John #86 "The Prosecution Never Rests"

John 5:39-47; 2nd Timothy 3:16;

The Pharisee's hearts were hardened as evidenced by their arrogant reaction to truth rather than a humble response to it; this is a sign of failure or how to be weak while trying to appear strong.

It's much easier to become a religious loser in life than an experiential winner.

And if we become complacent in our mental attitude, we too can become victims of the hardening of the heart process.

We are commanded in the Scriptures to grow up spiritually but boredom, loneliness, frustration, discouragement, self-pity, bitterness and jealousy can circumvent our progress in a heartbeat.

These are the enemies of a healthy positive response to God's truth.

Biblical truth keeps on living as it was when it was written 3500-2,000 years ago with every doctrine, promise and principle just as vibrant and applicable today as it was then because it's always current and active; literally powerful; it's the very source of our operational power to live by.

Biblical truth is relevant to every generation including ours; it's our capacity for life. Biblical truth always has been and always will be relatable to our lives; it gives us capacity to live successfully and without that capacity for life, there'll be no real lasting happiness for us because happiness depends on capacity for life.

And the greater-grace life is available regardless of anyone's past failures; as long as we are alive greater-grace promotion is available to us!

For the unbeliever, it's the Gospel, the only part that can be understood by the natural man and only with the Holy Spirit's help because the unbeliever has no human spirit and for the believer, the Holy Spirit teaches his human spirit.

The Holy Spirit teaches the believer so he can understand the essence of the God Who saved him and why He did and that involves understanding positional truth; retroactively that we died with Christ and currently, that we have been raised with Him and live with Him in a resurrection based new life.

It's our Mentor, the indwelling Holy Spirit Who teaches us of God's recovery technique, the faith-rest life, spirituality and spiritual maturity.

The real person is located in the soul and it's not necessarily what is observed by others around us or even by ourselves when we look in/mirror, the real person is located in the soul; the body is only a temporary residence for us.

The soul has essence but it's invisible and immaterial and this is why the Bible says man was created in the image of God.

God has essence which is invisible and immaterial; similar to man's real being which is

immaterial and invisible and the soul seems to have an equivalent to the lungs for breathing, inhale and exhale.

The body is not saved and that's why we receive a new body in resurrected form.