

Introduction:

 I Just Want to Know Your Heart!

Jesus be the Center!

- Recall the Hebrew vs. Greek mindset that Pastor Tim referred to last week.
- Our God is One and we will love Him with all our heart, soul, and strength. – Tri-part being (i.e., body, soul, and spirit)

“Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.” Deuteronomy 6:4-5 NLT

Tonight’s focus is on the eternal inward parts:

- Soul – mind , will, and emotions.
- Spirit – heart.

1. Connecting the mind and heart:

For the believer, the distance between the mind and the heart is bridged by Holy Spirit. Alignment comes between our spirit and Holy Spirit. We are temples of the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 6:19). This is our heritage as believers. We go from knowing information about God to affirmation that we are God’s children. We are new creatures in Christ Jesus with a new identity. His Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are God’s children (Romans 8:16). Children of the Light!

This all happens by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9). Our spirit, which was dead in sin, comes alive in Christ. Holy Spirit draws us into that love relationship with God that we were always meant for. We were created to love and be loved by God. Anything less leaves the human heart empty. The natural man (our body) can’t physically sense what God has prepared for His children. They are spiritually discerned. (I Corinthians 2:9-10,14 NKJV)

9-10) “But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.”

14) “But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

I Corinthians 2:9-10,14 NKJV

2. Transformed mind:

We can quickly change our mind and just as quickly change it back again. Which is precisely why we need a transformed or renewed mind (Romans 12:2). A mind where we take every

thought captive to the obedience of Christ that exalts itself against the knowledge of God (2 Corinthians 10:4-5). A humble and obedient mind like Christ. (Philippians 2:5,8)

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Romans 12:2 NKJV


“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”

II Corinthians 10:4-5 NKJV

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,”...

“And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.” Philippians 2:5,8 NKJV

The heart is meant to be the repository of God’s Word. The Word must be more than just “head knowledge.” God’s Word is sharp and powerful. When it goes forth, it does not return void. It accomplishes what it is meant to do. His Word comes alive when it is written on our hearts. Your Word have I hidden in my heart that I might not sin against You. (Psalms 119:10-11).

 Your words were found and I ate them, they became for me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I have been called by your name, O Lord God of hosts. (Jeremiah 15:16)

3. Our undivided heart after God’s heart:

God is not after cosmetic external change in us. He wants us to walk in the power of Holy Spirit to look and act like Jesus here on this earth. He cares far more about the inside than He does about the outside. Man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart. God spoke through the Prophet Joel to His people: “Rend your hearts and not your garments” (Joel 2:13).


We are instructed to keep our heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life (Proverbs 4:23). That’s a pretty solemn instruction (sounds like a “life and death” matter). Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks (Matthew 12:34). What’s on the inside will eventually come out when put under enough pressure.

God is after our hearts, our whole hearts. He is looking for undivided hearts (as He referred to King David in I Kings 14:8). He is jealous for us. Jesus expects to return for a spotless

Bride with no other lovers. We must retain our first love, put away our idols, be lovers of God rather than pleasure, and make Him the center of everything that we are. Jesus laid down His life as a ransom for many (that's you and me). He got what we deserved. He is worthy of nothing less!

Conclusion:

If there is no heart change, there is no lasting change! Holy Spirit, make me like Jesus. Work in me both to will and do your good pleasure (Philippians 2:13).

 Change my heart oh God, make it ever new. Change my heart oh God, may I be like you. You are the Potter and I am the clay, mold me and make me, this is what I pray.