

# Lesson 4

## *The Saint's Heart that Sins*

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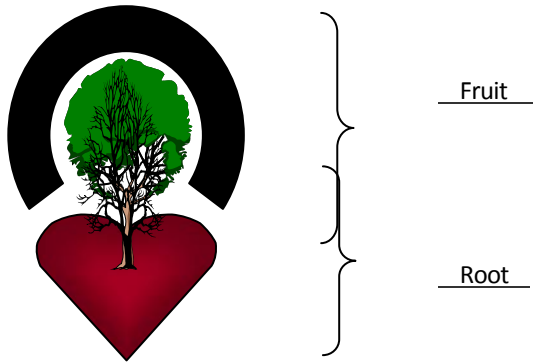
*Out of the heart come all sins as the overflow of the heart.*

### Summary

Using our communication, talk and words as the primary example, Jesus highlights the inner man, the heart, as the root source and sole cause of all actions and emotions. Thus, true Biblical change takes place through heart change as provided by the work of the cross and our identity as New Covenant believers.

### Review

***Two Dimensions of Each Person: Fruit and Root***



	<b>Defines</b>	<b>Desires</b>	<b>Texts</b>
<b>Vulnerable to</b>			Genesis 3; Romans 1
<b>Repented by</b>			Romans 10:9-10



## The Heart as the Source of All Actions and Emotions

### ***The N e e d for Diligent Observation      Proverbs 4:20-27***

Our Responsibilities in Relation to our R o o t s (v.20-23)

P a y a t t e n t i o n to God's Word by intentional hearing.

I m b e d God's Word into the heart so that we think with and in Bible.

B e l i e v e God's declarations about God's Word.

G u a r d your heart as the source spring of your life's expression and experience.

Our Responsibilities in Relation to our F r u i t s (v.24-27)

In our t a l k (v.24)

In our f o c u s (v.25)

In our l i f e s t y l e (v.26-27)

### ***The Root and Fruit in Jesus' Teaching***

The Heart as a S t o r e h o u s e

Luke 6:43-45; Matthew 12:33-37

The Heart as the S o u r c e of Evil

Matthew 15:1-20 // Mark 7:1-23

## The Glorious Provision in the N e w C o v e n a n t

***Its P r o v i s i o n s for All***

***Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 10:11-18***

Every person in the New Covenant k n o w s the Lord.



Every believer r e c e i v e s a new heart

Ezekiel 11:19;36:26

*We receive the Holy Spirit*

*We receive a new heart*

The Word is put in every believers heart/ mind.

***Its P e r f e c t i o n in Salvation      Hebrews 8:13; 9:15***

***Its P r a c t i c e in Ministry      2 Corinthians 3:6***

A ministry of the S p i r i t, not the letter of the Old (v.6).

A ministry full of greater g l o r y than the Old (v.7-11).

A ministry that unveils the f a d i n g glory of the Old (v.12-16).

A ministry that t r a n s f o r m s in a Christ-centered way (v.17-18).

A ministry that gives f r e e d o m from the slavery of the old (v.17-18).

A ministry that is exercised with godly i n t e g r i t y (4:1-6)

A ministry that will lead to great s u f f e r i n g and great r e w a r d (4:7f)



## **The F o u n d a t i o n a l Principle of Old and New**

***Old and New C o v e n a n t s (2 Corinthians 3:1-18)***

***Old and New C r e a t i o n (2 Corinthians 5:16-21)***

***Flesh and the S p i r i t (Galatians 5:16-25)***

***Old and New R e a l m s (Colossians 1:13; 2:16-3:11)***

***Old and New A d a m (Romans 5:12-21)***

***Old and New M a n (Romans 6:6; Ephesians 4:22;  
Colossians 3:9)***

## **Lessons for Living**

***We must allow the S c r i p t u r e to define and interpret people, their roots and fruits.***

***The Bible in both the Old and New Testaments, clearly teaches that the heart is the source of all that corrupts people.***

***Live in the blessing of the New Covenant having received the Spirit and the Word embedded into your heart.***

***New Covenant ministry is what it is because of the focus on Christ's glory and heart transformation.***

***Learn and memorize these key "New and Old" foundational truths for the sake of your growth and change.***

## **Looking Ahead**

- Visual Models to Clarify Truths
- Understanding our Identity in Christ for Heart Change



- Romans 6-8
  - Galatians 5:1-26
  - Ephesians 4:17ff
  - Colossians 2:16-3:11
- Heart Dynamics – Pursuing and Pleasing God

## **Questions for Discussion**

**What is the root of our behavior (actions and emotions)?**

**What are the two primary causes for our behavior?**

**Do emotions cause behavior? Are they root or fruit?**

**What error is Jesus' teaching on the heart countering?**

**In the New Covenant, what is the primary provision for the heart?  
What does this consist of?**

**How does the description of a New Covenant ministry affect our  
understanding of the heart?**

**List the “Old and New” that are foundational for our next studies.**