

The stony heart?
The deceitful heart?
The evil heart?
The uncircumcised heart?
The heart of wickedness?
The hardened heart?
The heart of lust?
The evil heart of unbelief?

Are these not all one and the same thing?

What is the solution to change this corrupt heart?

Deuteronomy 10:16 (NKJV) Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer.

Deuteronomy 30:6 (NKJV) And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

Jeremiah 4:14 (NKJV) O Jerusalem, wash your heart from wickedness, That you may be saved. How long shall your evil thoughts lodge within you?

Ezekiel 18:31 (NKJV) Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel?

Ezekiel 36:24-26 (NKJV) For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you *from all your filthiness* and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Who can come into the presence of the Lord? (Christ in us!)

Psalms 24:3-4 (NKJV) Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.

Matthew 5:8 (NKJV) Blessed *are* the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

Hebrews 12:14 (NKJV) Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

When were their hearts purified?

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Acts 15:8-9 (NKJV) So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as *He did* to us, and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

Hebrews 10:22 (NKJV) let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

As long as the heart is filled with sinfulness it defiles (makes unholy) a man and he is still under the power of sin unto death. The carnal mind is death. To be carnal is to be in bondage to sin.

He cannot give us a new heart and a new spirit until He removes old the stony heart first. You have to put off the old man before you can put on the new man.

Like Ezekiel says, as long as we keep telling carnal, sin- filled people that they are saved without a clean heart, we are giving life to those God has not given life to. They are being kept in a state of deception which may end in their destruction. We will get the whole picture at the judgment seat, but then it will be too late to do anything about it.

The gospel is tough!!! In New Testament days entering His Rest was normative. Nothing short of a clean heart was acceptable. How far we have fallen!!!

you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain. Exodus 25:5-7