

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

GOD PROMISES A NEW HEART AND SPIRIT Ezekiel 36:22-38

Main Thought: In Ezekiel 36:22-28, God promises to give His people a new heart and spirit so that we can enter into relationship with Him and enjoy His blessings.

1. A NEW _____ (v 26)

1) The _____ for a new heart.

2) The _____ of receiving a new heart.

(1) It is all of _____

(2) It is made _____ by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
(Eph. 2:1-5; 2 Cor. 5:21)

2. A NEW _____ (v 27)

1. The _____ of the Holy Spirit (Jn 14:15-17)

2. The _____ of the Holy Spirit

1) Regeneration (Jn 3)

2) Transformation (2 Cor. 3:18)

3) Instruction (Jn 16:13-14)

4) Empowerment (Acts 1:8; 1 Cor. 12)

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read Ezekiel 36:22-38 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. Why is God going to do what He is about to do? (vv 22-23)

3. What does it mean that God is holy?

4. How have His people profaned His holy name?

5. How will God show Himself to be holy to the nations through His actions toward His people? (vv 24-38)

6. Why isn't God's cleansing (forgiveness) enough? Why do we need a new heart and spirit? (vv 25-27)

7. What does it mean to have a heart of stone? What does it mean to have a heart of flesh?

8. How does God give us a heart of flesh? (See John 3:1-8; Titus 3:3-8)

9. When did God make good on His promise to have His Spirit dwell permanently in His people? (See Jn 14:15-17; Acts 2:1-13)

10. What is some of the work of the Holy Spirit according to the following verses? (Jn 3:1-8; 2 Cor. 3:18; Jn 16:13-14; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor 12:1-11)

11. How have you been aware of receiving a new heart and the indwelling presence of God's Holy Spirit?