



Be Different

Healing for the Soul

Two “Extremes”

Biblical Counseling – “no place for psychology”

Psychology viewed as detrimental.

The Bible should be the sole source for guiding pastoral counselors

Salvation by Therapy – “no place for God”

Where Psychology Can Help

The background of the slide features a collection of stylized, semi-transparent fish. There are approximately seven goldfish of various sizes and orientations, and one blue fish positioned to the right of the center. The fish are rendered in a soft, painterly style with visible scales and fins.

Gives us insight into why we do the things we do.
(personally and in relationships)

Reminds us how we are shaped by our past and our relationships.

Where Psychology Falls Short

Many psychological approaches assume a high level of determinism.

Many psychological approaches eliminate the spiritual dimension of life.

Christian Perspective: the foundational human problem is alienation from God.

Isaiah 53:4-6

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.



Jesus Takes Our Sin

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Shalom – peace, completeness, soundness

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Jesus Offers Healing

Matthew 8

¹⁶ That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.”

The suffering of Jesus was corrective. He was willing to suffer in order that He might correct us and perfect us, so that His suffering might not begin and end in suffering, but that it might begin in suffering and end in healing.

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Remember the Now & Not Yet Kingdom

Present Salvation ----- Future Salvation

Present Transformation ----- Future Transformation

Present Healing ----- Future “Complete Healing”

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Matthew 4:23-24

²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them.

Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever!