

Using the New Heart, part 4

I. The new heart: new mind of Christ, will, and emotions.

1. Belief is in the new heart—conception (Rom. 10:10; 1 Jn. 3:9; 1 Pet. 1:23).
2. Illumination to spiritual truth takes place in the new heart (Eph. 1:18).
3. The Christian is instructed to set Christ aside, as Lord, in his new heart (1 Pet. 3:15). Lordship **because of** salvation, not Lordship **for** salvation.
4. Christ will make His home in the new heart if the Christian:
 - 1) Through The Faith has a propensity in overcoming his three spiritual enemies.
 - 2) He practices the New Commandment—loving the brethren.

II. Christ as Lord directs the believer's new heart into love (2 Thes. 3:5).

1. Highly conditional: aorist optative mood.
2. "That the Lord may begin to direct your hearts into the love of God *the Father*."
3. Condition: loving the Father (1 Jn. 3:16; 4:21; Jn. 13:34).
4. Result: patience regarding The Christ.
5. The Christ (1 Cor. 12:12).
 - 1) Christ the Head (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:15-16; Col. 1:18).
 - 2) The Church is the Body.
6. Rationally knowing and performing one's role within the Body—patience in how it works, not second guessing the Head.
 - 1) As a unit, all parts of the Body are of equal value in God's view (1 Cor. 12:21).
 - 2) God values every part, regardless of appearance to humans (1 Cor. 12:23-24).
 - 3) Understanding the Head-Body relationship, the Body does not "run the show" or "know how to do it better" (Eph. 4:16; Col. 2:19).
 - 4) Patience that all 'needs' will be met.