

NEW - PART 8: NEW HEART

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SHARPEN THE POINT

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For further study of today's message

CORE TRUTH:

As a follower of Jesus, you are:

- transformed into a NEW person
- because you were born into sin
- by the POWER of the Holy Spirit
- for a new PURPOSE
- to be a new PEOPLE, the Church,
- with a NEW heart!

ENTRY POINT: "Good" soil is fertile soil. It is capable of supporting and developing; able to mature. It is rich in the material necessary to maintain growth. It is highly and continuously productive. Read Matthew 13:1-23. How prepared is your heart for the harvest?

The Parable of the Farmer Scattering Seed
Matthew 13:1-23, Mark 4:1-20

What were the rocks and thorns that needed to be cleared before your heart could sustain your new life in Christ? Before the roots of your faith could go deep?

What is my heart? Do I have a...

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How have you prepared your heart to receive God's word? What do you do to maintain and nourish it?

Twice in today's reading, Matthew refers to harvest from the good soil being thirty, sixty, even 100 times what was planted (verses 8 and 23), saying "The good soil represents the hearts of those who truly accept God's message and produce a huge harvest..." Based on the condition of your heart's soil, what kind of harvest can you hope for?

The ReNEWed heart receives and responds to God's Word. It *desires* to grow toward the Light, to be nourished by God's loving care, and to help others grow also. What can you do today with the harvest you have been given?

2 Corinthians 5:11-21 (NLT)

"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a NEW person. The old life is gone; a NEW life has begun!" (v. 17)

"Come back to God!" (v. 20)

Revelation 19:6-8, 22:17

"Come."

*"May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation –
those good things that are produced in your life
by Jesus Christ –
for this will bring much glory and praise to God."
Philippians 1:11 (NLT)*