

Loved to Change

Ezekiel 36:26-27a - “And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my Spirit in you.”

1. We are “loved to change” by God living in us, loving us and giving us a new heart. “I will give you a tender, responsive heart.” - Ezekiel 36:26. 2 Corinthians 5:17-18; Romans 2:29b; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

2. A heart being “loved to change” results in changed loving, changed thinking, and changed living. “We are changed.” - 2 Corinthians 3:18. Romans 12:1-2

3. A heart being “loved to change” expresses itself by loving, giving and serving. “God loves a person who gives cheerfully.” - 2 Corinthians 9:7. John 13:34-35; Colossians 1:6; Romans 12:9-10; Matthew 6:19-21; 2 Corinthians 9:7-8; Galatians 5:13-14

Next Week’s Reading Guide:

Psalm 147: 1-6; Matthew 5:3-10

Isaiah 61:1-4; Matthew 11:28-30

Psalm 34:8-20

Matthew 26:36-46

Hebrews 4:14-16

James 5:13-16

Romans 12:2; Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12

Discussion Questions:

1. What are the biggest changes you’ve seen God making in your heart? How are you different today than before Christ?
2. What are some of God’s purposes for you? How do you see Him using your life to live for Him?
3. Since your heart is being “loved to change”, how do you notice yourself growing in loving, giving and serving?
4. How well are you responding to God’s love by choosing to step out in these areas?