

# LUKE Lesson 12

## Chapter 5:22 / What is Meant by the Term "The Heart?"

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**"But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?"**

"The heart," "your heart," "our hearts" cannot be referring to the physical fleshy organ in our chest:

- Man was created in the image of God (Gen. 1:27). Since all men have a different physical appearance, we can't say that verse means we look like God.
- A man is a triune creation (1 Thess 5:23) consisting of body, soul, and spirit.
- The real you; the part that must deal with the Lord; the part that must be born again and enter the kingdom of God is not your body of flesh (John 1:13), but your spirit.
- The true "HEART" which belongs to the true "YOU" is not FLESH, but is SOUL and SPIRIT.

### FOUR MEANINGS OF THE TERM "THE HEART."

1. **TO SIGNIFY OR INDICATE "THE INTELLECT."** Carnal people assume that the intellect is in the brain, but the Bible teaches us that the HEART (spiritual) is the seat of our intellect.
  - a. **Luke 16:19-31:** when the rich man died, his body (with his physical brain) was buried in a grave, and yet, in Hell he was still able to think, reason, and have a conversation. That ability did not come from his physical brain which was separated from him. His intellect was seated in his heart, part of his soul and spirit, which was in Hell with him.
  - b. **Luke 1:51:** **"the imagination of their hearts."** This doesn't come from your brain. Your dreams, desires, and goals testify as to what you really are in your heart.
  - c. **Luke 1:66:** the people laid up the sayings (concerning John the Baptist) "in their hearts" (intellect).
  - d. **Luke 2:35:** The sword that would pierce through Mary's "soul" would be a sword that would reveal "the thoughts of many HEARTS." That sword is the word of God (Heb 4:12), "piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit."
  - e. **Luke 5:22:** **"What reason ye in your hearts."** —**Romans 10:9** **"thou shalt believe in thine heart."** Salvation requires that you first make an intelligent, knowledgeable decision—to turn from your sin and to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior.
    - i. If you convince someone to pray a prayer and they don't *understand* what they're praying for, they are not saved at the end of that prayer.
  - f. **Exodus 28:3, 31:6, 36:1:** **"Wise hearted"** is a biblical term for intelligence.
2. **TO SIGNIFY OR INDICATE "THE EMOTIONS" OR "THE FEELINGS."**
  - a. **Luke 21:26:** "Men's hearts" will fail them for fear. Fear is an emotion that is seated in the heart.
  - b. **Luke 24:32:** your heart can **"burn within"** you. This is not heartburn from eating spicy foods. This is a stirring in your soul and your spirit that makes you emotional.

- c. **2 Corinthians 2:4:** “**anguish of heart.**” Anguish (inner pain, agony, torment) is an emotion seated in the heart.
- d. **Romans 5:5, 9:2:** Love and sorrow are seated in the heart.
- e. If salvation requires believing in thine heart (Rom 10:9), shouldn’t your belief include some emotional response? (A burning or warming in your heart, relief, joy, excitement, etc.).

### 3. TO SIGNIFY OR INDICATE “THE WILL” (the ability to decide or determine)

- a. **Acts 4:32:** believers in the early church were “**of one heart and of one soul.**” They were in agreement when they all made the decision to share their possessions. It was a voluntary act that came from their HEART.
- b. **Acts 11:23:** the term “**purpose of heart**” refers to your willingness to do something. That doesn’t come from the mind, but from the heart.
- c. **Romans 6:17:** every person decides whether to obey or disobey “**from the heart.**”
- d. **Romans 10:1:** your “**heart’s desire**” refers (again) to your willingness to do something.
- e. **Ephesians 6:6:** when you do something “**from the heart**” you’re not being forced to do it.
- f. Therefore, believing in your heart (Rom 10:9) includes a conscious **decision** on your part to turn from sin and receive Christ. Calvinism removes your free will from the equation and is therefore heresy (error). It denies the necessity of the believer’s will to receive Christ.

### 4. TO SIGNIFY OR INDICATE A COMBINATION OF THE INTELLECT, THE EMOTIONS, AND THE WILL.

- a. **2 Corinthians 4:6:** there’s light shining “in our hearts” (the emotions), “light of the knowledge” (intellect), and knowledge of the glory of God... (the will to glorify God instead of myself).
  - i. We must do our part in delivering the Gospel to those who have never heard it. Then we must allow the Holy Spirit to do His part; shining the light into those hearts so they can believe.
- b. **Matthew 12:34:** “**out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.**” Your heart (the intellect, the emotions, and the will) is going to expose what kind of person you are through your speech.
- c. **Romans 10:8-13:**
  - i. You need to have the word of God in your heart (vs 8).
  - ii. Salvation requires both confession (with the mouth) and believing in your heart (intellect, emotions, and will) (vs 9).
  - iii. When you truly believe from the heart, you will not be ashamed to publicly proclaim your faith in Christ (vss 10-11). Water baptism provides a way to do that.
  - iv. The combination of your intellect, emotions, and will enables you to call upon the name of the Lord. When you do that, the Lord will save you by His grace (vss 12-13).