

Using the New Heart, part 2

- I.** 'Heart' used as metaphor in implies the person's intent, purpose, or motive (Prov. 23:9-b).
1. 'Heart' is the interaction of the person's mind (Mk.2:8), emotion (Jn. 14:1), and will (2 Cor. 9:7).
 2. Christians still have their old, natural heart (Eph. 4:2).
 3. At salvation, the believer, in the realm of his spirit, has access to:
 - 1) The mind of Christ—*new way of thinking* (1 Cor. 2:16).
 - 2) Participation in the divine nature—*new desires* (2 Pet. 1:4; Phil. 2:13).
 - 3) The Holy Spirit as the *new divine teacher* (1 Jn. 2:20, 27).
- II.** When using the new heart, the believer's soul/emotions are under control (Eph. 4:19-20).
1. He measures his motives by Scripture (Heb. 4:12).
 2. He continues gaining illumination to truth that began at salvation (2 Cor. 4:4).
 - 1) "Calling" always initial salvation (Rom. 8:30).
 - 2) Illumination is a continuing process (Eph. 1:18).
 - 3) Hope from our calling (*cf.* Heb. 10:23, 11:1).
 - i. Riches of His majesty.
 - ii. In relationship to His inheritance (*cf.* Eph. 1:11).
 - 4)
 3. He continues to be strengthened regarding living the Christian life (Heb. 13:9; Gal. 5:16).
 4. He learns to use love (1 Jn. 3:18-21).
 - 1) Directed at other Christians (Jn. 13:34, *cf.* 1 Jn. 2:19).
 - 2) To gain confidence before the Father in asking prayer.
 5. He determines to make Christ Lord/Master (1 Pet. 3:15; Eph. 3:17).