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“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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The Heart of the Human Creature

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked” (Jeremiah 17:9).

Regarding the subject of the human heart as known as part of the mortal flesh and blood body, it is a miraculous organ of which numerous mysteries are being discovered about it by medical science continually. Just to consider that the average human being has approximately seventy (70) heart beats per minute equals 4200 beats per hour, and 100,800 beats per day! When we fall into a slumber of sleep, on any given night, our heart keeps on beating by the miracle of Gods sovereign design, as we are “fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 149:14).

Yet, there is another aspect of the human heart which is the fiber of our being. The Hebrew word “Leb”= (labe) used to describe the feelings, the will, and even the intellect. The Greek word “Kardia”= The heart, thoughts or feelings (mind). These scriptural words describe the innermost thoughts and feelings of our mortal bodies.

We hear often in the day in which we live of “heart transplants” of the natural blood pumping organ by medical science being accomplished often. Yet there is a spiritual transformation which one must experience in order to have a “heart after God”. When The Almighty God of the scriptures operates upon the human heart spiritually causing it to see oneself as a depraved, guilty and lost sinner, this is totally the operation and work of God, the spiritual Surgeon.

The (spiritual) condition of the heart is manifest in the feelings, behavior, performance and intellect of the mortal living soul. Prior to the operation of grace upon the spiritual heart of man his thoughts, intents, feelings and performance is totally self serving and sinful. “As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one” (Rom. 3:10). “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory (perfection) of God”

(Rom. 3:23). The prophet Isaiah penned, “Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou knowest not; yea, from that time that thine ear was not opened: for I knew that thou wouldest deal very treacherously, and wast called a transgressor from the womb” (Isa. 48:8). Is this not a picture of the natural born creature?

When man is operated upon by God The Almighty and born again by the Spirit of the living God, he becomes a NEW CREATURE in Christ Jesus! "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a NEW CREATURE: old things are passed away; behold, all things become NEW" (II Corin.5:17). For the newborn heir of free and sovereign grace has been renewed with this new heart and become a new man created by God in righteousness and true holiness. (Eph. 4:23-24). This new man's heart then begins to beat minute by minute, desiring to please and serve the living God, even Christ Jesus of whom we have to do.

Yet, beloved of God, we find ourselves in a battle, not with the old man with the old heart, but with the flesh which warreth against the new heart, it's feelings, desires, will and intellect. As the apostle Paul had penned, "For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate that do I. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to PERFORM that which is good I find not. (Rom. 7:15, 17, 18). For I delight in the law after the inward man, the NEW MAN, with the NEW HEART given of God by Christ Jesus.

Thanks be unto God our Saviour, that we which have been given a NEW HEART making up the NEW MAN no longer live with sin having dominion over us as before our spiritual heart transplant, but now desire to walk in the newness of life in Christ Jesus, as HE works in us causing us to both WILL and to DO of His good pleasure. (Phil,2:13).

Yes, dearly beloved of God, just as the fleshly organ the heart of the human creature continues to beat moment by moment, day by day, and year by year, until our sovereign Head desire it to stop, our spiritual heart shall continual to desire to beat desiring to please God and to live by the might of Christ in us the hope of glory. May he ever be praised, adored and worshipped as He ought as we are enabled by His Spirit.

To Christ be the glory, for GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE and CONTINUES TO DO.

Respectfully submitted, by Christ's merits alone I remain,

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