

The New Testament Church
The Great Reset #3 – The Heart of the Believer
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I Introduction and review....

- A. The “great reset” is a bold attempt of internationalists and globalists to reset the world’s economy
 - 1. Covid-19 has seemingly given these globalists the catalyst and opportunity they’ve wanted
 - 2. Their goal is that “we would all own nothing” but “be happier”
- B. **God is resetting the *attitude* of His people back to the basics!**
 - 1. God is reminding us of our *responsibility and opportunity to influence the culture*
 - 2. He is also reminding us that *the local Ekklesia* is a bride and a model city! (in any centralized crisis of control power is always driven down locally by God’s design – that is where we live!)
 - 3. God’s remedy was sending CHRIST to transform the world by changing individual hearts!

II Another basic is God’s current reset for us to see the value of guarding our hearts

- A. What is our heart? – where we love God and one another
 - 1. We are made of spirit, soul and body – and the spirit and soul is our “heart”
 - a. Our spirit - communion with God, intuition (ideas) and conscience, defined by Webster “*Internal or self-knowledge, or judgment of right and wrong; or the faculty, power or principle within us, which decides on the lawfulness or unlawfulness of our own actions and affections, and instantly approves or condemns them*”
 - b. The heart defines our character – for “*the mind often justifies what the heart chooses*”
 - 2. Christ in our heart and mind; and thus *we love one another* – Eph. 3:17; 4:15-16; 1st Cor. 2:16
- B. Jesus indicated that we are totally dependent upon God to change our heart!
 - 1. Matthew 6:21 – *for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*”
 - 2. Luke 11:34-36 - “*The lamp of the body is the eye.... If then you whole body is full of light, having no part dark, the whole body will be full of light, as the bright shining of a lamp...*”
 - 3. Luke 6:45 – “*A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.*”
 - 4. Deut. 30:6 – *The Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants*
- C. In these times, God is getting our attention to guard our hearts!
 - 1. Expose our motive, intent, desire, passion, the source of action
(Ps. 139:23) “*Search me, O Lord, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties*”
(Pr. 4:23) “*Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it springs the issues of life.*”
 - 2. Philippians 3:7-14...
 - a. I loosen my grip on things - *What things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish...*
 - b. I tighten my grip on grace – feed our heart with the Word of God - *that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith...*
 - c. I embrace resurrection and suffering; compassion / brokenness for one another – *that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection of the dead.*
 - 3. I lay hold to His grip – *not that I have already attained, or am already perfected, but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold on me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended, but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus - **He will hold Me Fast** – His grip is greater than ours!*