

Our hearts are full of sin. No one has to teach a child to lie, cheat, steal, or disobey. Why? Because we are born with a sin nature. From our hearts, we just naturally sin. Those who needed a physical transplant or a new heart had a diseased heart, worn out, with no hope. They volunteered for a new heart with nothing to lose and everything to gain for death was imminent anyway.

*D. L. Moody used to use this illustration:* He would say, "Suppose we could take your heart, place it in a glass cage and then suppose that everybody could walk by, look in that cage and see just what you are -- suppose everyone could see what you think, what you desire, what your motives are; all your secret thoughts." What would you do? Would you want to put drapes over the cage, or would you be willing to have any and all see your heart or would you admit you need a new heart? God says that every person has a heart that needs to be changed... *that we desperately need a new heart!*

### God Offers Us a New Heart:

God wants to give you a new heart. God told Israel in Ezekiel 36:26-27 "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them."

You will find very similar words in Hebrews, chapter eight. God does not offer the transplant of a new physical heart, but the implanting of His own Divine nature. This is what we must have -- a spiritual heart transformation or we will continue in our sin toward an eternity without God.

*This infusing into man's life, spiritual life that which he does not have --- means to be born again:* In John 3:3-7, Jesus said we must be born again. *This is a birth of the Spirit of God.*

In John 1:11-13, we read the following: "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: Which were born, (not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man), but of God."

(Consider Titus 3:5; II Corinthians 5:17)

### God Alone Can Give You a New Heart:

Only God can perform the miracle of a complete transformation of the heart... and thus of the life itself. Our sinful heart is incurably wicked, hopeless. It can't be improved, we can't just patch it up. **The world tries:** education, environment, self-improvement ideas, changes, reformation, baptism, works, church membership, etc. We need a brand new heart for we won't be in heaven without a new heart. In our sin, the wrath of God abides on us. (Jh 3:36)

The Bible says: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Rom. 10:13) And again we read: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." (Acts 16:31) Christ is the way, the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father but by Him. (Read John 14:6) *Come to Jesus today, receive HIM as your LORD and Savior. Ask Him into your life now! If you would confess your sin, and ask Him into your heart, He would save you now.* (Romans 10:9,10) Today is the day of salvation, come to Him NOW.

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# How Is Your Heart?

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Now you find yourself in the hospital, ill, and wondering what is going to happen, or you are a loved one who is waiting and standing by. This can be such a difficult time with many fears, but it could be different for you!

I have been where you are! On June 1, 2006, I went into coronary by-pass surgery at the **University Hospital** here in Augusta, GA., with Dr. Michael Watts M. D. as my **very good surgeon**. Previous procedures revealed that stents, etc., would not meet the need.

Over the weeks at **University Hospital**, I have nothing but praise for the wonderful care I received by compassionate, loving, very capable servants. They all showed much patience and a servant's heart. I could not be more pleased.

God, who loves you, is very concerned about where you are, what you are facing and how it will effect you. In His love and grace, He desires to minister to your life through this event. As the Lord of Glory, by His sovereign power it is His desire to meet your every need.

## ***The Wonderful Heart God Has Given You!***

*The heart is a mighty creation of a great God.* Your heart is the central organ of the vascular system, a muscle that propels the blood through the body by contractions and dilations. The heart is a large muscle, weighing about 3/4 of a pound and has the most difficult job of any organ in the body.

Hold out your hand, clinch the fingers into a fist, let the fingers relax slightly, then squeeze them together powerfully. Imagine that you repeated this with your hand, 60 to 70 times every minute, without stopping, hour upon hour and you have done this since before you were born.

The heart is a pump that moves a stream of liquid known as the blood throughout the entire body. This blood carries with it life to all the cells throughout the body. The heart beats or contracts between 60 to 80 times a minute, 4,320 times an hour, 100,000 times a day, or 40 million times a year. It exerts enough energy every 24 hours to raise a 2 lb. weight 12 miles into the air, and it moves more than 10 tons of blood during this period. Oh, how magnificent is this organ that we so often ignore and know so little about.

### ***Consider the Following:***

The word, *heart*, is used over 900 times in the Word of God so surely it must be important.

*Consider with me that we use the word heart in a number of different ways.* Generally we use it in three different ways --

- 1) ***as the seat of our affection***, so we speak of loving someone with all our heart. We use the

word **heart** to speak of affections, or emotions. We sometimes make a drawing of a heart to speak of our love and giving all we have.

- 2) ***We use it to speak of zeal, courage or determination***, as we do something with all our heart. So we speak of someones heart of courage, and zeal as they give their whole heart to something they do.

And we use it to speak of

- 3) ***the physical heart in our bodies***, as I have described.

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In recent years modern medicine has achieved some of its greatest advances and many techniques are new in the past 30 years or so.

Now among other things that prolong life is a ***heart transplant...*** the hope of a prolonged life through the medium of receiving a new heart. At the first reported transplant in December of 1967 the American populous was in a stir. At that time it was hailed as the one of the greatest advances of recent years. How would you like to have been in that man's shoes to be the first one who gave a surgeon the right to take out, remove and replace your heart?

### ***We Need To Understand What the Bible Means By the Word, Heart.***

Consider the Scripture when it speaks of the **heart**. The word heart is mentioned over 900 times in the Bible. *What is God speaking about?* The heart is the very center of man's being... that is true of the organ and also true of God's meaning of the word heart. What you are inside is what you really are!

As the physical heart is the key to life and death, so the heart as used in the Word of God as that which is the very center of man's life.

In Acts 8:21, Peter said to Simon the sorcerer, "*For thy heart is not right in the sight of God.*" Was he speaking of a diseased heart? Peter was speaking about the fact that Simon did not have his life yielded to God. His affections, motives, and desires, were not according to the will of God.

### ***The heart is the center of our personality:***

*The Bible teaches us the following:*

1. With the heart, man thinks -- Hebrews 4:12
2. With the heart, man reasons -- Mark. 2:6-8
3. With the heart, man understands -- Matt. 13:15
4. With the heart, man believes -- Romans 10:9,10
5. The heart has emotions -- Matt. 22: 36-29
6. The heart wills, purposes, or determines -- II Cor. 9:7

### ***We ALL MUST HAVE A New Heart:***

***Man must have a heart right with God.*** In Psalms 139:23-24, we are told God looks on the heart, and He knows what is in your heart.

God has been in the business of giving **new hearts** for a long, long time, even for centuries. God has performed many heart operations on many millions of people who received **spiritually**, a new heart.

**Why do we need a new heart?** Because the heart is hateful, full of evil, set to sin and rebellious. It is prone to every kind of sin... covetous, hateful, bitterness, etc. In Jeremiah 17:9 we read "*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*"