

The Heart of the Matter
Message #1 – Heart Disease, Genesis 6:5-8

One of the major themes of the Bible is the subject of the heart.

Through This Series We Will Learn That the True Issues of Life Are Issues of

1. The Identification of the Heart

The Heart is Central

- **The most comprehensive term for the _____ person**

1 Peter 3:4, “the hidden person of the heart”

The Heart Represents the _____

2. The Implications of the Heart

The Heart is Primary

Proverbs 4:23, “Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.”

Proverb 14:30, “A sound heart is life to the body”

- **The heart is the _____ of life**

The heart is the center of thinking and reason as well as emotions and will.

Luke 2:19, “pondered them in her heart.”

Hebrews 4:12, “the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

2 Corinthians 9:7, “as he purposes in his heart”

The Heart is the Place Where God _____

3. The Condition of the Heart

Reality from Revelation

- **Man does evil _____**

What God sees after the fall is great wickedness. This wickedness originates in the heart.

Jeremiah 17:9, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?”

Genesis 8:21, “...the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth.”

The Heart of the Problem Is _____

- **Man does evil _____**

The word “intent” means devise or formation. It is used to describe the work of a potter. Sin originates in the heart.

Mark 7:20-23, “.....For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts..... all these evil things come from within and defile a man.”

Evil Comes From the _____

- **Man does evil _____**

It literally means every day. This is not just a statement concerning that generation but is true of all generations.

Ecclesiastes 7:20, “For there is not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin.” Psalm 53:2-3, Romans 2:5

Man's Heart Becomes _____ as He Continues to Sin

4. The Restoration of the Heart

Grace Is the Only Remedy

Noah was not spared because of his works but because of his faith. Hebrews 11:7, “By faith Noah...prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.”

- **Man's heart can only be restored through the _____**

Ezekiel 36:26, "A new heart also will I give you...."

This is the New Covenant promised in Jeremiah 31. New Testament means New Covenant. This is brought into reality through Christ's death, burial and resurrection. John 7:38-39

- **True salvation takes place _____**

Romans 10:9-10, "that 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. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

- **God Gives Each Person the Opportunity to Have a _____**

Luke 17:26, "And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man."