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Hart to Heart Ministries is a training center for those who desire to be used by the Lord.

There are conferences twice a year teaching the "How To" of ministry.

There is teaching on the love walk.

Private pastoral counseling is available, as well as deliverance for those who want to be set free from the past hurts in their lives.

Healing takes place on a regular basis. The Bible tells us by Jesus stripes we were healed. I Peter 2:24

If you need to have your faith come up to the next level, you will find how to do it.

Sunday services begin at 10:00 a.m. There are opportunities galore for those interested in being a servant.

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Faith,

hope

and love.



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Love & Faith

Galatians 5:6 says, "Faith works by love."

Do you ever feel like you are missing it? Many people in the faith message today are not missing it in their confessions, not in knowing what the Word says and not even in believing the Word. They are missing it by not knowing how to walk in love!

Are you getting answers to your prayers? If you aren't maybe you don't walk in love! Faith is the hand that receives the things we need from the Lord. Everything Jesus purchased for us on Calvary can be obtained by faith. That of course includes salvation, healing, the fullness of the Spirit, the Gifts of the Spirit, the Fruit of the Spirit, living in victory over the flesh, the devil and all the powers of darkness. All of these things come to us by faith, but it must be faith that works by love. Faith works by love! Faith that works by love will measure up to all of the standards set down in the Word of God.

We can't take a verse out of the middle of the Bible somewhere and make a doctrine out of it. We always have to take the preceding and following verses to know the true meaning. Even then, we need to look up all the different verses on the same subject to see how it all lines up. **God never deviates from His Word!**

We also can become so used to doing certain things in the natural that we never realize these things are hindering us in the spiritual things, like losing our temper! To make faith work in our lives, we must protect ourselves in every area.

We are to live in line with God's Word. We must not only be a faith child of a faith God, but we must be a loving child of a loving God.

God needs his love to ooze out of us so much that when we walk into a room, people will know it. We

are to be like a magnet people will want to gravitate towards.

A message on love is not an exciting topic because it causes us to search deep into our hearts. But if we are going to mature and go to the next place or level in Christ, it is necessary to examine our hearts. We have to know what is hidden down in there.

Sometimes when people hear a message about the love walk they try to digest too much at once and run off on a tangent with it and get it all out of proportion. That's what the enemy wants. He wants to get us off balance.

You can be in the family of God, walk with God, and still not walk in the perfect law of love. It's like being in the family of God and not walking in faith.

Paul tells us in I Corinthians 3:13 that many Christians will make heaven, but they will not have any reward. Those are people who never grow in various areas of their Christian walk and never attain to a high degree of spirituality. All of our works will be tried by fire.

The Corinthians were a very carnal group of Christians! That's why we get so much knowledge out of the epistles to the Corinthians. Paul had to deal with so much carnality among them.

If each one of us were honest and measured ourselves with God's love, we would all have to mark a big "F" for failure on the top of our personal score sheet. Why? Because the Gospel has not been fully preached to us as it should have been.

We can't do anything about the past or where we came from, but now we are securing all the promises of God, because **faith works by love**. The kind of love I mean will take the Word in your mouth and your faith and turn them into a steamroller for God! Nothing will be able to stand in your way. You will

roll right over obstacles. If the devil stands in your way, you will turn on the love and roll right over him, as you praise the Lord. You will begin to see things happen because you are praising God.

The Bible says demons believe and even tremble, but they never receive anything because they don't have any love. They are filled with hate and fear.

Proverbs 10:12 says, "**Love covers all sin.**" I Peter 4:8 says, "Love shall cover a multitude of sins." So if we put those two Scriptures together, they say, love covers all sins, even when there is a multitude of them.

Love must begin to work with the sin problem. It won't work for you until you are born-again and the love of God has covered your sins.

What about the word multitude? How many is a multitude? More than we can name! So genuine love of God will cover, hide, and put out of sight more sins than we can even name. That's exciting!

John 3:16 says, For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son. For what? To cover our sins! That's the first area of love we need to know. **God's love covers sin!**

Many people think you need to confess every sin you have ever done. They talk about inner healing and say, you need to go back and drag out all of the sins from your past and confess them. NO you don't! All you need to do is get the love of God to cover that multitude of your sins in the New Birth. Dragging up all your old sins will not do you any good; it will just bring condemnation on you and you've had enough of that already with the sins you can remember.

If you are a child of God then you have been covered with the blood of Jesus.

The first thing most people want to do when they hear of someone being overtaken in a fault is to reach for the phone. They don't want to cover that fault with love and silence or restore the individual.

They want to talk about him and his fault. Then in the next breath they say, "Oh Lord, I want to confess that I have done wrong and I have a need for money." Honey, it's not going to work.

