

THE CONDITION OF THE HEART PART 9 - THE LIFE THE HEART CAN KNOW AND EXPERIENCE

In this, the final part of the "Condition of the Heart" series, we will testify of the eternal life the heart can know and live from, if it is continuously abiding in Christ, just as it has been created to do. The heart that is wholeheartedly devoted to Christ, abiding in Him, is promised an abundance of eternal life within. To not know this life, is to not lay hold of the life we have been created for, a life in Him. The life that IS Christlike.

Here are the eternal qualities, values, attributes and culture of the heart that is and becoming more and more Christlike in nature, character and power.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Matthew 5:3-12 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

2 Peter 1:4-8 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, Discipleship Resources: The Condition of the Heart **+HEROCK**[®]



so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 6:24 Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with incorruptible love.

Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

These Scriptures testify of an eternal life which the church of Jesus Christ is to know, experience and be having formed within her. She is to have tasted of this life so she knows that the Lord is good. She is to be living from this life and having it continuously birthed within her through God's power, so she doesn't consider her adequacy coming from herself, but her Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:7-9 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.

Ephesians 1:18-20 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

When we have been raised in the POWER that rose Jesus from the grave, we will come



into this kind of life called an eternal life, IF we abide in this grace, which produces this life we read about in us. This is the absolute promise of God we can build our lives upon without any second guessing or doubt. It is HIS ABSOLUTE promise to us in His Son, Christ Jesus.

Matthew 13:11-12 Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. For whoever has, to him more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him."

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.

The only question we are left with is do we believe that this is the life we can know, experience and live from NOW, TODAY, as opposed to when we get to heaven?

Maybe start with that question for your discussion and see where the Spirit leads you.

QUESTIONS

- 1. Why is this an eternal life and not an earthly life?
- 2. What is it LIKE to have this eternal life being formed in you?
- 3. How has having this eternal life in you empowered you to live like Christ and walk in the manner he walked?
- 4. What are you recognising about your life through this resource?
- 5. What is the Spirit saying to you that you need to step into, in regards to this acknowledgement?

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