

# The New Heart

## The Complete Package

*Hebrews 10:11-18*

### Jesus is Our Priest

- Jesus is described as our priest and a priest represents people to God. Jesus represented all those whom the Father chose to save.
- He offered his own life on the cross as his sacrificial offering to the Father on behalf of those whom he represented.

### Jesus Purchased our Salvation

The death of Jesus Christ on the cross, his sacrificial offering, purchased complete forgiveness of sins and a changed life for all those who are going to believe. *Hebrews 10:14*

## The New Heart

### Definition of New Heart

As a result of the death of Jesus Christ everyone who becomes a believer becomes an incurable God-lover. The believer is in love with Jesus Christ and desires to follow him. *1 Peter 1:8-9, Romans 6:17-18*

### Law in the Heart

*Hebrews 8:10-11*

- The changed life that Jesus purchased for every believer is described as “*I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.*” This does not refer to actual laws being put into your physical heart or having laws engraved on your brain. It refers to a new motivation that the believer inherits as a result of becoming a believer. *Hebrews 10:14-18*
- This new motivation is the work of the Holy Spirit that Jesus purchased for the believer that guarantees that the believer will have a changed life. *Romans 7:5-6*

### Fulfillment of Old Testament Prophecy

- The transforming work of the Spirit was prophesied in the Old Testament. *Ezekiel 36:24-27, Jeremiah 31:31-33*
- Israel was an unbelieving picture of the people of God. The true people of God are those who have received this transforming work of the Spirit
- The New Covenant era is the age of fulfillment where we see this transforming work of the Spirit in the people of God. *John 3:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:11, Titus 3:4-6*

## The Work of the Spirit in the life of the Believer

*Romans 8:1-14*

### Inability of the Law to Transform

- Law cannot transform anyone, it has no power for transformation. *Romans 7, Romans 8:1-4*
- The only source of change is the work of the Spirit that Jesus Christ purchased on the cross for those for whom he died. *Romans 8:1-4*

### Radical Difference between a Believer and an Unbeliever

*Romans 8:5-9*

- The unbeliever is someone who is controlled by sin and is therefore self-centered and a God-hater. *Romans 3:10-18, 1 Corinthians 2:14*
- The believer loves Jesus more than sin and self. *Romans 6:1-2, 17-18*

- The believer is controlled by the Spirit in the sense that he cannot miss experiencing the work of the Spirit that Jesus purchased for him.
- Paul's argument: If you are a believer then the Spirit lives in you. If the Spirit lives in you then the Spirit controls you. If the Spirit controls you then you will have a changed life. A believer is quite different in behavior from an unbeliever.

*Romans 8:12-14*

- If your life is not characterized by living for Jesus Christ then you will go to hell. It is impossible to be a believer and not have a changed life. *James 2:14-26, 1 John 3:7-10, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11*
- All believers will have a life that is characterized by living for Jesus Christ. *Ephesians 2:10*
- All believers are being *led by the Spirit* into a changed life that Jesus purchased for them.
- The leading of the Spirit is not something that believers are supposed to identify and follow, but it is the constant work of the Spirit causing them to hate sin and love Christ.

### **Sin Shall NOT be Your Master**

*Romans 6:14*

#### **Not Under Law**

- The historical example of being under law is the nation of Israel under the Old Covenant. *Galatians 3:21-25*
- The law of the Old Covenant could not transform anyone. *Hebrews 7:18-19, Hebrews 8:7-8*
- Law in any era can only result in more sin in the life of the unbeliever. *Romans 7:5*

#### **But Under Grace**

- The age of the work of the Spirit is the New Covenant era. Now the real people of God will experience this transforming work of the Spirit. *Titus 2:11-13*
- All believers are internally motivated by the Spirit of God to live for Jesus Christ. Grace will always result in a changed life. Grace includes not only forgiveness of sins but a changed life. *Hebrews 10:14-18*

### **Evidence of the New Heart**

#### **Love for God**

A believer will be an incurable God-lover. *1 Peter 1:8*

#### **Desire not to Sin**

A believer will not be content to stay in his sin. *1 John 3:6*

#### **Love for Others**

A believer will not be characterized as unloving. *1 John 3:10, 1 John 4:19-21*