

Using the New Heart, part 5

I. At our spiritual conception we are given access to a quality of the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16).

1. This new mind constitutes a **new heart**: new mind, we still have old/natural will, old/natural emotions.
2. It is in the realm of the new heart that the Christian:
 - 1) believes, has faith (Rom. 10:10).
 - 2) Is illumined to spiritual truth (Eph. 1:18).
 - 3) Sets Christ apart as Lord (1 Pet. 3:15).
 - 4) Christ may make a home (Eph. 3:17).
 - i. By overcoming the spiritual enemies.
 - ii. By practicing the New Commandment.
 - 5) Christ as Lord directs the believer's love (2 Thes. 3:5).
 - i. Knowing and appreciating how the Body works.
 - ii. Developing patience that the Head is in control of all circumstances.
 - 6) ***Recognizing and understanding the new heart, necessitates Divine enabling preceding human responsibility and action.***

II. Peace can referee in the new heart (Col. 3:15).

1. Peace is an unruffled mind, tranquility of rationale—not an emotional feeling (Jn. 14:27).
 - 1) The world's peace is a mirage, the illusion of security.
 - 2) Christ's peace:
 - i. Not agitated emotion, nor a hopeless feeling (Jn. 14:27).
 - ii. Having faith that the Lord is "at hand", time and proximity (Phil. 4:5-7; Heb. 13:5-6).
 - a) Communicate to God.
 - b) Peace guards the heart: emotions.
 - c) Peace guards the workings of the mind.
2. Peace Referees emotions regarding other Christians.
3. Realizing we all have the same calling—salvation (Rom. 8:30).
4. Appreciating that we are all one Body.
5. Resulting in thankfulness for the grace that provided all spiritual benefits (v. 16).