

# The Gospel & The Heart of Man

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  - Jacob – Gen 37:33...Gen 45:26
  - Mary – John 20:13...John 20:18
- The gospel produces a change in the intellect
  - John 20:31 – Belief
  - Rom 10:17 – Faith
- Paul
  - Acts 26:9 “I thought”
  - But Acts 26:14-15
    - What has changed? Knowledge, evidence

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- Some will not know because they are willingly ignorant
  - 2 Peter 3:5
- Some cannot understand because they cannot listen
  - John 8:43-44
  - Acts 7:57
- Some will go only this far and no further:
  - John 12:42

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- The approach: Teach the gospel
  - Present the truth with reasoning to affect the understanding in order that one may believe
    - Acts 17:2-3
    - Acts 24:25
- The epistles continue with the approach
  - Romans 6:1
- This is not a one-time effort – the gospel is to continue to affect our will
  - Philippians 1:9
  - Colossians 1:9-11
  - 1 John 5:13
  - Hebrews 5:14

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## Romans 10:10

- “For **with the heart** one **believes unto righteousness**, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

## Romans 10:17

- “So then **faith** comes by hearing, and hearing by **the word of God**.”

## Hebrews 10:39

- “But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who **believe to the saving of the soul**”

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- The hearing of the gospel affects the emotions
- Good
  - The Ethiopian man
    - Isaiah 53:32-33
      - Who could not be moved by this?
    - Acts 8:39 Rejoicing
  - The Jews on Pentecost
    - Acts 2:23....2:37 (true: more than just emotion)
    - Acts 2:46 Gladness and simplicity of heart
- Bad
  - Acts 7:54



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- Emotions are affected by the continued hearing of the gospel
  - Sin identified, affecting the emotions and resulting in change
    - Godly sorrow – 2 Corinthians 7:8-11
    - Vehement desire produced
  - The hearing of continued teaching of the gospel is cause for rejoicing
    - Acts 15:31

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- “Serves as a court. The court does not make the law, but decides if conduct has been in accord with established law” (Danny Brown)
  - 1 John 3:20-21
- The conscience does not justify us before God
  - Acts 23:1
  - 1 Corinthians 4:4

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- The gospel says to us, “guilty”
  - Romans 3:19, 23
- The gospel pricks the conscience
  - Acts 2:36
  - Acts 7:54
- Beware that truth, when heard but rejected over and over:
  - Exodus 8:15, 32
  - The same sun that melts wax hardens clay
  - You don’t always get to choose when you will be faced with truth.... Do you have a ready heart?
- The conscience is cleansed upon obedient response, when baptized into Christ
  - Hebrews 10:22; 9:11-14
  - 1 Peter 3:21

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- It's not over...
- Since the conscience is the court that compares our attitudes, words, and deeds against law, then we ought to have the utmost interest and concern to train our minds according to the law, the truth, the gospel
  - Hebrews 12:11
  - Philippians 1:9-11

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- The gospel will then continue to prick our conscience when our attitudes, words, or deeds are against the law of Christ. And then we should change
  - James 1:22-25
- We dare not ignore the conscience when it is pricked by the truth of the gospel, lest this happen:
  - 1 Timothy 4:2
  - 1 Timothy 1:18-20
  - This ought to scare us!

The gospel pricks the conscience initially, and when obeyed,  
God cleanses the conscience.

The conscience should continue to be trained by the gospel, and  
when there is violation, we need to change.

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- To desire is to long for or want
- To love is to be concerned with the greatest good of another
- To trust is to have confidence and assurance in
- To intend is to have in mind a plan
  - Intention involves aim and objective
  - Luke 14:28
- To determine is to decide or settle conclusively
  - Determination involves a mind that is made up
  - 1 Corinthians 2:2
- To purpose is to resolve to perform and to accomplish
  - Daniel 1:8
- To obey is to do what is commanded in response to the command
  - Exodus 19:5

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- The gospel is preached to not only change the intellect, affect the emotions, and prick the conscience, but to affect a change in the will
  - Acts 2:23...37
  - 1 Thessalonians 2:13...1:9
- A change in the will from desire of evil to desire of good
  - Ephesians 2:3...10
- A change in the will from love of the world to the love of God and His children
  - 1 John 2:15...4:7, 5:1-2
- A change in the will from trust in self to trust in God and Christ
  - Luke 18:9
  - Ephesians 1:12-13

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- A change in the will from trust in riches to trust in God
  - Mark 10:24
  - 1 Timothy 6:17
- A change in intentions, determination, and purposes
  - Philippians 3:7-11
- A change in the will from disobedience to obedience
  - Mathew 21:28-31
  - Luke 15:17-20
  - Romans 6:17

# The Will

- How can one set of words be spoken by one man, but different responses made by the hearers?
  - Different hearts...different wills
    - Acts 17:32
    - Luke 8:15
  - Your will is in your power to control
    - John 7:17
    - Matthew 23:37
    - Revelation 22:17
  - Your will is your deliberate choice
    - Ezekiel 18:14
    - Acts 13:46
    - Hebrews 11:24-26

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- We must continue to hear the gospel in order to build up our faith and then to exercise our will
- Desires – affections – to be checked against the gospel
  - Colossians 3:1-2; 5
- Love – grow in
  - Philippians 1:9
- Intentions – word of God exposes
  - Hebrews 4:12
- Purposes – critical part of our actions
  - 2 Corinthians 9:7
- Diligently seeking – involves intention, determination, purpose
  - Hebrews 11:6
- Obedience
  - Philippians 2:12-13
  - Revelation 2:10

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When heard, its words from God enter the heart of man to affect  
a change in his intellect, his emotions, his conscience, and his will

- Conversion to Christ is not “joining a church” or “being among God’s people” or “just going to church”
- Conversion to Christ is change of heart that results in a change of life!
- Because the gospel message when heard and heeded
  - Changes the intellect to belief
  - Prompts the emotions to Godly sorrow
  - Pricks the conscience of sin
  - Leads us to change our will
  - When obeyed, it results in a clear conscience, rejoicing, new desires, love, devotion, purpose

- Just as Jesus could look inside a man and know what was in him (Mark 2:8, John 2:25)...
- The word of God – the gospel of Jesus Christ – the doctrine of Christ – the faith – the truth – has the same power to expose our

- Thoughts
- Reasoning
- Understanding
- Discernment
- Belief
- Desires

- Love
- Trust
- Intentions
- Purposes
- Obedience
- Disobedience

- Do you want that? Open the Bible and look into the perfect law of liberty

- When we talk about the heart of man, our minds ought not to immediately think of feelings!
- The heart of man is the place of the
  - Intellect
  - Emotions
  - Conscience
  - Will
- These are the things the gospel of Jesus Christ works upon in us
- “Oh how I love your law! it is my meditation all the day.” (Psalm 119:97)