

## Isaiah 61 - Pt 2 - The Divine Exchange

Isa 61:3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion-- to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair...

- Beauty INSTEAD OF ashes
- Oil of Joy INSTEAD OF mourning
- Garment of Praise INSTEAD OF spirit of despair

### **Our salvation brings a changed HEART - this is the healing He brings**

- Eze 11:19-20 NIV I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. 20 Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God.
- Eze 36:26-27 NIV I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.
- Jer 24:7 NIV I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the LORD. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart.

## In His wake are the changed lives of millions

### **Jesus Identified Himself as the Messiah from Isaiah 61**

- Matthew 11:2-5 When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples (3) to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" (4) Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: (5) The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the **poor**."

## Some lives that he changed

### **The Gadarene - a demon possessed man freed - and brought into his right mind**

Luke 8:26-39 They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. (27) When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. (28) When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" (29) For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. (30) Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. (31) And they begged Jesus repeatedly

not to order them to go into the Abyss. (32) A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. (33) When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. (34) When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, (35) and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. (36) Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. (37) Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left. (38) The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, (39) "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

### **Paul the Apostle - the chiefest of sinners - the greatest apostle**

1 Timothy 1:12-16 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. (13) Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. (14) The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. (15) Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the worst. (16) But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

### **Mary Magdalene - a woman with 7 demons - a follower of Christ**

Luke 8:1-2 After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, (2) and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out;

### **Zacchaeus - a rich man and thief - restoration, repentance and restitution**

Luke 19:1-9 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. (2) A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. (3) He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. (4) So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. (5) When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." (6) So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. (7) All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." (8) But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." (9) Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.

## **There was great joy in the city - this is the effect of MESSIAH on a people**

Remember Isa 61: is talking about the Spirit of the LORD is on me - this is MESSIAH - the ANOINTED ONE

Acts 8:1-12 And Saul approved of their killing him. On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. (2) Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. (3) But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison. (4) Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. (5) Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the *Messiah* there. (6) When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. (7) For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. (8) *So there was great joy in that city.* (9) Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, (10) and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is rightly called the Great Power of God." (11) They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his sorcery. (12) But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

### **Call to Action:**

#### **1) Salvation**

#### **2) Let Christ either Begin or continue his work in our lives**

- The work of healing of hearts
- The work of setting us free from any remnants of the captivity
- The work of renewal - renewing of our minds (Titus 3:5 & Rom 12:2)
- The work of transformation and change