They don't have love working in their life and faith works by love. If we do not operate in the fullness of love, then our faith will not operate in its fullest capacity.

Think a minute how love covers sin, and that sin is the worst thing in our universe! **Sin separates us from God. God's love covers that sin.**

Love not only hides the sins and evil of others, it refuses to speak of them. If we tell of the evil someone has done, or we criticize, judge, condemn, or murmur against them—no matter who or he is or what he has done, we are proving we are not walking in love, because **love covers with silence.**

Jesus showed perfect love when He forgave those who were responsible for sending Him to the cross. In Luke 23:34 Jesus said, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." That was love personified. God has not given us the gift of exposing. If God has forgiven someone, then we should as well.

I don't know about you, but I want to see my prayers answered. I need to improve on my love walk. I need my thinking to be in line with God's Word so that as I pray for others, God will answer my prayers.

If you don't know this kind of love in your life, it's quite easy. Right now right where you are, tell the Lord you are sorry for all your past mistakes. Tell Him you want Him to forgive you and come into your life. He will and you will know love that you have never known. You will have peace, and joy like never before. You won't need drugs, or alcohol. Jesus will be the One who fulfills you and takes care of you. Trust Him today. Say, Jesus I receive Your forgiveness by faith and I receive Your love. That's why He died!





“Soaking In His Presence”

Each Tuesday night at 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Believers are meeting to have an encounter with the Holy Spirit.

In today’s world of trials and stress we need time to sit in the Presence of the Lord and worship Him, or pray in the Holy Ghost by ourselves. Each one has a different way of reaching the Lord. But we all need to be filled up by the Lord and receive His peace that passes all understanding.

People come in all stressed out from their life’s problems, but after we have prayed with them, or worship the Lord in song, there is a time to just sit and listen to Him. Sometimes He shares with an individual and sometimes He brings comfort. Sometimes He brings laughter and sometimes His Presence is so powerful we cry. At any rate no one leaves without having been touched by His Presence in some marvelous way. It is different each time but He never disappoints us!

Just sitting in His Presence telling Him how much we love Him, changes us and causes us to receive much more than we could ever give. He is so faithful to meet each need!

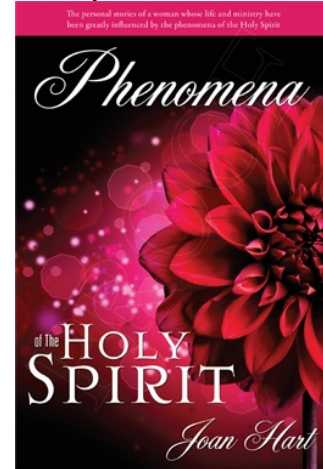
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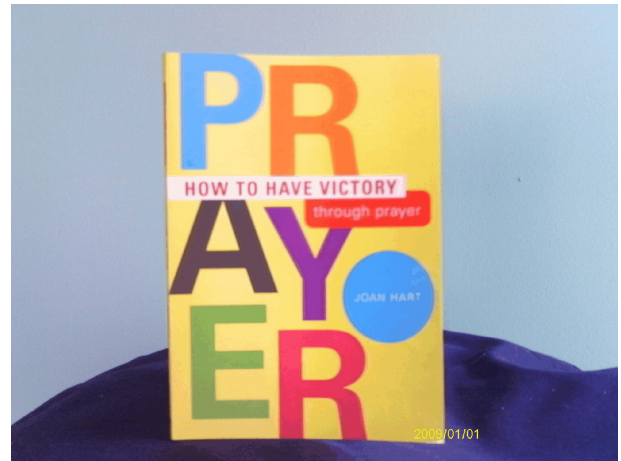
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Praying the Scriptures in this book will help you receive the answers to your prayers. God hastens to perform His Word not ours!

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The Mind of Christ

In I Corinthians 2:16 it says, “But we have the mind of Christ.”

Think about that! We all know we are the righteousness of Christ, so just as we have the righteousness of Christ we have the mind of Christ. When we got saved He didn’t just make us a better person, He clothed us with His righteousness and He gave us His mind.

It’s sort of like when we received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, we were accused of losing our minds. At the time we thought the accusation was incorrect, but actually it was correct. We were exchanging our mind for the mind of Christ.

In I Corinthians 1:30 it says, “But of him are you in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom...”

In the Old Testament it says, wisdom is the ability to apply knowledge. Many times in Proverbs the word, wisdom, is talking about the preincarnate Christ. It is knowledge applied. But in I Corinthians 1:30 it not only means the ability to apply knowledge, but it means **ability to store and apply knowledge**. So if wisdom is the ability to apply knowledge, we can’t forget knowledge. If we do, we won’t be able to apply it. Of course wisdom speaks of memory.

