

A Circumcised Heart

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A form of H3824; the *heart*; also used (figuratively) very widely for the feelings, the will and even the intellect

For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning,
that we should love one another. -1 John 3:11

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart
bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man
out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth
that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart
his mouth speaketh. -Luke 6:45

The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth; .1 For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever.

Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father. -2 John 1:1-4

And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it. -2 John 1:5-6.

Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

-1 John 2:24-25

But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

-Deuteronomy 7:8-9.

And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good? Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the LORD'S thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is. -

Deuteronomy 10:12-14

Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.

Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked. -Deuteronomy 10:15-16

And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers. And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live. -

Deuteronomy 30:5-6

That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the LORD; and how much more after my death?

Deuteronomy 31:25-27

In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it. -Deuteronomy 30:16-18

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

-Deuteronomy 30:19-20

Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the People. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works. Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually. Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

1 Chronicles 16:8-12

O ye seed of Israel his servant, ye children of
Jacob, his chosen ones. He is the LORD our
God; his judgments are in all the earth. Be ye
mindful always of his covenant; the word which
he commanded to a thousand generations

1 Chronicles 16:13-15

He is the LORD our God: his judgments are
in all the earth. He hath remembered his
covenant for ever, the word which he
commanded to a thousand generations.

Psalm. 105:7-8

And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel. And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

-Exodus 34:27-28

And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that
love me, and keep my commandments.

Exodus 20: 6. Deut. 5:10

But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you
as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself;
for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD
your God. -Leviticus 19:34



God
Neighbor
Thyself
Circle love love

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. -

Prov. 3:1-6

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry
aloud: and he shall hear my voice. -Psalms 55:

Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain
thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

-Psalms 55:

I love them that love me; and those that seek me early
shall find me. -Proverbs 8:17

The way of the just is uprightness: thou, most upright,
dost weigh the path of the just. Yea, in the way of thy
judgments, O LORD, have we waited for thee; the desire
of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of
thee. -With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea,
with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy
judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world
will learn righteousness.

Isaiah 26:7-9

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. -Psalms 51:9

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. -Psalms 51:10

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. -Psalms 51:11

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. -Psalms 51:12

The Holy Spirit exalts and glorifies the Saviour. It is his office to present Christ, the purity of his righteousness, and the great salvation that we have through him. Jesus says, "He shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you." [John 16:14.] The Spirit of truth is the only effectual teacher of divine truth. How must God esteem the human race, since he gave his Son to die for them, and appoints his Spirit to be man's teacher and continual guide. . CE 59.2

Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another:
and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of
remembrance was written before him for them that feared the
LORD, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine,
saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels;
and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth
him. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and
the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth
him not.

Malachi 3:16-18

5. And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. 6. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 8. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:5-6 vs.8

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Ephesians 3:17-19

That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; -Colossians 2:2

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Colossians 1:27-28

But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I
write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of
God to love one another. -1 Thessalonians 4:9

Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God
chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and
heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to
them that love him?

James 2:5

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

-1 John 4:7-10

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

We love him, because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his-brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

1John:16-21

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? -1John 5:1-5

The faith that is unto salvation is not a casual faith, it is not the mere consent of the intellect, it is belief rooted in the heart, that embraces Christ as a personal Saviour, assured that He can save unto the uttermost all that come unto God by Him. To believe that He will save others, but will not save you is not genuine faith; but when the soul lays hold upon Christ as the only hope of salvation, then genuine faith is manifested.

This faith leads its possessor to place all the affections of the soul upon Christ; his understanding is under the control of the Holy Spirit, and his character is molded after the divine likeness. His faith is not a dead faith, but a faith that works by love, and leads him to behold the beauty of Christ, and to become assimilated to the divine character.

[Deuteronomy 30:11-14 quoted. 1SM 391.3]

And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you;
and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them
an heart of flesh: -Ezekiel 11:19

1 one heart. No more Stony heart!

2 new feelings.

3 new will.

4. new wisdom.

5. new understanding.

6 new spirit.

That they should seek the Lord, if haply they
might feel after him, and find him, though he be
not far from every one of us: -Acts 17:27