



## **THE CONDITION OF THE HEART PART 2 - BRAND NEW HEART BRAND NEW CREATION**

In the first resource we looked at the true state of heart we are all born with, and the necessity to have a reference for this true state or condition. This state is deceitful and desperately sick, and this is caused by partaking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. All of humanity has been infected and influenced by the taking of the fruit of this tree.

In this resource we will look at what it is to receive a brand-new heart, who this comes from and how it all comes about.

The Father didn't create us with this heart condition. This condition came about through the choice of man, but due to the Father's overwhelming goodness towards His cherished creation, mankind, He came up with a solution to this eternal problem of the spirit.

The solution: To give man a brand new heart, to make him into a NEW creation.

***Ezekiel 36:26 Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.***

***2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.***

Let's unpack the verse in Ezekiel and look at what the Father will perform on our behalf and what he requires us to do.

The Father;

1. Gives us a brand new HEART
2. Puts a new SPIRIT within us
3. Removes the heart of STONE
4. Gives us a HEART of FLESH



Ezekiel is very clear from the outset. It is the Father and the Father alone who does this work.

This is God's way. He is the One who gives, and He is the One who removes. This God given truth applies to everything pertaining to life and godliness. God is the One who performs the work, and we are the recipients of this work within us.

***Philippians 2:13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.***

Ezekiel gives us insight into what Jesus was saying in Luke 9, when He told James and John, they didn't know what spirit they were of. They hadn't received the brand-new spirit Ezekiel spoke of yet, hence their lack of faith caused their behaviour to miss the mark.

God takes the heart of stone we are all born with and replaces it with a heart of flesh. A heart that is alive. This heart is fertile, soft, malleable, teachable, hungry and thirsty. The heart is prepared and ready to receive the seed of life, called the Word of God, giving the seed a nourishing and rich environment in which to grow and flourish.

The receiving of this brand new Heart and Spirit which God gives, instantly brings us into a brand new life in the One who gave it - Jesus Christ. This is what Paul is testifying to in 2 Corinthians 5:17. Let's look at this.

If anyone is IN CHRIST;

1. They are a new creature.
2. Old things have passed away, meaning the old heart and life.
3. New things have come, meaning we now have a NEW Heart and Spirit in us and we can testify of this new reality, this brand new creature life.

The person who receives this brand-new heart and spirit is now experiencing this new creation life in Christ. This is not a modification of their old life. It is not an adjustment of a life that although not perfect wasn't too bad. No, this is a brand-new life of the Spirit,



in Jesus Christ Himself. This life has no beginning of days nor end. It is not a life tied to the physical, through parents, genealogy, bloodlines, culture, colour, ethnicity or earthly relationships.

A brand-new life, received through a brand-new heart. A born-again life of the Spirit and in the Spirit. A heart of stone replaced by a heart of flesh. A heart of stone birthed from the dust, the earth, the natural and the physical. Cold and hard and focused on function and accomplishment, rather than a living breathing heart of flesh focused on relationship and devotion to its creator.

This is why it is essential we are all born again, baptised by Jesus Christ Himself in the Holy Spirit and fire as per the Scriptures.

***Matthew 3:11 "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."***

***Luke 24:49 "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."***

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ makes the receiving of this brand-new life in God possible. With man it is impossible but with God all things are possible. By dying and being raised from the dead, Jesus made receiving this new life fully possible for us all.

When we receive the One who said, "I am the resurrection and the life", the One who is the power of God in our inner most being, just like Paul did, we are born into a brand new eternal life. Our heart is now ready to hear, receive, accept, and believe the Word of God which performs a work of forming the life of Christ, which is eternal, within us.

This is the promise of God for every follower He has predestined to know Him, and what an amazing promise it is.





### QUESTIONS

1. What are your thoughts or insights regarding God doing all the work, giving us a new heart and spirit, while we do nothing?
2. Why does it have to be God and God alone who does this work?
3. How is a new life in Christ so different from an old life of self?
4. How much time, energy, focus, effort and strength goes into trying to die to this old life, as opposed to just living from the new life in Christ and why?
5. Being baptised in the Holy Spirit and fire and being clothed from power can only come from Christ Himself - why?
6. What impact does this baptism and being clothed have on our entire being and why?

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