

# The Assault Against the New Heart (2)

1 Peter 2:11

- I. The Existence of the New Heart:
- II. The Maintaining of the New Heart
  - A. The Call to Maintain One's Heart (Prov. 4:23)
  - B. The Growth of the New Heart (1 Pet. 2:1-3)
  - C. The Assault Against the New Heart (1) (1Pet. 2:11)
    - 1. The Seriousness of the Assault (2:11a<sub>2-4</sub>)
    - 2. The Combatants (2:11a<sub>1, 5-8, 12-13</sub>)
      - a. The Allied Forces (2:11a<sub>1, 5-8</sub>)
      - b. The Axis of Evil (2:11a<sub>12-13</sub>)
    - 3. The Assault (2:11b<sub>1-3</sub>)
      - The Fact of the Battle
        - wage war fighting, engaging in a military struggle
      - The Nature of the Battle
        - In the Broader New Testament
          - The Conflict is Long and Drawn Out
          - The Flesh is the Aggressor
          - The Goal is Extirpation
        - In Peter
          - Against Former Lusts
          - Against Displaced Lusts
    - 4. The Battlefield (2:11b<sub>4-6</sub>)
      - Its Identity
      - Its Impact
    - 5. The Response (2:11a<sub>9-11</sub>)
      - The Nature of Our Response
        - abstain receive; keep away from, keep apart
      - The Manner of Our Response
        - Fostering Life
        - Executing Death

The USGS:

“Extinction is the complete disappearance of a species from the earth. Extirpation is the complete disappearance (elimination) of a species from a given region, island, or area.”

Dr. MacArthur

“So, what makes it so stupid when people cut off parts of the body. The issue is that in the nature of man, there is a propensity to desire things that satisfy and if lured to those things outside the will of God, there is the capacity to bite the hook.”

“Now, Paul will go on in Romans 8 and speak to the response of the believer to this internal battle. In summary, he will refer to the ideas of fostering life and executing death in his daily life. In other words, the believer counters what is going on within him by feeding the life of the Spirit, to which he was born again, and by cutting off or seeking to starve to death, the death that still defines his physical body and its manipulation of its sinfully distorted desires.”

“Within a baby is all the potential for physical growth that is intended for human beings. However, that growth must be activated or sustained through time, relationships and diet.”

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Characteristics of death include the irreversible cessation of breathing and heartbeat, the permanent loss of brain function, and the onset of postmortem changes like rigor mortis (stiffening), algor mortis (cooling), and livor mortis (discoloration).