are recorded through experiences, emotional impact and repetition
 - This is evident in sports and playing music, but it's true for every "learning" process
 - Can be received from previous generations both by cellular memories and exposure to behavior
 - Wrong programming must be corrected at the level it is recorded
- **We are the only creatures that can change their beliefs (conscious self re-programming)**

Questions to Consider

1. Please explain Mt.18:11 and how it relates to our life.
2. How does the Gospel work in us to produce our salvation?
3. How does the idea of reprogramming relate to the concept of repentance?
4. Why is Eph.4:14 important to minister effectively? How can we apply this verse?
5. What do you understand by "we always walk by faith"?
6. How are our beliefs formed, and how can we change them?