

The Inner Man and the New Heart

I. Two metaphors: 'heart' and 'inner man'.

1. The 'heart' is comprised of the mind, will and emotions.
 - 1) The natural heart: carnal mind, will, and emotions.
 - 2) The new heart: mind of Christ, will and emotions.
 - 3) 'Heart' emphasizes motive, purpose, intent.
2. The 'inner man' is comprised of the person as he relates to his new birth—divine enabling.
 - 1) It in the realm of the human spirit.
 - 2) It includes all three Persons of the Godhead as a result of their indwelling the Christian.

II. The "hidden man of the heart" uses God's standards, not human values or social norms (1 Pet. 3:4).

1. The context: like the Shepherd and His sheep (1 Pet: 2:25).
 - 1) Saved wives who have an unsaved husband:
 - 2) He is to be won over by her blameless behavior (3:1-2).
 - 3) In subjection to God's designed order for the home.
 - 4) She will win by this demeanor, not vocally, not by seductive appearance.
 - Eternal vs. internal
 - Physical vs. spiritual
 - Decayable vs. non-decayable
2. God's organizational design for the married woman.
 - 1) Be in subjection, place at disposal for spiritual benefits (Eph. 5:22-24 *cf.* 21).
 - 2) Recognize God's creative order as it functions in the home (1 Cor. 11:3, 8-9, 12).
 - 3) Behave modestly in a church meeting (1 Cor. 34; 1 Tim. 2:10-14).
 - 4) Keep the home (Tit. 2:5).
 - 5) Have behavior that reflect Spirit filling (Col. 3:16, 18).

III. Men and women have equal value, different roles (Gal. 3:28).

1. God created male and female (Gen. 1:27).
2. We were procreated and designed as male or female (Mt. 19:4).
3. Equal value does not mean the same in function.