



THE CONDITION OF THE HEART PART 3 - GIVE YOUR WHOLE HEART TO THE LORD

In the second resource we unpacked how the Father gives us a brand new heart and a brand new spirit through the death and resurrection of His Son. He removes our hearts of stone and replaces them with hearts of flesh.

The question we must all ask ourselves is why. Why did the Father go to such extraordinary lengths to redeem us?

To reconcile us, restoring the relationship He created us to have with Him, called Fellowship - Spiritual Oneness with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is from this work of God we now have the capacity and ability to love Him with ALL our heart, soul and strength, as opposed to devoting ourselves to loving ourselves and those in our lives.

A divided heart is not a whole heart. A heart that is in love with oneself and others is incapable of loving the Lord as per the Lord's instruction or commandments, hence the need for the Father to give us a brand new heart and a brand new spirit.

Through this heart transplant we find ourselves able to live out what the truth calls us to, beginning with the first commandment in this new covenant. The greatest commandment given to us by the Father. One of the primary purposes of our calling. To love Him with all that we are.

Mark 12:28-31 One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?" Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Unless we have experienced this heart transplant through the work of the Holy Spirit, being born of His Spirit and power, not only will we fail to keep the first commandment,



but we will also fail to keep the second. The second commandment is only made possible by the first and the first is only made possible by the work of the Spirit through revelation.

We will be left trying to keep both commandments from a heart of stone, and a spirit of pride, desperately striving to live out what the truth calls us to from our own strength. No matter how good our intentions are we will fail miserably. Each failed attempt will cause us to become more and more frustrated and disillusioned.

We run the risk of becoming so disillusioned that we walk away from the One we are to become one with. Settling for our own version of loving God and humanity from our own broken, earthly state. This is sin, (missing the mark), when we fail to live by the standard of faith, because we are living from a position of flesh.

Is this speaking to you right now?

Is this in fact you?

Are you able to identify with this reality?

If so, there is incredible hope for you. The Father longs to do this deep work of transformation within you, but you must be willing to relinquish your entire life unto Him. All of your ways, control, desires, dreams, passions and purposes must be released. In other words, you must lose your life for His sake, where it has nothing to do with what you will gain in return.

Matthew 10:39 "He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it."

There is gain to be received but we don't lose our lives based on receiving the gain. We lose our lives based on who He is and His words of spirit and life. This is why the work of God is to believe and not doing anything functionally first.

John 6:29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."



I have seen many that have, rejected, resisted, denied, deflected and justified their way out of this way of heaven, opting instead for the ways of man. These other ways promise much, often require little and always deliver the same result...nothing.

They look new and they sound new, but they are just more forms of flesh painted up as the spirit. In other words and as the saying goes, 'they are mutton dressed up as lamb'.

A classic example of this is doing the works of God. We read about the works of God in the scriptures, and we see them as a means of getting to God without having to give up our lives. These works are solely initiated by us, not Him and are for the purpose of deflecting the real issue, the true state of our hearts.

We see this reality clearly in a number of scriptures.

Psalm 51:16-19 For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. By Your favor do good to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem. Then You will delight in righteous sacrifices, In burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then young bulls will be offered on Your altar.

Mark 12:32-33 The scribe said to Him, "Right, Teacher; You have truly stated that He is One, and there is no one else besides Him; and to love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as himself, is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

Matthew 9:10-13 Then it happened that as Jesus was reclining at the table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were dining with Jesus and His disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, "Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?" But when Jesus heard this, He said, "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire compassion, and not sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."



The burnt offerings and sacrifices in today's context, are the fleshly works that we create, determine, and perform using His name as the justification for our own way, believing that in these works, we are living a life of sacrifice unto the Lord. We believe this is proving our love for Him and others with all we are.

Unfortunately, nothing can be further from the truth.

What we fail to realise is that this way of works is worthless. We want to believe we are building something in and for Him, but the truth is any works initiated by us are pointless, worthless and mean nothing to the Father as He describes in 1 Corinthians 13 and the passages above.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

Works for God, whether they are inspired, empowered and led by Him or man, are not the evidence of our love for Him and others. Having the FRUIT of His Spirit being formed and built within us, while at the same time being manifested through us is.

We were created for this very purpose. To partake of the covenant of love, where we get to love the Father and Son with every part of our entire being, just like they love us, and from this position, love humanity with this incorruptible love.

John 13:34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another."

So with all this in mind, are you ready and prepared to take a step towards this new life in Christ, by fully trusting in who He is and in what He says, relinquishing the control of your



very existence unto Him for His and His gospels sake?
This is the question I will leave with you to consider.

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