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## **7. What It Means to Believe with the Heart (Part 2)**

**Bible Texts:** 2 Corinthians 5:1 ,6-8; Proverbs 3:5-7

**Central Truth:** Believing with the heart is what God desires

*Luke 24:39 NASB "See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."*

*John 4:24 NASB "God is spirit..."*

*2 Kings 6:16-17 NASB So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." (17) Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the LORD opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.*

*Exodus 33:20 NASB But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!"*

*Exodus 33:22-23 NASB and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by. (23) "Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen."*

*2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-8 NASB For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens... (6) Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord— (7) for we walk by faith, not by sight— (8) we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.*

***1 Peter 3:4 NASB but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.***

- But the heart is not equal to the spirit; it is a combination of the spirit man and the mind of man

***Romans 7:22 NASB For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man,***

### **The Word of God – Key to Heart Faith**

***1 Corinthians 2:14 NASB But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.***

- “Natural man” could really mean the soulish man – a man dominated by his mind/intellect/logic/emotion
- This verse does not mean that the mind of man cannot understand spiritual things; he can if his mind is renewed by the Word but if he is soul-dominated instead of spirit dominated, he cannot.

***Proverbs 3:5-7 NASB Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. (6) In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight. (7) Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil.***

***2 Corinthians 10:4-5 NASB for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. (5) We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,***

### **Peace – A Result of Heart Faith**

***Hebrews 4:3 NASB For we who have believed enter that rest...***

***Philippians 4:7 NASB And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.***

*Isaiah 26:3 NASB "The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace,  
Because he trusts in You.*

*Philippians 4:19 NASB And my God will supply all your needs according to  
His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

*1 John 4:4 NASB You are from God, little children, and have overcome them;  
because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.*