An undivided heart as a GIFT

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It's a blessing for me to come to you and today I am going to share on an undivided heart before God, a heart that is united because of the love of God. We are going to be reading from Psalm 86:10-15 We are going to just take it verse by verse with some cross references and so forth. I would like for you to know that to have an undivided heart before God is not your job. It is God's work and as we behold the work of God, our heart will stand united before Him, doubt will be removed. So many times, we think that we are those who should not doubt and we try not to doubt by our own ability. But it is God that brings forth unity in our hearts. It's God who takes away double-mindedness as we behold what He is doing. The only thing that we need to do, if you really want to do something, is just hear His promise and look at what He has done in Jesus. As we see that, and as we see ourselves united with that, we will find that our heart is united, our heart comes to a place where doubt is removed from us by the doing of God.

We even see this in the Scripture. The one person came to Jesus and wanted prayer and Jesus said to him, "Do you believe?" He said, "Lord, I believe but help my unbelief." So, it is even within the ability of God and within the boldness of man to make a request towards God to remove our unbelief or any belief that is "un", if you want to call it like that, or wrong belief, or any form of doubt. We find that the disciples were doubting when they were in the ship but Jesus met them where they were and He overcame their unbelief. He overcame their doubts.

So, in the very same way, I believe this is the case with what I am going to bring to you in **Psalm 86:**

10 For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God. (You can see here that the Psalm writer just exalts God and honors who He is that He is great, that He does marvelous deeds) you alone are God; (Now he is asking God to do a marvelous deed for him in his life and in this case, he's not so much pointing to deliverance from the enemy. He is asking God for something that is much greater than delivering from the enemy. You know, if you have an enemy in this world, there are means by which you can remove your enemy by just simple willpower. You know, doing certain things to diminish him if you want to. We look at what's happening in Russia and the Ukraine and so forth. If one person thinks the other one is his enemy, he can just go and take a gun and try to wipe him from the face of the earth. Now, we find the Psalm writer asking something that is greater than what *can ever* be done by guns or courts or any of those kinds of things.

Let me just read it again. *10 For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.* Now we are going to see that the Psalm writer is asking God to do a marvelous deed in his heart and this is what he is saying) *Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness;*

So, he sees a marvelous deed as God teaching him God's way of doing things. So many times, we think of ways wherein things need to be done. And the ways wherein things need to be done, we have narrowed it down to what we would call a certain moral way of living in this world which the atheistic world has narrowed down to mere morality as a social construct and not as something that comes from the resurrected Jesus Christ. The good that we need to do because we are social beings and because we live together, we have now built up laws and we have governments and constitutions and institutions and all those kinds of things and that's how we live. He goes as far as to say, "Lord, I want a marvelous work being done and that is that You would teach me Your way, Lord, Your way, Jehovah." When he uses the word, Lord, there, he uses the word for self-existing one, the eternal existing, self-existing One, the way wherein God lives, His eternal way. I want to know that.

He says, *Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart...* Isn't that absolutely awesome! So, I want to say to you, "An undivided heart is not within your ability. The psalm writer comes and he says, "I want an undivided heart and it is only going to come from the One that does great and marvelous deeds who alone is God.

I want to say to you that an undivided heart is something that only God can give you and an undivided heart comes to those who want it. That is a simple as what it is. We see the Psalm writer here say, **Teach me** (Show me) **your way Lord,** (We are going to talk about the way of God), **that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear** (have reverence for) **your name.** There's so much depth in that!

12 I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever. So, what he is saying is, "God, the only way I can praise You with all my heart is if You give me an undivided heart and the only way that I can have an undivided heart is if you show me Your way to the point that I can rest and rely on Your faithfulness. An undivided heart is a heart that relies upon the faithfulness of God. That means that the only way wherein God can get your heart not to be divided is to present you with His faithfulness. The problem that any religion has is this: It is divided. It is based on the faithfulness of God combined with our faithfulness and undivided attention and worship of this God or what we can bring to the table. It is not something that is solely based on God. We need to understand that God, in His dealings with man, started with man as dust and He knows the ability of dust. He is not surprised that we have no ability in ourselves. He's not surprised that we don't have faithfulness from ourselves. We are standing in His faithfulness. The only faithfulness that we can have is a reliance on His faithfulness or a faithfulness that is produced because He has persuaded our hearts of His faithfulness.

