

Spiritual Wholeness: Connected With The Creator

Monday, June 7, 2021

SCRIPTURES OF THE DAY

Acts.17:24-28

SPIRITUAL WHOLENESS

WHOLENESS is dynamic living. Wholeness moves us away from simple, isolated, experiences that are often disjointed, broken, isolated and disconnected. Wholeness is integrative, and connects life towards completion. Wholeness embraces healing, transformation, inclusion, connection, and completion.

STUDY & REFLECTION

The writer of Acts talks about God's connection with His creation. It is because of God that every living thing has life including mankind. We can never think of ourselves as complete or whole apart from God. It is only because of our connection to him as his offspring that spiritual wholeness can be realized. The writer of the book of Acts tells us that true children of God are seeking out daily for this connection with their father. A true understanding of spiritual wholeness as an individual is knowing that in Him we live move and have our being (wholeness).

ACTION ITEMS

Take time today to journal and seek to connect with God.

- Take 10 minutes to write about this time with God.
- Reflect on your relationship with Him, resist the temptation to ask God for anything but *seek to deepen your relationship with him.*
- How does this affirm our wholeness in God?

INVOLVING OTHERS

Share with two or three people about your experience with God in your 10 minutes reflection time.

Spiritual Wholeness:
Our Common Humanity
Tuesday, June 8, 2021

SCRIPTURES OF THE DAY
Acts.17:24-28

STUDY &
REFLECTION

In our scriptural passage, let's pay particular attention to the challenge contained in verse 26. In verse 26 we are confronted with the critical truth that the Creator created all of us, every different ethnicity and diverse culture...from one blood...from one man ADAM. This means that although we often focus on our differences...and use those differences to divide and disconnect from one another, **we all share the same origin and share the same core.** When we allow by our fallen nature to focus on our differences, we don't realize that we are limiting one another and in fact are damaging each other, making it impossible for us to achieve and become that which God intended for us.

ACTION ITEMS

Take the time and do some **personal reflection.** Our neighborhoods, our cities, our country, our world is suffering greatly because we have failed to embrace, connect, and appreciate others of diverse backgrounds. Think about how you can begin to love and appreciate others in real ways in order to draw closer to the Wholeness God intended.

INVOLVING
OTHERS

This is a critical topic that you must have the boldness and courage to share with others. Maybe after doing this with others of your ethnicity, you can as a small group discuss it with a more diverse group.

Spiritual Wholeness: Our Common Humanity Created To Worship (Together?) Wednesday, June 9, 2021

SCRIPTURES OF THE DAY
Acts.17:24-28

STUDY & REFLECTION

"His purpose in all of this is that they should seek after God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him-- though he is not far from any one of us" (The Living Bible)

Let's remember that spiritual wholeness is a dynamic life that is not isolated or disconnected. A hallmark of genuine wholeness is when the movement is toward actual maturity that connects us with others. In this profound verse we cannot escape the truth that no matter what our culture, ethnicity, life experience, all of us were made to worship! And we know deep within our hearts, that it is **God's intention that we move toward spiritual reconciliation and learn the value and joy of worshiping together.** This is a true act of the Holy Spirit where all of us, created and made by the same God, look forward to and learn to enjoy worshiping together!

ACTION ITEMS

Give real thought and prayer in trying to understand what it would take for us to move toward **genuine fellowship** with those of a different background than ours or what we are used to or comfortable with.

INVOLVING OTHERS

With your small group, compare notes.
See if you can come up with an initial plan that would move us to a more diverse worship.

STUDY &
REFLECTION

Let us take a bold leap forward, and study this particular passage, with an open heart and mind to see if indeed it connects with what is happening to our world today in a Global sense. In our spiritual culture, we have not traditionally given much thought and focus to our place in this world as it reflects to the **health of the globe on which we live...EARTH!**

Do we dare take a look at how the environment reflects the impact of the fall, and as humankind continues to practice life in a self-centered way, disregarding the needs of others, and not caring about the effect of what we do to this planet.

Global warming is real. Negative changes to the habitats of plants and animals that we need to survive and prosper are occurring with increasing frequency and intensity every day.

Paul says, *“The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.”*(NIV) Could it be that in a real way even the health and healing of our world, will be impacted in part by the genuine responsibility of God’s children to truly care?

ACTION ITEMS

Do some research on the very real and dangerous changes that have been documented regarding this world over the past decade. Look at it with a spiritual eye. **What is the role of The Church and individual Christians in this regard if any?**

INVOLVING
OTHERS

Have this discussion with others and come to some conclusions that you are willing to act on.

Spiritual Wholeness: Awareness Of The 'Last Days' Friday, June 11, 2021

SCRIPTURES OF THE DAY Romans 8:19-23

STUDY & REFLECTION

Now that we have considered the condition of the earth and the entire creation of God, ask yourself, "*how do you see this in regards to the status of the world, your own belief and understanding, and the Divine Plan being manifested?*"

The apostle in our scripture passage is clear in informing us that as the natural creation undergoing the impact of evil and selfish practices of mankind, that same creation has a sense that its deliverance is coming. Creation 'looks, standing on their toes with their necks stretched' (this is the graphic picture in theology of the passage where creation is hurting and groaning, and looking for God's children to be manifested). Creation has the sense that it will be delivered, only when God's children are fully manifested.

ACTION ITEMS

Consider and journal:

- Where do you think we are on God's timetable?
- What do you think is happening in this regard with the upheaval we are seeing around the world?
- What is your understanding of the Rapture of the Church?
- How do these things interconnect with the Church embracing by Faith its call to be ambassadors and witnesses?

INVOLVING OTHERS

Have a genuine discussion with your small group regarding the Church's awareness and response to the 'Last Days.'



Summarizing Critical Aspects of
Spiritual Wholeness
Saturday, June 12, 2021

SCRIPTURES OF THE DAY

Acts.17:24-28

Romans 8:19-23

**STUDY &
REFLECTION**



Re-read the **scriptures** of the week.

ACTION ITEMS



Journal **key principles and lessons** that you have learned this week.

**INVOLVING
OTHERS**



Share these points with others.