

A Call to One Another Ministry

Gospel Life in the Body of Christ

Community Bible Chapel Fall 2014 – Spring 2015



One Another Ministry—Foundational Beliefs

Foundation Belief #1

A Christian has been given **LIFE** in Christ!

resurrection "life in the Son" (zoe) is fundamentally different than the experiences that encompass our daily norms as we breathe in and out or refer to as "life under the sun" (psuche).

Foundation Belief #2

A Christian has been given **LIGHT** and **SIGHT** in Christ!

Resurrection "life in the Son" (zoe) is "revealed truth" that leads to salvation. It's received as a gift and revealed by the Holy Spirit. We were blind, but now we see. This revelation cannot be gained by aptitude, intelligence, academics, a unique curriculum, degrees/certifications, discovery via the rigor of the scientific method or will of man!

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Foundation Belief #3

A Christian understands and interprets **PAIN** differently in Christ! (see suffering, trials, afflictions, discipline, tribulation etc.)

Generally, we source both pain and remedy from a "life under the sun" **horizontal** (psuche) perspective. However, as we are His children, no pain is allowed without the awareness of our Father. Invariably, the Holy Spirit drives our eyes and attention to Christ Jesus and the **vertical**, so that we experience a better outcome; a hope of a future that doesn't disappoint and in the present... the nearness of God!

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Foundation Belief #4

Christians are **ABLE**

Christians are able to bear one another's burdens as a result of our adoption, imparted gifts and revealed word of God by which we bless each other as we minister Christ to one another, in the communal life of the Body of Christ.



The critical nature of Y'all!

to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of **the glory of this mystery** among the Gentiles, which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory. Col. 1:27

For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in **you** will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. Phil. 1:6

Modernity Evangelicalism?



Our culture and times
has severely impacted
our ability to look at our
past and value all believers
from Adam forward!

Rationalism,

Presentism,

Individualism!



Who do you recommend?

So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord,
that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk,
in the futility of their mind, Eph.4:17

But you did not learn Christ in this way, Eph.4:20

and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and
put on the **new self**, which in the likeness of God has
been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

Eph.4:24

How does the "new man" impact relationships?

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Is the
Church
"able"?

We have tried to establish that we generally
"pick up the phone" motivated by one of two
views of life we are responding to in the moment!

Life under the SUN
GR, Psuche

Life in the SON
SR, ZOE



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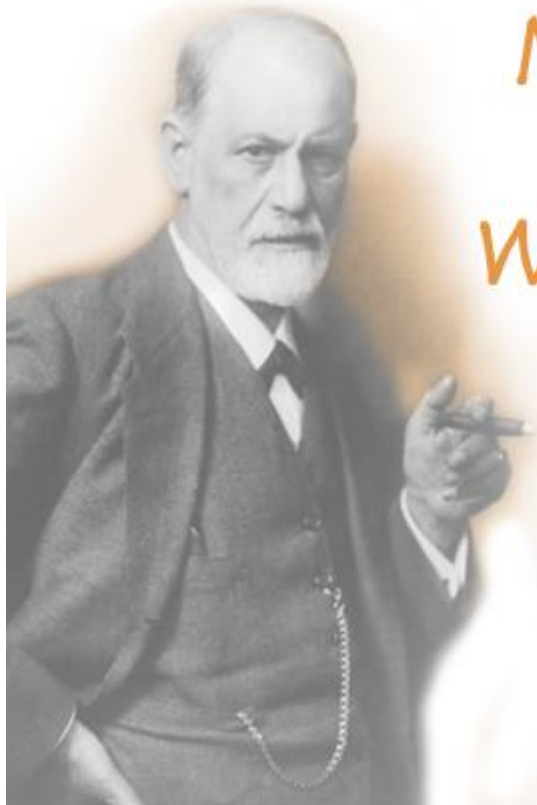
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Mr. H,

What makes you competent
to talk to our class about

counseling?



A Christian with a tie!



How did all this get started?

Jay Adams-1970
"Competent to Counsel!"

