



HEART TRANSPLANT

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EZEKIEL 36:26 NKJV – (26) I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Israel's heart had become rebellious, idolatrous, and hardened against God. Despite breaking the conditions of their first covenant with Him, the Lord, in His grace, promised to make a New Covenant with His people. This time it was to be an UN-conditional covenant. There were no legal requirements for Israel to carry out - no conditions that they could break. In His New Covenant with Israel, the Lord promised to give His people a new heart of flesh, instead of a heart of stone. God promised to give them a spirit of grace - through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit of life and love.

The entire human race had become sodden in sin. Man's nature was infected with selfishness. The human heart was flooded with degenerate desires. The entire population was filled with pride and boastfulness.

The promise of the New Covenant was to be fulfilled in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ - such that all who trust in Him as their perfect, sinless, Kinsman Redeemer - Jew and Gentile alike, are beneficiaries of this gracious promise which includes a renewed heart and an enlightened mind - with godly understanding and right judgements - and this would come through the power of God's own Holy Spirit.

Now, all we have to do is to allow let the "Doctor" do His work.

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 51:10

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Without the heart of Christ, we are simply "DEAD!".