The only thing that come from us, since we've been made free will agents, is to want it. that's all. That's something that can come from ourselves is to want it because that is how we've been designed by God to want to desire. Even dust has a desire unto life. Dust cannot live by itself as it is a place where it lacks life and can desire life. It is in need of life. So, when God made us from the dust of the earth, we were made with a desire and they want for life. And that is all we say. That is what we want. We acknowledge that, oh God.

So, let's read it again.

Teach me your way Lord (Teach me... in other words, what You do, what You bring to the table, how faithful You are), **that I may rely on** (walk in) **your faithfulness** (I want to say to you that our walk in this earth is not in our faithfulness or the faithfulness of those around us. You will find that there are systems in this world and those of you that have listened to my message last Sunday where I explained the things that we are going through, the systems of this world are not reliable. It's not faithful. The systems of this world are built on sand. It falls apart.

I'm just thinking of swimming, women's swimming and all the world records and everything are being shattered by somebody that is a biological man and now identifies as a woman transgender. I don't even know how to word all of that. But, to me, if you ask me, "You know, is that right?", my opinion would definitely be that is not right to have a biological man compete in women's races but, to me, that is not even the big issue. The big issue to me is that the world has made everything about, and if you think the emphasis that's placed on sports and how we find our identity and even the restoration of women in the earth, in women's sports and how they can compete and how they are honored and all of that. Something that is a human construct by human ability and how that can fall in a day. In one day, there's nothing left of it! All of a sudden if identity was in medals and in even if humanity thought, "Look at what we have achieved. We have brought women's rights forth and so forth, the whole thing. They've got access to compete in the Olympics and they're honored as equals and so forth. I mean, the whole restoration thing that has taken place in the world falls flat in one day! In one day!

We sit with courts in America where judges cannot even define what a woman is. If you ask them, "What is a woman?", they cannot say. So how can we find a stability? How can we find rest in a system that is so weak, so built on dust, that a judge of a supreme court cannot even define "woman". I know she can define woman but she's too scared to do it because of the political pressure that is put upon her and the system that is pressing in upon her.

We live in a world that is so fake, that is so flooded with death, that it would be impossible for us to have an undivided heart unless God brings it forth. The systems of this world is not faithful to bringing life to people. Neither does it have the ability.

The systems of this world are only subject to man's own ability to bring forth life and I want to tell you this: Dust cannot bring forth life by itself. Dust remains dust. That's what it is and even if you look at scientists, they analyze the world and the system of the world and they say, "What is going to happen to humanity is that we are all going to turn back to dust and we are going to die a heat death meaning all the stars at the end are going to explode and there's going to be darkness and nothingness. That's where all of this is going."

Now, if we've been taken from that dust, what can we produce? Only nothing! Unless God comes and He takes nothing and He puts Himself into the nothing, we will find nothing come forth and be forever. But the beautiful thing is if God takes nothing and He pours Himself out in the nothing and the nothing contains God, then the nothing now carries everything. And that is the faithfulness of God! I hope you can see that God's way of doing has been demonstrated from Genesis chapter 1. The Bible says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Who created the heavens and the earth... God or man? God did and then He took man from the dust of the earth and He blew the breath of life into man. He shared life to man. He gave man self-awareness. He gave man the ability to know of otherness meaning that man is here and God is there. He had self-awareness. He gave him a mind, an intellect. He gave him everything that is possible, that could possibly be given to him, to perceive and understand and rely upon God. And that is for the purpose of man eating of the tree of life which would be to contain the fullness of God bodily.