"As far as I am concerned about you, my brothers, I am convinced that you especially are abounding in the highest goodness, richly supplied with perfect knowledge and competent to counsel one another"
~ Romans 15:14 (Williams)



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Also, it is all too common today, that we constantly super-impose our postmodern culture and baggage onto word usage even though scripture clearly has different meanings and purposes.



Admonish

Competent

One critical error 'Christian and Biblical' Counselors fall in to, comes when not distinguishing sufficiently, the greek and hebrew word meanings in the way the writers intended.

Able

Counsel

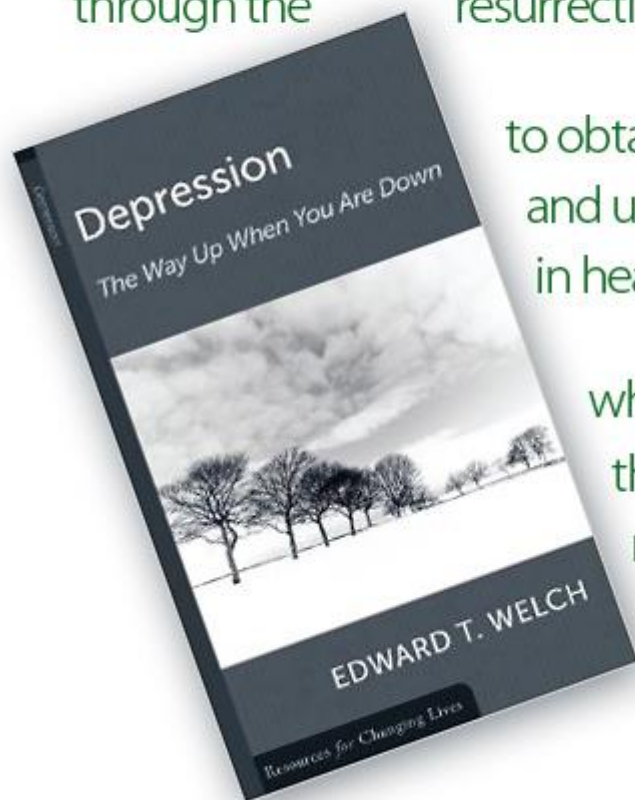
The richness and diversity of Scripture

1. **Admonish** - Noutheteo – To warn, admonish, counsel from the present course
2. **Teach** - Didasko – To teach, instruct
3. **Exhort** - Parakaleo – To exhort, call near, beseech, urge, invite, comfort
4. **Bear patiently** - Makrothumeo – to have patience, to forbear, to remain tranquil while waiting
5. **Encourage** - Parakaleo – To exhort, encourage, call near, beseech, urge, invite, comfort
6. **Comfort** - Paramutheomai – To encourage, console, comfort “who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.” 2Cor. 1:4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. [1 Peter.1:3-5](#)



"Depression"



In saying all of this, I don't want to imply that every person is completely competent to help anyone and everyone. There are people with unique gifts for inter-personal ministry just as there are people with unique gifts for public preaching and teaching. All of us are in different stages of life with varying degrees of training, life experience and case wisdom. That means that there are some who will function well in a more formal capacity and will engage in formal counseling.

Since churches should be involved in counseling, biblical equipping and training is needed. And that is exactly what we seek to do at CCEF as we restore Christ to counseling and counseling to the church. But this is not the only way CCEF understands and uses the word counseling. We use it much more broadly. When we say counseling, we do mean formal counseling, but we also find other words that capture it. Words that express the fuller meaning of counseling are discipleship, informal helping relationships, one anothering, growth in grace, conformity to the image of Christ, sanctification, change, growth in godliness, the fruit of the Spirit, faith and obedience, and increase in wisdom. Since this is what we also mean when we say counseling, then the church should absolutely be involved in counseling.



