

It's bad news for us apart from the Spirit. As sinners, we are dirty before God, spiritually dead, far from God's presence, and hopelessly disobedient. BUT, there's good news!! The Spirit fixes this! When the Holy Spirit changes our hearts from hearts of stone to hearts of flesh, we are forgiven of our sins, made alive spiritually, indwelt by God (that's a fancy way to say His Spirit lives *inside* us), and given power to be obedient. We call this "conversion." If you have trusted in Jesus Christ as your Savior, then YOU are converted! How amazing that God gave us the Holy Spirit!

R FURTHER READING

Ephesians 2:1-10 - Read these verses about our sinful state as humans and what God did for us!

? FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Ezekiel 36:25-27 as a family. What are some things that stick out to you?
2. Why do we need a "heart of flesh"? What's wrong with our old one?
3. What role does the Holy Spirit play in conversion?
4. How did Christ fulfill this passage in His life? See John 6 and Acts 1-2.
5. Have you received a new heart? Why or why not? How do we know?

D DEFINITIONS

conversion: the point at which the Holy Spirit changes our hearts and opens our minds to believe the truth about God, ourselves, and what Christ did for us on the cross.

statutes: a law, decree, or rule made or declared by a ruler, such as a king.

The Spirit & Conversion

"And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh."

Ezekiel 36:26 (ESV)



TODAY'S THEME

The Spirit's Work in Conversion. All the way back in the Old Testament book of Ezekiel God promised that one day He would pour out His Spirit and give His people "new hearts." Through the Holy Spirit we can receive hearts of flesh that can obey and love the living God. Without this change, we could never please God on our own. In today's sermon we'll look at how the Holy Spirit works in converting and giving new life to people. What is His role in conversion?...What does that even mean? Have you yourself been converted by Him?

As Marc Goodwin preaches today, write down or draw pictures of any important things you learn.

SERMON NOTES OR SERMON PICTURE

Unless the Spirit converts us, we are d_____ before God.

Unless the Spirit converts us, we are spiritually d_____.

Unless the Spirit converts us, we are d_____ from God.

Unless the Spirit converts us, we are hopelessly d_____.

EZEKIEL UNSCRAMBLE

Use the clues below to unscramble the words from today's sermon. The first letter of each word has been underlined for you.

KZEELIE _____
Today's main passage is found in the book of _____?

TWEAR _____
"I will sprinkle clean _____ on you..." (vs. 25)

NENSOICROV _____
Today's sermon is about the Spirit's role in _____?

SELHF _____
"I will give you a heart of _____." (vs.26)

UETTSSAF _____
"I will...cause you to walk in my _____." (vs.27)

DDEA _____
Unless the Spirit converts us, we are spiritually _____.
(Ephesians 2:1)

HEART TRANSFORMATION

Color the picture below. Can you memorize this part of Ezekiel 36:26? Thank God for giving us His Spirit to change our hearts!

"I will...give you
a heart of
flesh"

