



Teaching Notes: Ray Davis
November 9, 2008
How People Change

“FRUIT: Real Heart Change”

The HEAT represents the things that happen to us in life. The THORN bush represents the fact that, as sinners, we tend to respond sinfully to the circumstances of life. The CROSS represents the resources we have in Christ to deal with our heart struggles. The FRUIT represents my new godly response to the situation as a result of God's redemptive power at work in my heart.

WHAT IS TRUE ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN LIFE?

2 Cor. 5:15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

- ◆ It is a life that has been wonderfully invaded by the holy love of God.
- ◆ It is not a moral restrained will but a supernaturally transformed heart.

Gal. 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

- ◆ It is a God-centered, Christ dependant life that displays God's power and beauty from the heart (inside out) regardless of the circumstances!

Matt. 6:21, 33 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

- ◆ It is a life that treasures Christ above anything and everything.

WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE IN EVERYDAY LIFE?

Psalms 3 and 4 were written as morning and evening psalms when David was hiding in a cave with a band of faithful followers, fleeing from Absalom. Absalom was taking over the Palace in a coup attempt. (2 Sam. 15-18) David is in one of the most painful experiences of his life, and what do we see him doing? He puts on display a supernaturally transformed heart (Fruit).

- 1) Run to God not away from Him. (vv1-2)
- 2) Remind yourself of your identity in Christ. (v3)
- 3) Review the motives of your heart. (vv4-5)
- 4) Request to see the face of God. (v6)
- 5) Rejoice in your eternal privileges. (v7)
- 6) Rest in the security of God. (v8)

Nov. 16 **CELEBRATION SUNDAY!**
(One Service 10am See bulletin add)

Nov. 23 Topical Teaching (TBA)

CHRISTMAS 2008
(The Promised Messiah)

During this Christmas season we will examine what different Old Testament Hebrew prophets said about the Messiah who came to us at Christmas and the dramatic impact He would have on our lives.

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| November 30 | A Redeeming God | (Zechariah 3:1-10) |
| December 7 | A Just God | (Amos 8:1-15) |
| December 14 | A Loving God | (Hosea 1:1-3; 2:5-8, 14; 3:1-5) |
| December 21 | A Ruling God | (Micah 5:1-6) |
| Dec 24 (Christ Eve) | A Wonderful God | (Isaiah 9:1-7) |
| December 28 | A Covenant God | (Jeremiah 31:31-34) |



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