

The Resurrected Heart

If you read history you will find that the Christians who did the most for the present world, were those who thought the most about the next world. – C.S. Lewis

Galatians 6:14

But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

Necessity of a Crucified Heart

Beloved our glory should not be in this world; for the construct of this world is fallen and has become vanity. We should glory in nothing but the cross of our LORD Jesus Christ. If we are to do this, we must crucify our heart to this world so that we may receive the world to come. The worldly heart defiles the man and seeks not after the things of God.

Matthew 15:18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. **19** For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: **20** These are *the things* which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

It is the heart that condemns mankind; the thoughts of the heart lead to the actions of the flesh. From heart to the mind, to the hands, to the feet. If we are to receive the things of God it is of a necessity that the heart must be crucified to the world and resurrected in a new spirit.

Psalms 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

We must create within us a new heart crucified to the world; how do we do this? We must humble ourselves before God and crucify the heart to the pride of this world; for through sin the heart has become wicked. Who can know it?

Who can know it? - It even hides itself from itself; so that its owner does not know it. A corrupt heart is the worst enemy the fallen creature can have; it is full of evil devices, - of deceit, of folly, and abomination, and its owner knows not what is in him till it boils over, and is often past remedy before the evil is perceived. Therefore, trust not in man whose purposes are continually changing, and who is actuated only by motives of self-interest. – Adam Clarke

To know the heart and its need for dying to this world one must be receptive to the spirit of God and not hardened as the heart of Pharaoh. **Exodus 8:32** And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go. To receive this spirit, one must crucify their heart to the world and receive the salvation of the LORD Jesus Christ.

Pharaoh did not want to let God's people go, and many do not want to let this world go and harden their heart to the calling of the Holy Spirit and deny God and accept the world and its vanity.

1 Corinthians 2:10 But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. **11** For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. **12** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

“Only the spirit of a man can know the things of a man within him; though the natural man does not know the plague of his own heart; the Pharisee and perfectionist do not, or they would not say they were without sin; such rant arises from the ignorance of their own hearts; only a spiritual man knows his own heart, the plague of it, the deceitfulness and wickedness in it; and he does not know it all; God only knows it fully,” – John Gill

Only through salvation and the receiving of the Spirit of God can one begin to know the depravity and wickedness of the heart. A worldly heart wars against the body and mind and is separated from God.

The Worldly Heart

The worldly heart; uncrucified to the world belongs to both sinner and saint; the difference is that the saint is counted righteous because of his belief and the sinner is not and indeed his worldly heart will condemn him to death; which is eternal separation from the Living God. The worldly heart belongs to the world and is the enemy of God.

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

Beloved, the believer must guard his heart at all times lest it fall through deception into the lusts of the world. Both Abraham and Lot were counted as righteous. But both failed at times; Abraham in faith and fear of the world, and Lot to the desires of the world.

James 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

Genesis 12:12 Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive. 13 Say, I pray thee, thou *art* my sister: that it may be well with me for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee.

Abraham had a crisis of faith as his heart feared the world more than it believed the promises of God. Abrahams lacked trust in Gods promises which also threatened their fulfillment.

2 Peter 2:7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: 8(For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed *his* righteous soul from day to day with *their* unlawful deeds;)

Genesis 13:11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

You see Lot thought the grass was greener toward the land of Sodom; he chose the cities of the plain of Jordan. He desired the greener pastures and accepted the sins of Sodom and endured living among them for the benefit of the green grass of the plain. He believed, but made a worldly choice and we know the results of that choice and the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. We must always guard our heart and the way to do that is to crucify it to the desires of the world.

1 Corinthians 3:12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

The believer's salvation is secure, but if our work is built upon anything other than the will of God; it will not endure. Therefore, it is important that are hearts be for the desire of the things of God and for His will, and crucified to the worldly desires which are but vanity and there is no reward in them.

The Resurrected Heart

Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

By confession with the mouth and belief in the heart in the LORD Jesus Christ; the heart will be renewed and through time become more and more crucified to the world and it will be resurrected a new heart. The resurrected heart will lead to the renewing of the mind and it is then that you will understand God's perfect will for you. A resurrected heart is a discerning heart. The resurrected heart leads to everlasting life; the worldly heart leads to everlasting damnation.

John 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

I Peter 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: 9 Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls.

(Beloved the world cannot see this nor can it understand it. The above verse can only be comprehended by the resurrected heart that glories in the cross and has been crucified to the world.)

10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you: 11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into. 13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. 17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning *here* in fear: 18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, 21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. 22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye* love one another with a pure heart fervently: 23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Beloved, the Resurrection of the heart leads to the Revelation of the LORD Jesus Christ. It is with the resurrected heart from the life of this world into the life of the world to come that we see the LORD Jesus Christ. Not to be seen with eyes, but rather seen with the heart, having understanding in the spiritual things not understood by the world. Let us glory in the resurrected heart in the LORD Jesus Christ and be desirous for the Glory of the Gospel and the proclaiming of it to the lost; that many hearts may be resurrected in the LORD and crucified to the world. Amen.

JESUS SAVES-To God be the Glory

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