

# Living from God's Loving Heart

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*“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” – Psalm 51:10*

- I. **When you receive Jesus by faith, God gives you a new, fully alive heart—a heart now “created in Christ Jesus to do good works” (Ephesians 2:10).**
  - A. “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone...and I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees” (Ezekiel 36:26-27).
  - B. You can ask for and expect your heart to “come alive” with love.
    1. Experiencing and becoming aware of mercy and eternal kindness (Ephesians 2:4-7)
    2. Our response is to give our lives to Jesus in faith and walk in good works God prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:8-10).
  
- II. **The whole essence of Christianity is choosing to live from the new you—the real you.**
  - A. When I receive Jesus, my heart delights in God; but I am aware of my sinful nature (Romans 7:21-25).
  - B. “There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The cross covers everything” (Romans 8:1-4).
  - C. There is much more. The Spirit of God living in my new heart overwhelms my old nature and even death itself (Romans 8:9-16).
    1. The Spirit is our deposit from God guaranteeing our resurrection from the dead (Romans 8:11).
    2. The tenderness of our God overwhelms everything in us that resists God (Romans 8:12-16; Song of Songs 4:9-10).
    3. Keys to tenderness: receiving, identity, truth, worship, prayer, thanksgiving, and fellowship
  
- III. **We are being transformed from glory to glory (II Corinthians 3:7-18).**
  - A. “Therefore...we are very bold” (II Corinthians 3:12). Example of Kingdom culture (Mark 4:39-40; 6:37, 49-52; Matthew 14:25-31; Mark 8:14-21; Matthew 17:19-21).
  - B. We are free (II Corinthians 3:17-18) — free from sin, free to love, free to be ourselves, free to risk, free not to be afraid, free to be fully alive, free to worship.

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