

The Gospel According to...Your Heart

We (LSC) are on a precipice about to break through to another level; to the full glory of the MSA mantle. We see through the eyes of our heart and if we have any heart issues, we will not see the Gospel or Jesus clearly. That is why we need to purify our heart on a regular basis. Salvation happens once, but **purification of the heart** is a process of repentance, leading to obedience. Jesus said to the woman caught in adultery; *"Neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more"* (**Jn 8:10**). God is love just as Satan is hate and there is a war for our souls. Love and hatred collide but; *"Be angry, and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, 27 nor give place to the devil"* (**Eph 4:26-28**). Anger grows bitterness. Bitterness releases poison into our soul causing sickness, blurred vision, and hinders our prayers, blocking God's love.

True repentance leads to obedience. True obedience is learned through suffering. Through suffering with obedience, we learn how to love one another the way Jesus loves us. We purify our heart through obeying the Truth of the Cross; a willingness to suffer for Christ, thus dying to every offense and hurt in our heart.

Rom 8:17 *and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.* When we suffer with Christ, we are glorified together with Him.

Matt 16:24 *"Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."* The only way we can pick up our cross is to first **deny our self**. It is no longer about "my" rights, about what I do or don't deserve. It is about my unconditional-sacrificial love covering a multitude of sin (**Prov 10:12**).

Heb 5:7-9 *"who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, 8 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,"* Jesus learned obedience by His suffering and we will do the same.

1 Peter 1:22 *"Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,"* In order to love one another with a pure heart we will suffer.

1 Tim 1:5 *"Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience..."*

Love from a pure heart has no sin, rejection, resentment, unforgiveness, offense, or hurt. **God's unconditional-sacrificial love** flows through a pure heart by the power of the Holy Spirit. Once we put a condition on our love, it is no longer God's agape love; "I will love you if...or when you stop..." Putting conditions on our love is withhold our love. Withholding love releases a **spirit of rejection**.

Rejection Resentment and Unforgiveness -Frank Hammond "Pigs in the Parlor"

Rejection results from being denied love. It causes mistrust and is one of the worst, most neglected and common wounds. Rejection most often enters a person when they were **not loved as a child**. A spirit of rejection must be dealt with before a person can mature in Christian love. The spirit of rejection is a "ruling" spirit. The demon of **resentment** can **defeat love** in a person's life making them unable to love others as they ought. Usually a spirit of resentment and unforgiveness accompany the spirit of rejection. The spirit of resentment usually invites in other demons such as bitterness, hatred and anger. **Resentment**; bitter indignation at having been treated unfairly; an offense.

Heb 12:3-5 *"For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. 4 You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. 5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord,"*

Many times, the suffering we go through can be tied to a chastisement from our Father. God brings correction when we have a heart issue. Anything that interferes with His unconditional-sacrificial love flowing through our heart (which yields holiness), needs to be corrected. ***We cannot justify our heart issues by **blaming others**.

All heart issues come from unresolved wounds and sin be it fornication, rejection, anger, lying, offense, rebellion (harden-heart) and so on. Jesus said all commandments (obedience) are based on loving God and loving one another. "We pray we see the Gospel through a pure heart, walking in God's unconditional-sacrificial love; Amen!"

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