

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half-truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."



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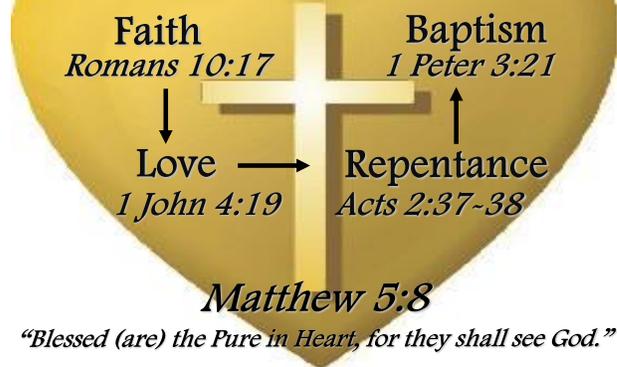
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## The Biblical Heart



## The Plan of Salvation Changes the Spiritual Heart



Like the physical heart, the Spiritual heart has four chambers. To be saved so one can see God, one must have a pure heart. After all, the sacrifice that God accepts is a broken and contrite heart. **Psalms 51:17**

The heart contains our **INTELLECT**, for one reasons with the heart – **Luke 5:22**, "But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What **reason ye in your hearts?**"

Our heart also contains our **EMOTIONS** – **Matthew 22:37**, "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt **love the Lord thy God with all thy heart**, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."

Our heart also contains our **WILL**, for it is our heart that purposes or wills – **2 Corinthians 9:7**, "Every man according as he **purposeth in his heart**, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

And our heart also has our **CONSCIENCE** for our heart condemns us – **1 John 3:20**, "For if **our heart condemn us**, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things."

So it is necessary for our intellect, emotions, will, and conscience to be changed to be pure so we may see God – **Matthew 5:8**, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

The plan of salvation is required to change all four of these functions of the Spiritual heart.

When we hear and believe we come to believe in Jesus so it changes our **INTELLECT** – **Romans 10:17**, "So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

This guides us to change our **EMOTIONS** because "We love Him because he first loved us." - **1 John 4:19**.

Likewise, our **WILL** is changed when we come to believe and love Jesus. We are pricked in our hearts and we will to obey Him as we are so pricked in our hearts we repent – **Acts 2:37-38**, "37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do? 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

When we gladly receive the Word, we are baptized and we receive the remission of sins and the Holy Spirit and the result is a good conscience toward God. **1 Peter 3:21**, "The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:"

We are added to those who are saved. **Acts 2:41, 47b**  
“41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls. 47b .....And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”

The heart thus purified, we can expect to see God. This agrees with **Romans 6:17-18**, “17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have **obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine** (death, burial, resurrection) **which was delivered you**. 18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.”

So it is true that He purifies our hearts when we obeyed the truth, etc. **1 Peter 3:22**, “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see *that* ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:”