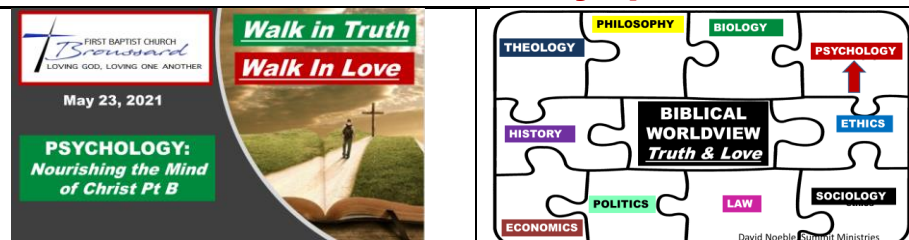


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Psychology: Nourishing the Mind of Christ (B)

The Role of The Holy Spirit



In the Biblical Worldview model there is a vital and direct integration of **Theology** (God is the Source, Sustainer, and Shepherd of our life), **Philosophy** (God is the source for Wisdom and Truth), and **Biology** (God has a plan and is active in our physical life functions), with the area of **Psychology** (how God wants our minds and behavior to operate).

A key goal of this year-long series “Walk in Truth, Walk in Love” is to restore the 10 areas found in the Biblical Worldview Puzzle diagram back into their rightful places...in compliance with the Bible. The secular, humanistic worldview has been contaminating these areas for thousands of years. In **Genesis 1:31** we find that God created all things and they were “**very good**”. In this section we are seeking to return the area of Psychology back into alignment with God’s purposes and plans. Below is a chart that shows the contrast between the Humanistic and Biblical Worldviews

<http://www.biblicalresources.org/resources/psychology/>

	PSYCHOLOGY (relative)	BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY (absolute)
GOALS	Socialization/actualization of an individual to become normal or whole	Salvation by faith (Eph. 2:8,9; John 3:16) Christlikeness (1 Pet. 3:18) spiritual maturity (Eph. 4:12)
ORIGIN OF MAN	Evolution	Creation (Gen. 1:26, 27; John 1:3; Col. 1:16)
CHARACTERISTICS OF MAN	Body, soul (psyche), no spirit	Body, soul, human spirit (1 Cor. 2:11)
NATURE OF MAN	Innocent or good	Sinful (Rom 3:23)
CONTROL OF MAN	By self - cognitive therapy By others - behavior modification By our past - unconscious	Conviction of sin through the ministry of the Holy Spirit (1 John 1:8-10); filling of the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18; Gal. 5:22-23)
DESTINY OF MAN	Uncertain, or none; no hope	Immortality (Heb. 9:27) eternal life (1 John 5:11)

Biblical Worldview Psychology addresses the interaction and connectedness between our minds and our behavior from a Biblical and Theological foundation. The goal of Biblical Worldview Psychology is to aide in the restoration of mankind to the “Image of God” that we were created in. It should reconcile us back into Right Relationship with God. Biblical Psychology helps us see God as our Creator and Lord, Who has a perfect purpose and plan for our lives. We have, however, sinned and fallen short of God’s plan. Biblical Psychology leads us and aides us in acknowledging and repenting of our sin, and bringing us into a right relationship with God. It also points out each person’s need and responsibility to nourish and develop the Mind of Christ, which is made possible through the work and ministry of The Holy Spirit. Biblical Worldview Psychology reinforces the concept that people must allow, and work with, the Holy Spirit to bring about healing and spiritual health in our minds and thus develop Godly character and behavior in our lifestyle. This is a life-long process which requires Intentionality, Deliberateness, and Consistency.

Last week we addressed these points

Psychology : Nourishing the Mind of Christ In Order to Build Godly Character Biblical Convictions (What we believe) + Christ -like Conduct (How we act) = Godly Character (Who we really are) AKA Right Belief + Right Behavior = Right Relationship FINAL RESULT : THINK LIKE JESUS...ACT LIKE JESUS	The Mind - Behavior Connection WHY WE MUST MANAGE THE MIND ➤ BECAUSE OUR THOUGHTS INFLUENCE OUR LIFE Proverbs 4:23 ➤ BECAUSE OUR MIND IS A BATTLEFIELD Romans 7:22-23 ➤ BECAUSE OUR MINDS ARE VITAL TO LIFE & PEACE Romans 8:6 
Steps to Connect Right Thinking & Right Behavior  1. WE MUST FREE OUR MINDS FROM DESTRUCTIVE THOUGHTS 2. WE MUST NOURISH OUR MINDS WITH TRUTH 3. WE MUST ALLOW TRUTH TO GUIDE OUR DAILY BEHAVIOR	The Role of the Holy Spirit in Nourishing the Mind of Christ & Developing Godly Behavior 

Romans 12:2...*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

With that in mind let's turn our attention to HOW we can become more like Christ:

The simple answer is to Allow the Holy Spirit to mold us, conform us and transform us into the Image of Christ.

The greatest resource available to us today is The Holy Spirit.

THE HOLY SPIRIT PROVIDES:

1. The Truth We Need To Know

"The Holy Spirit as the Spirit of truth teaches and guides us into all truth (John 14:26; 16:13), which includes psychological truth. Because we know that the Holy Spirit inspired God's Word, we can be certain that the Spirit will never contradict the truth of Scripture when interpreted properly. This means, for Christian counselors who are abiding in the Spirit, that they can be certain that the Spirit will enable their work to be consistent with the moral and ethical aspects of biblical teaching". (Siang-yan Tan).

- About Jesus
- About Sin
- About the Bible
- About Prayer & Healing

If you remember one of our overall goals for the year was "To Nourish the Mind/Attitude of Christ.

So our overall purpose is to conform more and more to the Image of Christ in our thoughts, words and actions.

It is through Christ that we come into Right Relationship with God and grow in our faith.

These verses from last week remind us of this:

2 Corinthians 5:17...*Therefore if anyone be in Christ, they are a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

Colossians 3:2...*Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.*

Philippians 2:5...*Let this mind/attitude be in you which was also in Christ Jesus:*

Acts 17:28...*For in Him/Christ we live and move and have our being,*

a) About Jesus

John 16:13-15...¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. For He will not speak on His own, but He will speak what He hears, and He will declare to you what is to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me by taking from what is Mine and make it known to you. ¹⁵ Everything that belongs to the Father is Mine. That is why I said that the Spirit will take from what is Mine and disclose it to you.

b) About sin

John 16:7-11...Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

c) About the Bible

2 Peter 1:20-21...But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

d) About Prayer & Healing

Romans 8:26... Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

Philippians 4:6-7... "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving,

let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

2. The Power We Need To Change

✓ The power of God in us

2 Timothy 1:7... for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

✓ Encouragement from Godly Christians

Hebrews 10:24-25... "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

2 Corinthians 1: 3-4... "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

Ephesians 4:11-16... And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and from by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ.

✓ Spiritual Gifts to Bring About Change, Help and Healing

1 Corinthians 12:7-11...*To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as He wills.*

Exodus 35:30-35... *Then Moses said to the people of Israel, "See, the LORD has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft.*

✓ The Fruit of the Spirit to Develop

Galatians 5:22-26... *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.*

Final Thoughts

Whatever our problem we must take it to Jesus because He cares, He gives us patience and endurance and He Heals

Matthew 11:28 28..."Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Luke 4:18..."The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,