



Welcome to

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# The Heart Wound

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# Nature versus Nurture



A. We are all cursed with a  
condition known as the  
Sin Nature

The Hidden Truth





B. This wound defined:  
We are all fallen and  
defective creatures,  
At odds by nature with our  
Creator and each other.

The Truth



*I do not understand !  
For I am doing what I would not.  
I am not doing what I would like to do,  
but I'm doing the very thing I hate.*

**Romans 7:15**

**Nature versus Nurture**





*For I know that nothing good  
dwells in me - that is, in my flesh,  
for the wanting to is present in me,  
but the doing of the good  
is not.*

**Romans 7:18**

**Nature versus Nurture**



*For the good that I wish,  
I do not do,  
but I do the very evil that  
I do not want.*

**Romans 7:19**

**Nature versus Nurture**





*Oh wretched man that I am!  
Who will set me free  
from the body of this death?"*

**Romans 7:24**

**Nature versus Nurture**



A. The Heart Wound  
requires a spiritual  
solution only God can give.

**Two Keys**





B. Admitting my  
Fallenness

is the essential "First step"  
to finding a real, authentic  
relationship with God

**Two Keys**

*Implications*

of the

Heart  
Wound

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We are all fallen and  
flawed creatures, at odds  
by nature with our Creator  
and each other.

The HEARTWOUND



A. Generally:

1. Depravity means we are all  
Dysfunctional by nature.

implications





2. Depravity means most of my  
real problems are in me,  
not out there

implications



A. Generally:

3. Depravity cannot be eradicated by education, a better environment, self willpower, or understanding.

We must be saved from the depravity.

implications



4. Depravity can wear all kinds of sophisticated masks to hide itself:

implications



The Education Mask

The Personality Mask

The Rule-Keeping Mask

The Religious Mask

implications





The Heart Wound  
Masked Depravity.  
requires a spiritual  
solution only God can give.





# The Good News Solution

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# My Story ...

I didn't know much  
but I knew I was  
lost.





# My Story ...

**I didn't have much  
faith but what I had  
I put in Jesus Christ.**



# My Story ...

I didn't change much  
at first outwardly,  
but something  
profound changed  
inwardly..

For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

**Titus 3:3-6**



But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Titus 3:3-6

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; this man came to Him by night, and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." Jesus answered and said to him,

**John 3:1-4**

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"

**John 3:1-4**

Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, "You must be born again."

**John 3:1-4**



The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is every one who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, that you do not understand these things?"

John 3:5-10

# New Testament



## Grace & Truth

LIBERTY  
SPIRIT  
LIFE  
SAFE



Gal. 5:13.. Neither shall  
you undertake calling upon  
it liberty; only use keep  
liberty for occasion of  
the flesh, our God

## LICENSE

*BONDAGE  
FLESH  
DEATH  
NOT SAFE*

**GRACE**  
out of  
Balance

## ENFORCE LAW

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FEEL SAFE*

**TRUTH**  
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Balance

Gal. 5:11 Stand fast  
therefore in the liberty  
add unto the word  
which I command  
made us free,  
you....

Deut. 4:2d You shall not



Gal 5:11 Stand fast  
therefore in the liberty  
wherewith Christ hath  
made us free,

# New Testament

Gal 5:13 You have  
been called unto  
liberty; only use not  
liberty for an occasion  
to the flesh



## Grace Truth

**ENFORCE LAW**

**LICENSE**

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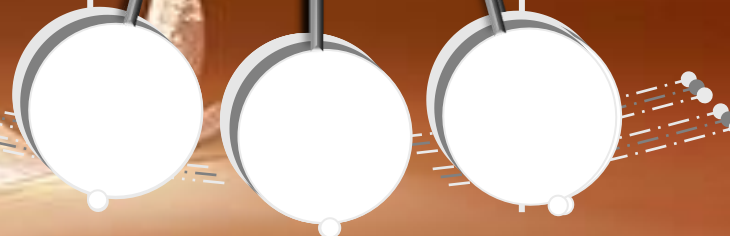
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# Nicodemus' Story ...

1. **“Born of the Spirit”  
((vs. 5,8):)**

**A Supernatural  
Rebirth**



But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name: who were born not of blood, nor of flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:12-13



# Nicodemus' Story ...

2. “Must” (vs. 7):)

**An Irreplaceable  
Rebirth**



# Nicodemus' Story ...

3. “You” (vs. 7):)

**A Personal Rebirth**

**For UNTO US a child is given**

**Isaiah 9:6**



**Today, in the city of David,  
there has been born FOR YOU a  
Savior, Christ the Lord.**

**Luke 2:11**

# Repentance - Confession

I acknowledged my sin unto You,  
and my iniquity have I not hid. I  
said, I will confess my  
transgressions unto the LORD;  
and you forgave the iniquity of  
my sin.

Ps 32:5

# Repentance - Confession

He that covers his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesses and forsakes them shall have mercy.

Prov 28:13

# Repentance - Confession

If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

1 John 1:6-9



# Repentance - Confession

But if we walk in the light, as  
he is in the light, we have  
fellowship one with another,  
and the blood  
of Jesus Christ his Son  
cleanseth us from all sin.

1 John 1:6-9

# Repentance - Confession

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:6-9

Greater love has no  
one than this than to  
lay down ones life for  
his friends

John 15:13.

He also brought me up out of a  
horrible pit,

Out of the miry clay,

And set my feet upon a rock,

And established my steps.

He has put a new song in my  
mouth--

Praise to our God



# Prayer of Faith

"Father, I recognize that my heart is wicked because of my self centered, selfish fallen nature.

Without your saving grace I am lost for eternity.

Have you been  
Redeemed?





**If you made a**

**Decision ...**

**... share it with your small group  
and with the people  
that are important in your life:**