

### **Using the New Heart, part 3**

- I.** ‘Heart’ is a figure of speech indicating the person’s mind, emotions, and will—pictures intent, motive (Heb. 4:12).
1. Belief in in the heart: a rational (mind) decision (will) with emotions subordinate to the reasoning (Rom. 10:10).
  2. Continued intellectual enlightenment of spiritual truth is in the new heart using the mind of Christ (Eph. 1:18; 1 Cor. 2:16).
- II.** The spiritual Christian prioritizes Christ in his new heart.
1. In his new heart he sets aside Christ as Lord: slave Master (1 Pet. 3:15).
  2. Christ will make His ‘home’ in the Christian’s new heart who is rooted and grounded by love (Eph. 3:17).
  3. The Lord directs the new heart of the spiritual Christian who: (2 Thes. 3:5).
    - 1) Loves God the Father (1 Jn. 4:20-21).
    - 2) Is patient regarding The Christ.
      - i. Patience, a human acquired skill concerning circumstances (*cf.* longsuffering Gal. 5:22; Jam. 5:7-8).
      - ii. The Christ (1 Cor. 12:12).
        - a). Christ the Head (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:15-16; Col. 1:18).
        - b). The Church is the Body.
      - iii. Rationally knowing one’s role within the Body—patience in how it works.
        - a). As a unit, all parts of the Body are of equal value in God’s view (1 Cor. 12:21).
        - b). God values every part, regardless of appearance to humans (1 Cor. 12:23-24).
        - c). Understanding the Head-Body relationship, the Body does not “run the show” (Eph. 4:16; Col. 2:19).
        - d). All ‘needs’ will be met.