Sunday, May 31, 2015 Session 2 Bible Study: "Jonah's Attitude Changes" – Jonah 2:7-10

Reading: <u>Jonah 2</u>, the entire chapter

We have here a change attitude in the life of Jonah, while in the stomach of the fish. It is extremely important that we as believers have the right attitude. What motivates, empowers, strengthens and causes us to rejoice in daily living is proper thinking. Proper thinking can only come when our lives are persistent in consistence, which overrules insistent resistance. Every believer's sinful nature produces insistent resistance to Christian growth and development, so there must be faithful persistence in the daily intake of spiritual food. As the attitude is the sum total of man's thinking, that thinking can be either vertical or horizontal.

THINKING, ATTITUDES:

- 1. What do we mean by attitude? It is the disposition of mankind, the sum total of our thinking. The attitude determines our personality (Proverbs 23:6, 7).
- 2. Conflict of attitude is one of the greatest conflicts of all (Isaiah 55:6-9). We cannot think God's thoughts as that passage admonishes us to do, unless we consistently receive the thinking of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 3. There is a Biblical command to have the Mind of Christ (Phil 2:5; 1 Cor. 2:16; 2 Cor. 10:4-6).
- 4. A right attitude resulting from Christian advance also gives us great confidence (Phil. 4:7; James 1:8; 2 Cor. 5:1; Col. 3:2; Matt. 9:4; Gal. 6:3; I Tim. 2:9).

There were times Jonah had the right attitude, and there were times he did not. As we observe the Lord's Supper today, we must first have the right attitude. This is commanded of us, to have the right attitude, and to observe this ritual.

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