Nowhere do we find that man came to the table and tried to strike a deal with God in creating heaven and earth and making a wonderful place. It has all been God from the beginning! But the moment man received self-awareness, consciousness, God said to man, "Remember this that I have given you a garden. I've given you a place to stay. I call it Eden, the garden of God, the place of harmony and peace and all those kinds of things. Everything you see here was brought by Me. I provide food for you and I even provide for you the tree of life. The only thing that you should not do, now that you have self-awareness and I've lent you life, this life is temporal, it is only for you to make a decision in wherein you can decide if you want eternal life. Never use that to think that you can, by your own ability and your own way, have access to the fullness of God. You cannot have that. So, we already find in Genesis, God showing us that it is only by His way and His way is He made a promise and He keeps His promise. That's the way of God.

The psalm writer says, "God, I want You to teach me Your way." That would be a way, wherein after we've heard it, that we rely on His faithfulness.

I've said this in previous messages and I'm sorry for repeating myself, but this is of utmost importance for us to understand. In the Mesopotamian beliefs, in the context wherein Genesis was written, the people of that time believed that man was made, basically, from dead gods, the blood of a dead god, Marduk or someone like that, and Marduk came and destroyed this god. Then man was made from that and he was made as the servants of the gods. These men had to plant gardens, bring forth fruit trees and bring forth a temple, make an image of the god and then sacrifice animals and give it to the gods so that the god can eat. They had to do it in worship, bring fruit to the gods so that god can eat and be sustained by man. But, God, our God, shows His way. His way is not how we can sustain His kingdom in the earth. His way is not about our faithfulness. His way is the following: Dust, God promising dust eternal life. His message is that He brings forth and we simply rely upon Him. And as He starts to form and shape us and give us life, that we don't trust our own ability but that we simply trust Him.

So, when you want to know the way of God, it will be something that leaves you at a place that your heart relies upon how faithful God is. So, your Gospel that you believe, whenever you face a difficult time Church, whenever you go through something that is difficult, and sometimes in a difficult time it is easier. When it goes well know this: How well it goes with you can preach to you and tell you that this has been attained by your wits, by how intelligent you are, by what you could bring forth. Never believe that! Never believe what your bank account tells you, be it good or bad. If you have millions in the bank, I want to tell you that you can lose it in a day. You can lose it in a day! It can be wiped from you in a second. Never believe that that can give you life. It can never! The faithfulness of God which is shown in Jesus...

What we need to do is as the Psalm writer says: "Ask God, "God do this miracle in my life. Convince me of Your faithfulness so that I can **only** rely on Your faithfulness. "*Give me an undivided heart.*" An undivided heart is a heart that doesn't live by grace **and** law. An undivided heart is a heart that says who God is, is what He has promised. I am only dust as pertaining to my own ability. I can only bring forth nothing. If I bring forth something by my own power it will only return to what it comes from and that is nothing. But God is faithful and He has promised and He keeps His word. He's promised Abraham and He brought it forth. He's promised Jesus and that is the center of it all. He's promised Jesus and He has come to give us!!

When we talk about the way, I quickly just want to go to the way Jesus lived. In Matthew 4, we find that Jesus, as a human being, showed the way where He lived. This is repetitive but it is something that has helped me in my life. It will help you. Jesus was baptized. When He was baptized, He was baptized at Bethabara into the sin of the whole world. We need to remember that Bethabara was the place where the Jews crossed over into the Promised Land, where the Jordan River damned up, as Joshua says,"To a small town called Adam". That is representative of all the sin of all the world. In order to be baptized by John, you had to confess your sin. Jesus had no sin but He went and He was baptized by John and the only way that you could be baptized by John was to say, "I am a sinner." So, the only way wherein Jesus could say that He is a sinner is by saying, "I fully identify with man. I am fully man."

When He was raised up out of the water, the Spirit of God came upon Him as a dove and a voice came from heaven saying to a man, who carries all the sin of the world, that fully identified with man in his condition of sin, a voice came and said, "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Now, there was no way when Jesus could identify as the son of God after being baptized into the sin of the world. That would look like a nonbrainer, a non-starter. How can someone, full of sin, full of the weakness and mortality of man, (Forget sin as now transgressions. Think of sin as fully mortal.) How can a man in that condition say that He's the Son of God? God says it. The only thing that Jesus had was that voice from the Father. From there He went into the desert and as He was tempted in the desert, the temptation was to produce life from His own ability. From that mortal flesh, to take His ability and turn stones into bread and feed Himself, to live from Himself, to be an un-ending God by His own ability. All that Jesus said is, "This is the way I am the Son of God. This is the way. This is God's way: I will live from every word that comes from the mouth of God.

