

## Thinking Biblically: Mind and Heart

The Bible gives us both good news and bad news about our minds and hearts.

There are three things from the Bible about your mind and heart that you should know:

- 1) The mind and heart are corrupt (all people at all times in all places)
- 2) The mind and heart have been redeemed (every Christian)
- 3) The mind and heart are being sanctified (every Christian)

Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:27-28 - So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Genesis 5:1-2 - This is the written account of Adam's family line. When God created mankind, he made them in the likeness of God. <sup>2</sup> He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them "Mankind" when they were created.

Genesis 6:5 - The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.

Jeremiah 17:9 - The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

Romans 8:7 - The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

Genesis 6:6 - The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.

Matthew 22:37 - Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

Ezekiel 36:26-27 - I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

Jeremiah 31:33 - "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people."

Psalms 40:8 - I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart.

Psalms 119:9,11 - How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. <sup>11</sup> I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Deuteronomy 6:6 - These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

John 3:3 - Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

Romans 12:1 - Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.