The Transformation of the Mind

Scripture teaches of real change that transforms us by renewing the mind! But How? Will it last? Is this Bible instruction alone, sufficient for the task? Herein lies the key to all victorious Christian Living!

Presuppositions
- God Is
- God is Absolute Truth
- God has Revealed Himself in His Written Word (Scripture) and His Living Word (God the Son, Jesus Christ)
- God is the Creator and Sustainer of the Universe

Made in the Image of God
A Trinity: Body-Soul-Spirit
- Body – 5 Senses
- Soul – Volition (Will)-Emotions-Intellect
- Spirit is dead until “quickened” (made alive) by the Holy Spirit as Salvation
The Following visual shows my original view of the trichotomy of Body-Soul-Spirit. It is okay as far as it goes, but very limited. Scripture gives a better visual in Solomon’s temple.

Love

- Three words for human “love”
  - Storge – hovering, “helicopter”
  - Phileo – anything that we are strongly attached to
  - Eros – passionate, intoxicating, momentarily lifts us above ourselves, distorts reality, can overrule will
- Two words for God’s “love”
  - Agape – God’s pure unconditional love
  - Agapao – to give ourselves over totally to, be consumed with

(from “The Way of Agape” by Chuck & Nancy Missler)

1 John 4:7-8(KJV)
7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.
8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

Matthew 24:12(KJV)
12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Romans 14:22-23(KJV)
22 Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.
23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.
Love

- Agape – God’s Love is supernatural
  - It is completely different from human love
  - Do NOT try to figure out Agape from the human experience
  - This is God Himself, alone, unconditionally working in me as a channel, conduit, or pipe
  - Sin causes a blockage, (heart attack or “plugged pipe”)
  - Agapao – An act of our will
  - lose, relinquish, set aside self; be broken of self
  - As we love, God removes negatives an permeates us with supernatural love

1 Corinthians 13:1-3(KJV)

1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.
3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Love

So How do I Agapao (love) God?

- Obey God’s Word
- Trust God’s power (Holy Spirit)
- Choose to Worship and Serve Him

Matthew 22:36-40(KJV)

36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?
37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
38 This is the first and great commandment.
39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

. . . love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Bible “Psychological” Terms

- Spirit pneuma – new life (or power) source
- Heart kardia – actual place where God’s Life, that is, His Love (Agape), Thoughts (Logos) and Power (Dunamis) are created
- Our New Willpower (Dianoia)
- Soul (Psyché) Conscious thoughts, emotions, and desires
1 Corinthians 6:19 (KJV)

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

The following visual is a rough sketch of the Old Testament Tabernacle
The following is a rough sketch of Solomon’s Temple with the corresponding parts of our body which is the temple of the Holy Spirit.
2 Corinthians 10:3-5(KJV)

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

So What?

1. Present our bodies a *LIVING* sacrifice
2. Continually deny self
3. Willing to obey God no matter what He asks us to do
4. Take every thought captive
5. Acknowledge all sinful thoughts, emotions, desires and deeds
6. Confess and repent of all that the Holy Spirit reveals to us
7. Give all things over to God
8. Read God’s Word

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