A divided heart would say the following: "Man will not only live by bread." That means that he must provide bread for himself, but also from every word that comes from the mouth of God". I hope you heard the difference there. When we read that, the law mind hears the following: Man will not live by bread alone (and then in the subconscious would say that bread is needed, we also need bread) but man will also live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Father. But that is not what Matthew says.

Mathew says that when Jesus was confronted with His own ability, His mortality, to basically eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which would be to say, "I have my own ability and by my own ability, I am a self-living eternal God by Myself. I'm going to use my own ability to live forever." What we would hear when we hear that word that says, "Turn stones into bread", what we hear is, "Well, we need bread and by our ability we will provide bread. What we bring to the table is the bread but we will not live forever by the bread alone which we will provide but every word that comes from the mouth of the Father. Now we combine the two.

The true word that Jesus said was, "You will not live by bread alone, but you will (and I now put in these words to explain the context) alone live from every word that comes from the mouth of the Father. I can promise you that I can give you all the bread that there is. I can give you all the businesses there are on the earth. I can give you all the kingdoms of the world. The only thing that you'll become is fat... and then you'll die. That's all! And then, in the resurrection, you will realize that man only lives by the Word of God." And that is the way whereby Jesus lived!

So, the Psalm writer says, "Show me Your way that I may rely on Your faithfulness." So, the way was shown to Jesus and that was, "I call you a Son and I will manifest you and bring you forth as a Son. You can simply rely upon Me." It is very easy to be tempted to show your sonship. For me as a preacher in how faithful I am and how good I live and how many people believe what I say, and how I spread the Gospel, or how righteous I am... all those kinds of things. But I will not live by my reputation, but I will live by the reputation of God. That is the only way! And that is the only way you will live.

So, we find that the way that Jesus shows is that it's only by God keeping His word. That is the only, only, way.

John 14, talking about the way for us. What will be the way for us whereby we can have the life of God or eternal life.

:5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

So, Jesus is talking about him going to the Father. When Jesus talks about going to the Father, He's not talking about a place where He is going to. We need to understand that. The Father has always been with Jesus. So, if the Father has always been with Jesus and Jesus says, "I'm going to the Father", what is He meaning? It does not mean that "I'm going to a place." He's actually describing a condition. He's entering into a different condition. He's going into immortality. That is what He is talking about, "I'm going to My Father." They said to Him, "We don't know where You are going." He says, "You know where I am going and let Me explain to you.":

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

Jesus is basically saying, "I'm going to the Father and the way is through Me." So, what is He saying? He is saying, "The only way wherein you can have God as Father, Father of your emotions, Father of your thoughts, Father of your marriage, Father even of your physical body being born again, made a new creation, is through Jesus. The only way to the Father is through the faithfulness of Jesus. The only way whereby you can ever have eternal life is by Jesus being faithful in raising you from the dead in the last day. The only way whereby you can have the fruit of the Spirit is by Jesus being faithful in pouring out the Spirit on you as He did in Acts chapter 2 and Him pouring it out on all flesh, in Him being faithful in subduing death in your flesh and bringing forth life and immortality to you. That's the only way!

So, as we behold the faithfulness of God and we continually behold how faithful He is and hear a Gospel which is about His faithfulness towards us, we will find that we only rely upon Him and His faithfulness. So, the Way is Jesus. John 1:

11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him (make use of Him)

12 Yet to all who did receive him (all who make use of Him or receive Him) to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children (sons) of God— 13 children (sons) born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

So, what he is saying is the way wherein you will experience the life of God is by the faithfulness of God where we simply receive His name. His name is the name, Jesus, Savior. Or, we can also say that His name is the eternal self-existing One that has come to share eternal life with us. So, as we want an undivided heart, we behold how faithful He is towards us and in Him, showing His faithfulness towards us, what we will do is we will hear a message where we only rely upon Him and that is an undivided heart. And from the fullness of your heart is not how strong you are committed to Him. To serve God with all your heart is not to serve God with strong commitment. To serve God with all your heart is to have a heart that is just flooded with how faithful He is. You know, so many times we might feel guilty... "God, I didn't' think of You, I only thought of You for 10 minutes today and now I feel so bad. I'm not serving You with all my heart". That's not how it works. If your persuasion is that the only way whereby you can ever have life is God... and only Him, you will walk in abundance.

