



Lesson 22: Samuel anoints Saul

Read John 3:1-8 What did Jesus tell Nicodemus we have to do in order to enter the kingdom of God? What type of birth was Jesus talking about here? Can you exact this type of birth in yourself? Why/why not?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21. According to Paul here, what are we, if we are in Christ? What are the implications in your life, if you are no longer the old self? What are you no longer alive to? Is this something you are able to make happen for yourself?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:21 again. What does that mean to you, to your life, that Jesus took on your sin so that you could take on His righteousness? What reaction does that evoke? (i.e. sad, happy, grateful, nonplussed)

Read Ezekiel 36:25-27. Without God, what type of heart do we have? With God, what type of heart do we have? Where do we get this heart? What else will God put within us? Why?

Read Acts 2:1-41. At Pentecost, we see a new abundance, a new extensiveness and a new publicity about the Holy Spirit. The difference between the giving of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament and New Testament is one of DEGREE and DEPTH. (Again, see Ezekiel 36 and go back to 1 Samuel 10:6 to see just 2 mentions of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament.)

Given all that we've read today, can you decide to change your habits, to change your heart, and succeed at making all of those changes on your own? Where must true heart change come from?