Written on your Heart

Ken Chapman · Jeremiah 31:31–34

INTRODUCTION

- Not that just that we would have a new covenant or a new law, but that new law would be written on our hearts.
- God says Jeremiah, that old covenant failed. Not because of the one who gave the covenant, but because of those who were to keep the covenant.
- There will be a new covenant, and there will be a renewed emphasis upon the heart.

1 Knowing the Law

Acts 10:32–33

- Every commandment, every instruction, every rule is an expression of who God is.
- For in keeping that law and understanding and having it written on our hearts, we become like God, because the law is the expression of the eternal nature of God.
- In the New Testament, when God wanted someone to know his will, he sent a messenger, a human messenger.
- Now therefore, we are present before God to hear all the things commanded you by God.
- Today, this is our messenger. The words of Peter and Paul and others who were inspired by that Holy Spirit to bring us that message.

2 Hear, Receive, Implant, Then Do

James 1:18–22

- Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.
- Receive the word which when implanted in your hearts.
- But be doers of the word and not hearers only deceiving yourself.
- You've got to hear, receive, and implant. Then and only then are you equipped to do, to obey his word.
- To know something by heart. That means that we've got it. We've learned it.

3 The Spirit Works Through the Word

- Every operation upon the heart of the believer that is ascribed to the Holy Spirit is equally ascribed to the Word.
- And so the Spirit works at least through the Word of God.
- That Holy Spirit working through that word now becomes written in my heart. So that it's not just cold, lifeless words on a page, that it's the Spirit living in me.

4 Christ Lives in Me

Galatians 2:20; Matthew 5:13–16

- It's no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.
- Why? Because Paul had the law written in his heart. And his actions therefore became the actions that God wanted him to do.
- People can see your good deeds and glorify your Father who is in heaven.
- I can't take the credit for that? That was my mom's recipe. I just followed her instructions. She gets the glory, not me.
- That wasn't me who did it. That was God acting through me.

5 Written Not With Ink, but by the Spirit

2 Corinthians 3:1–6

- I'm to grow in my Christianity to where this law dwells in my heart, and it's loved rather than feared.
- Written not with ink, but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone, but on tablets of flesh, that is of the heart.
- It becomes eternalized, internalized, and personalized so that it changes who we are.
- For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.
- If you just read that as rules on a page to be obeyed and to be followed, it's going to kill you. But the Spirit gives life.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Is that law written in your heart? Are you submitting and transforming your will or more properly allowing God to transform your will into his will?**

MY NOTES