I want to just get back to what I spoke about last week in the court case. I mean, my appeal, the appeal I have is not to my innocence. I feel that I have not harmed the man but I cannot stand and say that I can only experience life because I have not harmed the man. No, the way wherein I have life is by the faithfulness of God. If I was guilty or not, it's irrelevant as pertaining to the genuineness of life I will experience because the life I experience is not based on how I write a letter. It's based on the letter of God written in the man, Jesus Christ. So, my appeal is to the mercy and the kindness and the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ to have life and joy and peace today. Hallelujah!

Psalm 23 says that God prepares a table for me in the presence of my enemies and that is true for all of us. All of us have different enemies. The table that is prepared is the following: I prepare for you, bread and wine to eat right now and that you can have joy that is born from the bread and the wine, the body and the blood of Jesus, the revelation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from where God fulfills His faithfulness towards us from where my thoughts and my emotions and my feelings and even the change in my physical body to eternal life is experienced. That is given to me in the midst of trouble. I mean, Paul was writing from the heart of a jail and he says, "I'm treated as a criminal but the Word of God is not jailed!" That means that the Word is spreading all over the world and it reaches me right here in jail. I'm being fed in the middle of the jail! You cannot cut the provision of food. You cannot cut my provision. It is impossible! Maybe you can close the water at the tap at the gate. You can maybe close the shops but you cannot close or shut off the supply that brings true joy and true life.

That is why my appeal is to the almighty God and His mercy and His grace and the life that He provides in the resurrected Jesus Christ... not if I am guilty or innocent.

Now, I am just showing you an example of an undivided heart here: I want to read from 1Corinthians chapter 4 and we can just see what Paul said here. Listen to this: As all of you know my life is an open book. I always preach the Gospel as God works it in me so bear with me these examples that I'm using. It says here in 1 Corinthians chapter 4 and this is how a life born from the resurrected Jesus, an undivided heart, this is how it looks in the life of Paul and this was not because of Paul. It was because of Jesus. Paul said, "The life I live is not I who live but it's Christ who lives in me. It's the faithfulness of God that has persuaded my heart and flooded my heart. It's not my heart concentration. It's not my unwavering dedication. It is simply God flooding my heart"

Bernice West is a musician in South Africa. She just released this new song and this is what she said: "God, enter the rooms of my heart and paint every corner and so enlighten me" An undivided heart is not a heart that is undivided because of your mental ability to concentrate. It is a heart wherein God has come and colored in every corner with His faithfulness and His commitment towards you to the point that your heart trusts. That is what belief is. **Belief is when the mind comes to rest at the integrity of God.** So, when would you believe? When will you trust? It is when God has put enough facts on the table in Jesus Christ, that your mind goes to rest at His integrity, where your future is only based on His integrity and not your own works.

This is how it looks in the life of Paul.

1 Corinthians 4: This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed.

2 Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

In other words, he says it is required of us preachers to be faithful. Now listen to what he says next:

3 *I* care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; In other words, he says, "I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court. That judge there does not mean judged as in found guilty. That judge there is if I have your approval. He says here, "I care very little if I have your approval or the approval of any human court *indeed, I do not even judge myself.* I don't even approve of myself meaning I cannot produce life from myself.

4 *My conscience is clear*, (I don't know of anything that I'm doing wrong) *but that does not justify me* (In other words, justify means to bring forth life. So what Paul is saying here is he says, "This is how an undivided heart looks. It is expected of me to be faithful but it's a very little thing for me if you judge me as faithful and say, "Good Paul! You are faithful!"

