A New Heart of Flesh

• For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. 25 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. 26 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. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. Ezek 36:24-28

The Process Begins with Baptism

Using a different figure,

In Him you were also circumcised with the *circumcision made without hands, by putting* off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 buried with Him in **baptism**, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, Col 2:11-14

After God Removes – Our Participation

The Heart of Stone:

- What God Begins in baptism must be completed by each Christian.
- This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the *ignorance* that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. Eph 7-24

After God Removes – Our Participation

The New Heart and New Spirit 20 But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. Eph. 4:20-24

Our Participation

- The Completion of the New Heart and New Spirit
- 12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. 14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. Col 3:12-15

The Progression to a New Heart

- But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. <u>2Pet. 1:5-7</u>
- Virtue
- Self-Control
- Godliness

Knowledge Perseverance Brotherly Kindness

Love

Godliness and Brotherly Kindness

The New Heart and Spirit toward God and other Christians.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. 1 John 5:1-3

Godliness and Brotherly Kindness

The New Heart and Spirit toward God and other Christians.

• If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? 21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also. 1Jn. 4:20-21

Who is My Brother?

- But concerning brotherly love(philadelphia) you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love(agape) one another; 10 and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more; 1Th. 4:9-10
- Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <u>Heb 2:17-18</u>

Who is My Brother?

For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, 12 saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You." Heb. 2:10-12

Foundation of Brotherly Kindness

 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For <u>as many of you as were</u> <u>baptized into Christ</u> have put on Christ...And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and <u>heirs according to promise</u>. <u>Gal. 3:26-29</u>
Now <u>we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children</u> of promise. <u>Gal. 4:28</u>

Therefore know that <u>only those who are of</u> faith are sons of Abraham. <u>Gal. 3:7</u>

Heart of Stone Becomes Heart of Flesh

Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren(philadelphia), love(agape) one another fervently with a pure heart, <u>1 Peter 1:22-23</u> But you are <u>an elect race</u>, a royal priesthood, <u>a holy</u> nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who *called you out of darkness* into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. 1 Peter 2:9-10

A Heart of Flesh

Honor all people. Love(*agape*) the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. <u>1 Peter 2:17</u>

Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers(<u>philadelphia</u>), be tenderhearted, be courteous; 9 not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. <u>1 Peter 3:8-10</u>

How to Love Our Brethren

8 above all things being fervent in your love among yourselves; for love covers a multitude of sins: 9 using hospitality one to another without murmuring: 10 according as each has received a gift, ministering it among yourselves, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God; <u>1 Peter 4:8-10</u>

Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. <u>Rom. 12:15</u>

Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ. <u>Gal. 6:2</u>

And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

How God Removes a Heart of Stone if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." <u>Jn. 8:24</u>

unless you repent you will all likewise perish. <u>Lk. 13:5</u> if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. <u>Rom. 10:9-10</u>

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; Mk. 16:15-16

Repent, and let every one of you **be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins Ats 2:38 If we **confess our sins**, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.