

Listening and Praying for People who are willing to Change - 2

Session 2 - Living the union with Christ by the Spirit

1 - Overview of the Course Structure

Listening:

- 1 – Persons in relation to God and to one another.
- 2 – Living the Union with Christ by the Spirit
- 3 – Presupposed matters for citizens and Christians in Australia
- 4 – Listening to one another

Praying:

- 5 – Access to God through Christ in the Spirit
- 6 – Secret prayer, requested prayer and corporate prayer
- 7 – Presupposed matters for Christians in Australia about prayer
- 8 – Praying according to the will of God – led by the Spirit

Doing it:

- 9 – Praying with faith
- 10 – Working together.

2 - The Use of the hour we have together:

- [a] To acquaint you with the main things
- [b] To direct you to the reading outside of the sessions
- [c] Reading is mainly found on the website **www.davidboan.net**.
Linked to this site is **www.thegraciousgod.net**. It carries larger files, particularly of audio material in mp3 and mp4.
- [d] To be constantly interrupted by what you ask and want to talk about.

This section raises for us a different way that the witness of scripture shows to consider our inner workings and also that of our neighbour as they become manifest.

Last session we left with the understanding that

The gift of the Spirit corporately understood and personally indwelling

- [i] Work of the Spirit for the world. You are a person who has received a conviction of sin, of the righteousness of Christ, judgement of the world. The overcoming of your unclean Conscience
- [ii] You have a Union
- [iii] The way we live now and the tension of where we are, internally and also where we are externally in our brokenness
- [iv] Being secure yourself; never as a state but always “by faith”
- [v] You know about suffering yourself – and of yielding to the hard places of discipline and correction of the Lord so as to share his holiness.

1 - A redeemed humanity - no faith without knowledge

This is worked for us in Christ, in whom the whole of humanity is wrapped up. His life, death and resurrection have established the death of the old man; the judgment of the world, the rising of the new man and the union of the Holy Spirit with each of us who know ourselves to be in Christ Jesus.

- 1. Where this is not known, then the assumption of things accomplished is not trusted.
- 2. Importance of seeing what a person knows or does not: or does know but will not.
- 3. A person may be trying to do something in their own flesh rather than trusting it to already be so in Christ Jesus for them.

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2- The way we function

An outline of the body, the soul and the spirit. A working diagram.

1. Where this material is not known, nor discerned in the inner person, massive confusion occurs which always favours, by default, the working in the flesh.
2. Often we need clear ways to articulate and describe what we are discerning in the inner subjective experience. This is not easy it is better to start with the relational and external, and therefore objective, basis of pointing people away from themselves to the person of Christ and the Spirit within as distinct from themselves.

3 - The cleansing of conscience

The way that a person's conscience is first addressed by the Gospel

How the conscience is overcome

The fact that God is not counting the trespasses of anyone right now and why

Forgiveness implies knowledge of conviction

An assurance of a right standing with God in Christ who is righteousness of God for us

A clear sense that the devil has been defeated in this obedient, powerful suffering of Christ for us.

1. Lack of assurance in these matters may imply that you check their gospel hearing.

4 - The growth of conscience is a matter of faith

Trust and reliance upon how we are before God is a known matter but it addresses the whole person, and not the mind only. 1 Cor 8.

The Lord is dealing with each person according to their conscience - never neglect it

1. The test for the freedom of conscience is to put nothing in the way of people by virtue of your own example and walk. We do need to keep people free from us insofar as it lies in our power.

5 - The nature decisions and how they are changed or allowed to stand

[i] Each of us arrives at our new moment as not neutral but in fact committed.

[ii] Past commitments, that have been repeatedly acted upon are currently the status quo

6 - The Holy Spirit can be grieved as to His Person and quenched as to his Activity

The gentleness of the Spirit is a commitment to bring us to that freedom which Christ has given to us through the long hard work He did in winning our salvation and rising with a full, proper humanity to convey to us. "To will and to do" never violates our freedom as proper persons.

[i] Galatians 5 indicates the place of tension set up within a Christian by the coming of the Holy Spirit.

[ii] We are to find that our thoughts are taken captive to the obedience of Christ 2 Cor 10

[iii] This means that we have an inner disposition to yield to the Holy Spirit

[iv] That in faith - trusting the Spirit - we can decide for what is right, and then trust for the power to carry out what we have decided.

Your **reading assignments** to consolidate this session are:

1. LPP ➔ MysteryMiracleGrace