Or, even if a human court says, "There's nothing wrong with you, Paul." He says, "Even I, myself, don't find anything wrong with myself but I am not justified by it." Justifying ...the New Testament means to have the life of God, to have the righteousness that God has given us as a free gift, manifested and revealed. That is what the Apostle Paul says there.

The Psalm writer says, verse11 "*Teach me* (Show me) *your way, Lord*, *that I may rely* (only rely) *upon Your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart* (and so have an undivided heart.)

I want to now look at justify there. Romans chapter 3. I tell you when I preach this message, I don't want to say that I get the feeling I'm outside of my body. I think I get the feeling that my body is outside of mortality. As I preach this, I start to experience I feel the words that had to be spoken and said, "Let there be light!" Glory to God!

Romans 3:19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law (for the purpose), so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

The law was given so that every person can see that he is merely dust and that the world may be held accountable to God. In other words, God would be accountable for life. The law shows that no man, by his own power, could ever have life. I use my own words here: So that life in man might be God's problem and not ours. So, the law was given to us that we might know God's way.

The law shows us that we cannot do it by ourselves. You cannot have peace by the outcome of your business. You cannot have peace by the outcome of what happens politically in South Africa. We cannot have peace by how some board somewhere and some judge decides if biological males can now swim with biological women. If you want your peace from there, the law system is designed to show you that the only place whereby we can have life, is God. God is accountable to give us life and not us.

So, when we stand before God, we stand wanting, lacking, as pertaining to having the ability to bring forth life and peace and joy in our lives today. I want to tell you that it is of God. It is God's responsibility to give Bertie Brits and Helena Brits and you that are listening to me right now, peace in a broken world. Because this world is broken, we don't have the ability to concentrate perfectly all the time. We don't have the ability to do all things right all the time. We don't have that and God knows that and the biggest thing is not for Him to know it. It's for us to know it. He has always known it. He's never been ashamed of the fact that we have been made of dust and that we don't have the ability. He's never been ashamed of that. He's made us that way so that all can always be of Him. We believe Him and you know what the Gospel is. The Gospel is that Jesus was then raised from the dead. He does, completely and in full authority rule overall mortality and all dust. That means that we, in Christ, now have access to the fullness of life bodily. I've preached on that last Sunday. Please go and listen to that. It is a mind-blowing truth.

It's not a mind-blowing message because I maybe could have preached it better, but it's a mind-blowing truth. Glory to God!

19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

20 Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin (our dustiness)..

21 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

22 This righteousness is given (us) through faith (through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ) in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

21 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known (Remember what the Psalm writer says. He says, "Show me Your way that I may rely on Your righteousness." So, that would be apart from the law.) to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

22 This righteousness (that we will rely upon) is given through faith in Jesus Christ (or in the Greek it would say, the faithfulness of Jesus Christ is given) to all who believe.

So, the righteousness that we will rest in, the faithfulness that we will have, which is in Jesus, would be in how faithful He was in relying upon the Father and the Father raising Him from the dead and where He is now, and in the condition that He is now, in ruling over our mortality. That is what it is about.

I'm going to end off with **Matthew 6**. This is like an absolute nail in the coffin, a hammer shattering rock, the scripture.

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. In other words, don't make your treasure in what is temporal. Jesus is not temporal but we think that eternal means non-physical. Jesus is so physical that we are struggling to see Him. I don't know how to explain that. He's more physical than what He ever was. You must realize that we, our human body without God is physical to a certain point and then it's going to lose its physicality and return to dust or return into different kinds of molecules or whatever.

I mean, if I'm eaten by a shark, what will my body turn into? Do you see that my physicality is temporal but Jesus' physicality is eternal because His grave is empty. He's a descendant of David raised from the dead to live forever and His rulership is to bring that eternal condition to you. That eternal condition also has a certain character trait that's with it which is peace and joy and kindness and all those kinds of things. That's why we live like that. It's not because we've decided to live good and remember scripture now live right. It is the condition we are being transformed into because of the rulership of Jesus.

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy (In other words, let that which is eternal and immortal be your treasure.) and where thieves break in and steal.

