

### **The Transformed Heart**

*But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. **Romans 10:8-10 T***

*From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. **2 Corinthians 5:16-17***

### **The Deal with the Heart**

*As in water face reflects face, so the heart of man reflects the man. **Proverbs 27:19***

*“I the Lord search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.” **Jeremiah 17:10***

*But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” **1 Samuel 16:7***

### **What’s in our Hearts?**

*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? **Jeremiah 17:9***

*But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. **Matthew 15:18,19***

### **Circumcision Was a Matter of the Heart**

*And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. **Deuteronomy 30:6***

*Circumcise yourselves to the Lord; remove the foreskin of your hearts, O men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem... **Jeremiah 4:4***

### **A New Creation in Christ**

*I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

**Galatians 2:20**

*The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. **Luke 6:45***

### **Fear and Pride in the Heart**

*“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **Matthew 5:10***

*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. **Ephesians 2:8-9***

*But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God. **Romans 2:29***

### **God Cares about the Why**

**Matthew 6:1-7; 16-18**

*“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.*

*Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. ...*

*And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. ...*

*And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ...*

*And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.”*

**Check your hearts!!!**