



D1: The Heart – Troubling and Comforting Truths for My Heart

I. Troubling truths for my heart

1. *What keeps the sinner from God is _____ of heart, Eph 4:17-20; Heb 3:8, 15; Heb 4:7.*
2. *Whenever possible, unbelief will _____ take root in the heart, not belief, Luke 24:14-27 (esp. v. 25); Heb 3:12-13.*
3. *Self-made religion never moves the heart _____ to God, Matt 15:1-9 (esp. vv. 7-8).*

II. Comforting truths for my heart

1. *God _____ hearts to respond to the gospel, Acts 16:13-14.*
2. *God _____ dark hearts to know Christ, 2 Cor 4:3-6 (esp. vv. 5-6).*

3. God _____ hearts through faith, Acts 15:5-11; Eph 2:8.

4. Christ makes Himself at _____ in hearts by faith, Eph 3:14-19 (esp. v. 17); Col 1:19; Col 2:9.

Ephesians 3:17 "So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. . ."

"The word selected (katakoikein). . . is a word made expressly to denote residence as against lodging, the abode of a master within his own home as against the turning aside for a night of the wayfarer who will be gone tomorrow. Again, it is the residence always in the heart of its Master and Lord, who where he dwells must rule; who enters not to cheer and soothe alone but before all things else to reign. Thus Paul prays to the Father that Christ by his Spirit will be allowed to settle down in their hearts, and from his throne there both control and strengthen them."

John Stott, *The Message of Ephesians*, 135.

5. God _____ the heart from sin to become obedient, Rom 6:17-18.

6. Christ _____ hearts without blame in holiness, 1 Thes 3:11-13.