Before the fall we talked about Adam having that kind of wisdom. He could store all the names of the animals in his mind.

Philippians 4:8 says we are to think about things that are just, pure, lovely and of good report. Notice the word think! We are to think on these things.

When Jesus heard the Word of God He had the ability to store it and apply it, whenever the occasion would come up. But the Pharisees and scribes put their heads in a huddle and tried to figure some trap for Jesus out of the Word. They tried to make Him look dumb, but Jesus had wisdom. He had knowledge stored in His mind. He

had it in His Spirit of course, but it had to go through the mind. He had the ability to apply it in any given situation. He was never at a loss to apply Scripture.

God allowed Jesus to first be made unto us Wisdom. **Jesus is our ability to store and apply knowledge because we have the mind of Christ.**

The mind of Christ was given to us because of our position in Him, but we have to acquire it, we have to do something to enter into our spiritual heritage. We know it was provided for us, but now we have to possess it.

Philippians 2:5 says, “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.” It is a command, and that means that it is something we must do. But not in our own efforts, otherwise there would be no need for Jesus to have come. He has to inspire us as we read the Word. Let’s face it, if the Holy Spirit didn’t urge us to read the Bible we would never pick it up. Well He does, so out of obedience we read it and then we reread it until by repetition it is in our memory, but not through drudgery.

Every time we read the Word we should ask the Lord what He wants us to get out of what we read, and ask Him to quicken it to us. It will change our reading time and us!

So having the mind of Christ means we have no problem in remembering and using the Word. Jesus was not plagued by forgetfulness. If we can have the health He had and the righteousness He had, and we do, then we can also have the mind that He has.

When we take communion we need to think about the crown of thorns Jesus wore. He was making a provision for our mind. Each of those thorns with poison in them were symbolic of all the evil thoughts that corrupt our mind. Jesus not only provided a purity and cleansing of our mind, He also provided complete restoration for our mind.

Jesus mind was pure. It was not plagued with evil.

It was not obsessed with unclean thoughts. He could control His thinking. He could choose not to think on something.

The power of our will is underemphasized. We talk about demonic influence and how the demons can control or make a person do something. But in the book of Mark it talks about the Gadarene demoniac having from 2,000 to 6,000 demons in him. Yet when he saw Jesus, what did he do? He ran to Jesus, fell at His feet and worshiped Him.

Did those unclean spirits want him to go to Jesus? Did they want him to worship Jesus? Did they want him to fall at Jesus feet in honor and worship? Could they keep that unsaved man from doing this? NO!

If satan had to respect the will of the Gadarene demoniac, he also has to respect your will! You can choose what you will and will not think! You can monitor and refuse thoughts by an act of your will. The will faculty of the mind is very powerful.

Jesus never had an evil thought. Evil thoughts defile a man and Jesus was undefiled. If that is so, then He was not tempted in all points like we are; yes He was. He did have thoughts the enemy came to Him with, but His will never accepted them and they never became evil thoughts.

Evil thoughts contaminate us when they come and we accept or harbor them. We harbor them so we can entertain them later. When we choose not to accept the evil thought, they do not change ownership from the enemy to us. They never become our thoughts. We are never to accept those thoughts into our mind. We must not allow ourselves to yield to it. We must never meditate on it in our fantasies or in our imagination. That is the moment we become defiled.

If we encounter temptation it is because we have not crucified the lust of our flesh James 1:14. Some things are not a temptation because our mind is already made up.

Anything that was of satan, Jesus refused. So if you say no to satan today and then tomorrow he tempts you again, decide again to say NO! Why

don't you make one final commitment of NO to satan and then all the future thoughts that come to you from him go back to that decision of No.

If you can say yes to God for the future, you can say NO to satan for the future. You can inform satan that no matter what he tempts you about, the answer is already NO.

The mind of Christ is sound - II Tim. 1:7 The word sound means disciplined. The Holy Spirit gives us power and love and produces within us a disciplined mind. He enables us to think the way God want us to think and to refuse those distractions that come to us.

When we sit down to read, distractions come but a disciplined mind enable us to think the way God wants us to think and to refuse those distractions. The Holy Spirit desires to bring us into disciplined thinking.

The mind of Christ is submitted to the spirit of the believer.

Father, I pray that each person who has heard this message, will apply the knowledge of it in their life. I pray You would give each one an insatiable hunger for the Word and they would remember what they read. I pray they would not allow the enemy to rob them of the truths they read or know. I pray they would talk about it and then apply it to their life, in Jesus Name. Amen.



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