

SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING - 2

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COLOSSIANS 1:9-10

Paul's prayer shows his desire for these believers to walk out their faith. He wanted them to walk worthy of the Lord, pleasing Him because of the sacrifice He made on their behalf. He wanted them to become doers of the Word and to be certain their knowledge of God's will resulted in practice. Our desire should be to live the Word, not just learn it.

HEALING – MATTHEW 13:15

Healing is the result of seeing, hearing, understanding and changing how we think. **MARK 9:17-23** Jesus didn't give reasons why someone shouldn't be healed. It's not God's will, "suffering for Jesus," "teaching you a lesson," "serve God better," etc. If we view these reasons as viable, we put a ceiling over the power of God in our lives, and stop ourselves from growing beyond that reason.

- In **JOHN 1** and **HEBREWS 1** we're told God has spoken to us by His Son, not life circumstances. Jesus never said God heals some, but not all. Circumstances declared that, not Jesus. "God healed Bob, but not Bill."
- The voice of truth is God's Word, not what life says. Our faith is to be in the finished work of Christ. **ISAIAH 53:1-5, MATTHEW 8:17, 1 PETER 2:24**

SALVATION – ROMANS 1:16-17

Many have reduced salvation to being a prayer that gets us into Heaven. Salvation means more than getting to Heaven. It means to save, deliver, heal, protect, preserve and make whole. It has more to do with life now than after we leave this realm. We won't need healed, delivered, or protected in Heaven.

- **PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13** Salvation means we allow God to conform our lives to His will. We can say the prayer and still be mean, prideful, bitter, unforgiving, selfish, unfaithful, etc.
- **MATTHEW 16:24** Salvation means we give our lives to God, deny ourselves, and change our way of thinking, living and behaving. "Follow me" doesn't mean just "sing to me" and "praise me." It means to "model your life after me." Remember **MATTHEW 6:33**? We have another kingdom inside of us. Jesus modeled it, we are to follow it.

THAT WHICH WAS LOST – LUKE 19:10

We lost several things: Relationship (**JOHN 8:44**); our crowning (**PSALMS 8:4-6**); our created value and worth (**MATTHEW 10:31**); our authority and dominion (**LUKE 4:5-8**); our identity and purpose, our understanding of truth.

SUBSTITUTION – ISAIAH 52:14

Jesus was disfigured, marred more than any man because of what sin did to man in the garden. He lost His appearance and became what we were so that we could get our appearance back and have our identity restored (**JOHN 15:13**), now that's love!

REDEMPTION – EPHESIANS 1:7

We're not just forgiven sinners or sinners saved by grace, we are saints and righteous sons. We are His masterpiece new creations. God views us as if we never sinned. We're not trying to get right, we've been made right in Christ. We've been justified by faith and have peace with God (**ROMANS 5:1**).

- **LUKE 2:10-14** The good tidings of great joy is that the one who is to restore our lost image by redeeming us from our fallen state has finally been born. **1 JOHN 3:1-3**

THE TEMPLE – 2 CORINTHIANS 6:16-18

The temple was a revered place because it housed the presence of God. It all pointed to Jesus who removed the sin that interfered with God inhabiting man. Now God lives in us, walks in us, and is our Father.