

ASKING JESUS INTO YOUR HEART

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOUR HEART DOOR OPENS

"He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool"

~ Proverbs 28:26

1. Why do Christians Hide the Gospel?

- a. Lordship salvation is comparable to getting someone to sign up for war
- b. Asking Jesus into your heart is like asking someone to prom
- c. "I've accepted Jesus", "I made Jesus Lord of my life", "I asked Jesus into my heart"
- d. Being unclear is either deceptive, ignorant, or incompetent
- e. If you cannot communicate how you are saved, then most likely you are not

2. 'Come Into My Heart'

- a. Warner Sallman painted the famous 'Christ as Heart's Door', and 'Head of Christ'
- b. The heart door is an invention and not found anywhere in the Bible
- c. Rev 3:20 has been fodder for much good preaching of bad doctrine
- d. Luke 12:36 – When the Lord comes and knocks, immediate opening is necessary
- e. Who is standing at the door knocking? - James 5:8-9
- f. The problem has always been our heart is desperately wicked – Jer 17:9. Gen 8:21
- g. What if you invite Jesus into your heart and he refuses because it is nasty?

3. Loving the Lord

- a. Bill Bright wrote Four Spiritual Laws that ended with a personal invitation to enter a personal relationship – "God loves you, and has a wonderful plan for your life."
 - i. He contrasted a self-centered life to a Christ centered life.
 - ii. Matthew 15 describes God's "wonderful plan"
- b. "We must receive Jesus" – John 1:12, "believe on his name" – John 6:47
- c. "We love him because he first loved us" – 1 John 4:19 – the first commandment
- d. When they do not feel the love for the Lord, they ask him into their heart again.
- e. Israel gets a changed heart – Eze 36:26-27, Heb 8:10
- f. You don't need Christ to move into your heart, you need to be crucified with Christ.

4. The Gospel Solution

- a. You have a wicked heart, you are a sinner worthy of death.
- b. The good news is Rom 3:25, 4:5, and Rom 5:8
- c. We don't prepare our hearts, invite Jesus into our heart shaped hole
- d. We need to repent (change our minds) about our own hearts, and trust the finished work of Christ to save us from ourselves
- e. He died for our sins, and rose from the dead for our justification by faith
- f. Salvation comes by trusting the gospel that saves, not cliché's and emotional appeals to your heart