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. So where will our heart be? God will show His way. What is His way? His way is the way of the eternal and as we behold the eternal, His way, the resurrection of Jesus, our heart will be undivided on that.

22 "The eye is the lamp (or the brilliance) of the body (The eye is the brilliance of the body. You see the resurrection here.) If your eye is healthy (the Greek says, "If your eye is single), your whole body will be full of light.

23 But if your eyes are unhealthy (or evil, evil means full of labor and annoyance, full of what you bring to the table. That word in the Greek means full of hard work, labors, annoyance, dividedness... You bring your work to the table.) your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness (If your light is what you must bring to the table combined with what God must bring to the table, your whole body will be full of darkness), how great is that darkness!

What he is saying is, "If the lamp, if the way you look at things, is you are not looking at the temporal. You're looking at the eternal, the immortal, bodily raised Jesus, and if your eye is single (single in the Greek means to be braided, to come to a point to be put together. It's also used of a double-edged sword where you get the two edges and it comes to the point. If your eye is single, if your eye comes to the point which is the unification of God in human flesh from where you see the faithfulness of God to keep His promise which He had from before the world began which was to give us eternal life.

If your eye sees the eternal Man, Jesus, and you are braided in with Him, Father, Son and Spirit, and you are braided in to the Godhead. If you can see that, you see the way wherein God brings life to you and that way is only found in His faithfulness and that's how you have an undivided heart. That's how God brings an undivided heart to you and then, from a full heart, you will worship God and live. Worship God simply means to live.

Psalm 86:

11 Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name (have reverence for Your name which means eternal life. Flood my heart with what You do that I may have reverence for the fact that You re the self-existing, eternal God.)

12 I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart (with this undivided heart); I will glorify your name forever. (What is Your name? Your name is Salvation, the self-existing eternal God.)

13 For great is your love toward me (So in which way would God convince us of His love? By His great love towards us. How will He show us His way? By showing His love. His way is how He loves us); you have delivered me from the depths, from the realm of the dead.

Can you see that an undivided heart is a heart that understands the resurrection of Jesus? That's what he says. Then he goes on living with his undivided heart. Now he says:

14 Arrogant foes are attacking me, O God; ruthless people are trying to kill me ---- they have no regard for you.

15 But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God (Can you see how His heart is undivided? He can now say, "God, I see these arrogant foes that have no regard for You trying to destroy my heart, my life.) But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

16 I'm turning to Your mercy, Lord. That is how the Psalm writer lives in an undivided heart. Jesus has come to give us an undivided heart.

Let him that ask not to be double-minded. In other words, come with a conviction that Jesus was raised from the dead and that you are braided into the Godhead and that we behold eternal life as a free gift to us. And those who ask wisdom in that way will receive wisdom... not in the just in their mind in what to do but also in their actions wherein the Spirit of God, by grace, brings forth the actions of God in us. Hallelujah!

That is not all that I wanted to say but I have to call a halt here. I want to thank you that you have allowed me to serve you with this absolute Good News message. It is a message that is above what a human mind could ever fathom. That's what C.S. Lewis says. He says, "The wonderful thing about Christianity for him is that the solution that is brought to man in the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ and how God deals with man is above the ability of man to construct. It's above the intellect of man. Man cannot even think of such a plan. It is too high. It's too lofty for a carnal mind! Glory to God.

Let us just pray together:

Father, thank You for Your love and Your grace. I want to thank You that I can pray for people who are hearing this today. Thank You that You have come to give us an undivided heart. Thank You that we can come with boldness to You and we see how You have colored in every room with the color of Your life to the point that You enlighten even my body and the bodies of the people with a condition where we say that sin in the flesh has been mortified. Therefore, we are experiencing the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Thank You, Lord that we can stand undivided when we look at this world, the wickedness of this world, but where we can say, "We don't live by that for You are faithful and our hearts rest in Your faithfulness."

So, we can now, with a heart that simply believes in Your faithfulness, worship You with all our heart because our heart is not about a part given where we worship our own works. We only worship You! Thank You, Lord, that You've made it easy for us in Jesus Christ! Amen and amen