



“And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.” 1 John 4: 21

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## **Heart to Heart ...**

*“For the heart of this people has become dull, and with their ears they scarcely hear, and they have closed their eyes; otherwise they might see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart and return, and I would heal them.” (Acts 28:27)*

What a horrible, confusing position to find yourself in. The heart has become dull and insensitive. The ears can't hear the Lord anymore. The eyes are shut and the heart lacks understanding. Brethren who were once vibrant are now struggling with emotional and spiritual stresses with no answers. They sit day by day going nowhere and getting no better. *“I need professional help!”* is the thought not realizing it is the Lord they need to heal them!

People stop assembling with the saints to worship the Father and Savior of their sins. It really doesn't concern them and if it does, they have what they think is a sound excuse. Their lives are hurting and can't figure things out. *“The heart of this people has become dull.”* They might speak, “I know I need to return but things are hard right now!” *“And with their ears they scarcely hear.”* They simply wander along with no answers.

What is the purpose of the Lord's Supper? To fellowship Jesus in His Supper and sharing with His living body is vital to spiritual growth. (I Corinthians 10:16-17) We as God's people make a proclamation each first day of the week about His death on our behalf until He comes! (I Corinthians 11:26) By faith and properly understood, the Supper brings faith into the heart of God's people from the Lord Himself. What happens when we choose not to fellowship Jesus in His Supper? Jesus cannot bring them awareness any longer nor do they find any strengthening from the Lord. Do we realize the importance and life-giving sustenance from the Lord in His Supper? It's not just taking unleavened bread and drinking of juice. *“They have closed their eyes.”*

It's very difficult to move people who are dull, lack hearing and blind spiritually. They might read their Bible from time to time but it means little. Their prayer life might be hit and miss at

best. Too many have died spiritually and a heaviness sets in the heart. Unless they take a good inventory of their life and are honest with themselves, they continue to roam in a depleted state of being. When people aren't honest with themselves, they won't be honest with God.

Confusion, misery, fears, depression, anxieties and things like these are from our spiritual side and must be addressed from a spiritual source. Many refuse to admit it as they draw from the world's answers. Man was made in the image of God, not the image of man's thoughts. The world sees no spiritual dilemma so they can never answer the real cause. The answers offered are externals. Paul quoted in Acts 28:27 from Isaiah 6:10 to show that the heart, the ears, the eyes and understanding can only be made whole by the Lord's healing hand on their spiritual side. Man is a spiritual creation and on a spiritual journey. Man needs their hearts illumined by Christ shining on us. ***“But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening of our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed.”*** (Isaiah 53:5) Isaiah was speaking of Jesus and His work toward man. Where does healing take place? If you're struggling, there is only one direction to look and it's not from man. It's solely Jesus Christ, our: *Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father and Prince of Peace.* (Isaiah 9:6) Look at His nature. Reality is found only in Jesus. Otherwise you will simply walk over-powered in your life reaching for answers that are no answers and the results will speak for themselves. Think about it!!!

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