

Is there a solution?

APPROACHES TO WORLD PROBLEMS:

Political	Salvation by LEGISLATION
Educational	Salvation by EDUCATION
Financial	Salvation by COMPENSATION
Psychological	Salvation by SELF-ACTUALIZATION
Sociological	Salvation by SOCIALIZATION
Biological	Salvation by MEDICATION
Biblical	Salvation by TRANSFORMATION

Proverbs 4:23 (NASB) "Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life."

First: Five common **PROBLEMS** of spiritual heart disease.

1. **GUILT**

Psalms 40:12 (NASB) "For evils beyond number have surrounded me; My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to see; They are more numerous than the hairs of my head, and my heart has failed me."

2. **COMPULSION**

Romans 7:15 (NASB) "For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate."

3. **ALIENATION**

Colossians 1:21 (NASB) "You were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds."

4. **CONFUSION**

Matthew 9:35-36 (NASB) "Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd."

5. **WORRY**

Psalms 55:2 & 4-5 (NASB) "I am restless in my complaint and am surely distracted. ... My heart is in anguish within me, And the terrors of death have fallen upon me. Fear and trembling come upon me, And horror has overwhelmed me."

Proverbs 12:25 (NASB) "Anxiety in a man's heart weighs

1 Peter 3:15 (NASB) "Always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you."

Second: Five incredible **BENEFITS** of what Jesus did on the cross.

1. **REPLACEMENT**

Isaiah 53:5-6 (NASB) "But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him."

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2. REDEMPTION

1 Timothy 2:5 (NASB) "For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

Romans 3:9 (NASB) "What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin."

Galatians 5:1 (NASB) "It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery."

Psalms 49:7-8 (NASB) "No man can by any means redeem his brother or give to God a ransom for him - For the redemption of his soul is costly."

3. RECONCILIATION

Ephesians 2:13 (NASB) "Now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 (NASB) "Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation."

4. REBIRTH

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB) "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

John 3:3 (NASB) "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

5. REPUDIATION

1 John 3:8b (NASB) "The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil."

Colossians 2:13b-15 (NASB) "He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him."

Application:

What symptoms of a spiritual heart problem do you deal with the most?

Guilt Compulsion Alienation Confusion Worry

Is there any of the five benefits of the cross that you have problems accepting?

Replacement Redemption Reconciliation Rebirth Repudiation

Have you ever surrendered to the grace of God?

What do you need to do to be able to share with others what God has done for you?

What is God saying to you?

How will you adjust your life to what God is saying?

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