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6. What It Means to Believe with the Heart (Part 1)

Bible Texts: 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Romans 12:1, 2; Luke 16: 19-25

Central Truth: Man is a spirit; he has a soul; and he lives in a body.

Mark 11:23 NASB "Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in HIS HEART, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him.

Romans 10:10 NASB for WITH THE HEART a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

Man is a Spirit

1 Thessalonians 5:23 NASB Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your SPIRIT and SOUL and BODY be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 4:24 NASB "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Romans 2:28-29 NASB For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh. (29) But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God.

John 3:5-6 NASB Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (6) "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

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1 Corinthians 14:14-15 NASB For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. (15) What is the outcome then? I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the mind also; I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the mind also.

The Inward Man

1 Corinthians 9:27 NASB but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

Romans 12:1-2 NASB Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. (2) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

*Luke 16:19-25 NASB "Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, joyously living in splendor every day. (20) "And a poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores, (21) and longing to be fed with the crumbs which were falling from the rich man's table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores. (22) "Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried. (23) "In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and *saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom. (24) "And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.' (25) "But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony.*

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