



THE CONDITION OF THE HEART PART 6 - THE WORD WRITTEN ON OUR HEARTS

Under the New Covenant we are given a new promise by God and this promise is incredible for all those in Christ.

Jeremiah spoke of this future promise while he was alive, even though it would not be realised in his day. This promise would be received in the future by all those in and under this New Covenant. We also see the author of Hebrews declaring this promise that has and will be realised for all those in and under this New Covenant.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 “Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord. “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the Lord, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the Lord, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

Hebrews 8:10-11 “For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel After those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their minds, And I will write them on their hearts. And I will be their God, And they shall be My people. And they shall not teach everyone his fellow citizen, And everyone his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ For all will know Me, From the least to the greatest of them.”

The outcome of having God write His living Word on our hearts which both authors identify, is that we no longer need man to teach us. This doesn't mean we don't listen to other disciples who have a greater revelation of God than we do, but it does mean the Holy Spirit has become our literal Teacher and He is making known to us everything in Christ, pertaining to life and godliness.



He has become our first, the one we turn to rather than man or our fellow disciples. This reality is incredibly exciting because there are unlimited possibilities for us to receive and enter into the revealed knowledge of Christ, within which are contained all the mysteries of His kingdom.

Matthew 13:11 Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted."

1 Corinthians 4:1 Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

We see under the Old Covenant the Word of God was written on two tablets of stone, by God Himself through the power of His finger.

Exodus 31:18 When He had finished speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, He gave Moses the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written by the finger of God.

This is a foreshadowing of what was to come in the future. The Word would no longer be written on tablets of stone, but on the hearts or every follower who believes and confesses Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

2 Corinthians 3:2-3 You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men; being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

God Himself through the agency of His Spirit, writes His living Word on our hearts and minds, bringing us into the living knowledge of God, life, which empowers us to live out and demonstrate this new life which is being formed within us called the wisdom of God.

The more His Word is written on our new hearts and minds through the Holy Spirit being our Teacher, the more we find ourselves being the living and tangible reflection and expression of His glory.



2 Corinthians 4:6-12 For God, who said, “Light shall shine out of darkness,” is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death works in us, but life in you.

Look at how we as His followers can live when we have the reality of God’s glory being formed within us through having His Word written upon our hearts. It truly is a supernatural life and way of living, not known to man, but known to God.

QUESTIONS

1. Why are the prophetic promises in God, like the one in Jeremiah 31, so essential for the church today?
2. What would be the consequences for the church to ignore or not know about these promises?
3. What is your current reference point for the Holy Spirit being your literal Teacher as opposed to looking to man?
4. How has your life been impacted and empowered through having the Word written on your heart?

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