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LETTER FROM JEREMY LELEK / APRIL 2015

Worldview and Psychology: *Why is it relevant?*

Sometimes when people read a word like “worldview” they experience a mental shut down because they associate it with some high-browed form of philosophy. People do the same when they read a word like “psychology” (unless, of course, they have a vested interest in the subject). For the typical believer the reality that we all perpetually operate according to a worldview and that we all hold personal assumptions about human psychology is too often overlooked. In fact, each one of us functions from a worldview and we also interpret people based on some theory (though it may not be formalized) of psychology. If you don’t believe me, consider the following “what if” scenarios:

1. What if you just discovered your teenage child was using illegal drugs? How would you respond? What would you think of your child? How would you address the issue with him/her?
2. What if your spouse forgot your birthday or anniversary? What thoughts would you think about him/her? What emotions would dominate your heart? What would you say in response to this oversight?
3. What if you were informed that your pastor has confessed to being involved in an adulteress relationship? What questions would circulate through your mind? What would be most important to you? How would you explain what went wrong? What would you want to say to your pastor?

Why is it relevant?

4. What if someone in your life group shared that he/she was struggling with homosexuality? How do you think you would initially respond? What would be your opinion of that individual? How would you want to shape your relationship with that person?

5. What if you had a major project due for work tomorrow, but found yourself way behind on its completion. You stay up late to finish it, but your efforts fall short. Failing to have your presentation ready for the management to review could cost you your job. What would you be feeling as you drove to work with your incomplete project? What thoughts would dominate your mind as you pulled into the parking lot of your workplace? How would you explain your failure?

Each of these scenarios exposes our worldview and our psychology of people. Our responses to each of the above situations are driven by how we view the world and how we view others. Knowing how we interpret every day reality and what assumptions shape those interpretations is a very important task for the believer. Gaining understanding of worldview and psychology should not be left to the philosopher or the psychologist for they are both constructs out of which we all operate each and every day. The question we must ask ourselves is: "Does my worldview and my assumptions about people align with Scripture?" Our final answer will either be to God's glory or to our own folly. Proper worldview is proper worship. It is, indeed, no small matter. Let us, therefore, pursue with all diligence the grace and wisdom of God that we may see and know rightly to the praise and glory of His name.

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"Hourly Fee for Service?"

For the Scripture says, "YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING," and "The laborer is worthy of his wages." 1Tim.5:18

So also the Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel..... What then is my reward? That, when I preach the gospel, **I may offer the gospel without charge**, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. 1Cor. 9:11-18

shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; 1 Peter 5:2



Taking



for preaching the gospel?

- Parachurch Organizations
- Ministry vs Vocation
- Provision vs Hourly Compensation
- Fee for Service - Worship services, Hospital visits, Prayer, Sunday School

HOURLY RATES

Simony - definition

The making of profit out of sacred things;
The buying or selling of ecclesiastical privileges,
for example pardon



Counseling Fees:

In reporting on their counseling "Fees" RPC says: **We have a set fee of \$160 for each 50-minute session** of individual, couples or family counseling... Payment is due at each session... We are not able to accept any type of health insurance... If you need to cancel or reschedule your appointment, **you must notify your counselor 48 hours before your scheduled appointment time.** **You will be charged in full** for your scheduled session if you fail to contact your counselor.

Martin & Deidre Bobgan. *PsychoHeresy*



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"One Anothering" in Ephesians

Chapters 1-3

- 1:15 – Your love for all of the saints (**loving one another**)
- 1:16 – Making mention of you in my prayers (**praying for one another**)
- 2:19 – Fellow citizens with the saints (**citizens with one another**)
- 2:19 – are of God's household (**family members with one another**)
- 2:22 – are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit
(**growing with one another**)
- 3:1 – prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles (**suffering for one another**)
- 3:6 – fellow heirs, fellow members of the Body, fellow partakers of the promise
in Christ Jesus through the gospel (**united with one another**)

"One Anothering" in Ephesians

Chapters 4-6

4:1 - Showing tolerance for **one another in love**

4:3 - being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace
(pursuing peace with one another)

4:12 - for the building up of the body of Christ (edifying one another)

4:15 - speaking the truth in love (to one another)

4:32 - Be kind to one another, be tender-hearted to one another, forgive one another

5:19 - Speak in psalms to one another

5:21 - Be subject to one another

6:18 - be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints
(praying and petitioning for one another)



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