

The Gift of a New Heart

Ezekiel 36:26

The Need for a New Heart (Jn. 4:21-24)

The Gift of a New Heart (Ezek. 36:25-28)

- The Background
 - The Book
 - A prophet and a Priest
 - “God will strengthen”
 - The Message of General
 - The Message of Restoration in Specific
- The Cause of Their Salvation (36:22-24)
 - Stated: God’s Own Glory
 - vindicate make holy
 - Illustrated: Moses’ Concern
- The Accomplishing of Their Salvation (36:25-28)
 - ➔ Salvation brings about a change of lifestyle, it is not caused by a change of lifestyle.
 - A Change of Status (36:25)
 - Water and Cleansing in the Law
 - The Ordinance of the Red Heifer (Num. 19)
 - Uncleanliness Due to Human Discharges (Lev. 15)
 - Ceremonial vs Actual Cleansing
 - A Change of Nature (36:26)
 - The Nature of the New Heart
 - ➔ spirit, soul, mind, or heart all refer to or describe the same thing, the inner man.
 - The Reason for the New Heart
 - A Change of Behavior (36:27-28)
 - ➔ Tied to the New Covenant

A spiritual act entailing (1) the altering of a person’s status regarding sin, justification, (2) the severing of a person’s nature from sin, regeneration, and (3) the altering of a person’s behavior regarding sin, the Spirit’s indwelling and its consequence, sanctification.