



**OPENING SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 51:17

**INTRODUCTION:** We can wish for a lot of things. To be rich, to be healthy, to be smart, to be in love, to be strong, to be at peace, to be happy. But God calls us to a place where all of this becomes a reality on a different plain.

**MAIN TEXT:** Galatians 5:16-17

**OUTLINE:**

## I. Brokenness First

**A. You Wish!** We would love to start out with the best. The best house, the best furniture, the best job, the best car... YOU WISH! Most people have to start at a different level and work their way up. You might start out with a one thing and work your way toward what you really desire.

- i. Starting with less is not a bad thing. It is actually a blessing. It can be the same way with the kingdom. God is not our genie. He does not cause us to get all that we wish or pray for. He allows us to learn from our mistakes – as He gave us free choice. He allows us to learn from our struggles – that our bad choices often lead us to.
- ii. Don't be afraid to admit that you are broken in areas. Come to God and don't be afraid to be vulnerable. Share with Him your weaknesses.

**B. Broken Roadmap:** All of us have a "broken roadmap". We all started out in Sin: So we all start broken. We could not appreciate Holy if we did not see evil. We could not love righteousness and thirst for it if we did not taste the bitter consequences of wickedness.

- i. In Sin - brings Hell

A lot happens in between this process

- ii. In Christ - brings Heaven!

## II. Christ Our Well

**A. Draw from Jesus.** In the Old Testament, Wells were very important and were often landmarks for generations and even landmarks for God's

provision. Some have suggested that Wells represent God's truth and true doctrine in the O.T.

- i. Today, we need to draw from the truth. There are oceans of information out there that will try to deceive us and confuse us. We need our eyes open wide to God's truth and God's mind so we are drawing from His Well of truth. A well is intentional and dug for people to drink from a safe source for years to come.
- ii. Jesus spoke to the woman at the well. It was Jacob's well. The woman became very confused when Jesus offered to give her "living water" from a well that would never run dry. Or drink "living water so that you never thirst again". The woman was even confused about where the correct location was to worship. **John 4:14** (NASB).

**B. Truth and True Doctrine: Numbers 21:16-17;**

"beer" means "well in Hebrew".

They celebrated the waters. It was a return to God after wondering in the wilderness after not believing God's truth and ability to give them the land.

**Jeremiah 2:13**

God wants to make us whole: But in order to be whole, we must drink from the wells He digs. If we dig our own, we will simply have a **hole** or pit...There will be nothing in there that can make us **Whole!**

**Revelation 7:17** (NLT)

**Revelation 21:6**