

Series:

From Membership
to Discipleship

*Christ's Disciples Have
New Hearts*

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Scripture Text

John 3:3-7 KJV

7 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. **4** Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? **5** Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7** Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Key Take-away

Disciples of Christ
have received **New
Hearts.**

The Decision That Changes Everything

When a person
decides to *follow*
Christ, changes
occur in their...

- direction
- priorities
- purpose
- destiny

1. A new heart is born by God's Word and His Spirit.

John 3:5-7 KJV

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2. A new heart is born when the Truth of God's forgiveness is believed.

Romans 10 KJV

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

3. A new heart produces a new beginning.

2 Corinthians 5 NKJV

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**; **old things have passed away**; behold, all things have become new.

18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ...

4. The new heart comes with the desire to know and obey its Savior.

Philippians 2:13 TLB

For God is at work within you, helping you want to obey him, and then helping you do what he wants.

Luke 8:35 NKJV

Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

5. Your new heart is safeguarded by God Himself

Philippians 1:6 NKJV

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

John 10 NKJV

27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.



Self-examination

What to DO now?

- Let's examine ourselves for confirmation of having received a New Heart
- Is my New Heart desiring Christ's Discipleship?

This week commit 2nd Corinthians 5:17
to memory.

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