

Do Those of The Body of Christ Have Corrupt Hearts?

Jer.17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is exceedingly corrupt: who can know it?

Many are the Christians enslaved to a life time of guilt and fear upon reading this verse from the book of Jeremiah. Much more so when associated with a group of professing Christians that used this verse and other like it in controlling its members as wicked not deserving of trust. That is, claiming people without strong control through doctrines are incapable of doing good, they must be made to stay in line through God's righteous laws legislated by their groups rules.

Once found upon this road one finds themselves not even trusting their own judgments on most matters relating to God's words without the help of some one is a position claiming a better understanding of God's word than themselves. This problem only worsen if a person makes a bad judgment, finding themselves in need of correction from those in the group; in short order this verse in Jeremiah 17:9 is used to reinforced the conviction of the person bad judgment, creating a fear within the person that their own judgments are faulty, subsequently, causing distrust for people in general, and their opinion, but especially those not of the person faith viewed as outsiders.

Moreover, this puts the person in s submissive position, looking to others for constant guidance in almost every matter in their lives, relating to their faith.

Furthermore, this verse will be called upon as authoritative when some one is in disagreement with company doctrines as being misled by their own treacherous heart, thus, justifiying others in the group to use cruel and unkind treatment towards the one rebelling against the groups righteous standards that keeps the treacherous heart in line for God.

But is this the context of Jeremiah chapter Seventeen verse nine, when God tells us also:

1Cor.13:4 Love is patient and is kind; love doesn't envy. Love doesn't brag, is not proud,

13:5 doesn't behave itself inappropriately, doesn't seek its own way, is not provoked, takes no account of evil;

13:6 doesn't rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

13:7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

13:8 Love never fails.

How could Paul say “love believes all things, and Jeremiah say our hearts are deceitful and exceedingly corrupt? What is the actual condition of our hearts according to the God of love, Jehovah and His Son Christ Jesus?

Man's Ways Corrupt

The word corruption when found in God's words applies in many ways, but the main point of corruption is used in context of human being as a sinners, that is, sin leads us to death, and corruptions of our physical bodies. But God's thought go further here, in that, because we are sinners our very thinking leads to death and corruption.

In other words, the human race is incapable of bring itself up too eternal life because it thoughts are found in sin. Our ways are not God's ways, His ways are higher than ours because God is sinless and holds the keys to eternal life. So we often find in God's words the bible the true condition of humans under sin; comparing them against a righteous sinless God and His standards.

Rom.3:10 As it is written, "There is no one righteous; no, not one.

3:11 There is no one who understands. There is no one who seeks after God.

3:12 They have all turned aside. They have together become unprofitable.

There is no one who does good, no, not, so much as one."{Psalms 14:1-3; 53:1-3; Ecclesiastes 7:20}

Human Sin Under the Light of God's Law

Although Jeremiah 17:9 express the true condition of man's heart under judgment by God's righteous Law given to Moses, which was the very purpose of God's Law why it was given too mankind. So they might see their sinful condition in light of eternal life to be saved. Moreover, what it takes for humans to obtain to eternal life with God, that is, the perfect life lost by Adam, and Eve by their sin past on to us?

In other words, what must I do Lord to get eternal life with you? God says keep my laws perfectly and you will be rewarded eternal life with me. But the Law says; “no human being can met the Law perfectly”; so law convicts them of being unrighteous a sinner under death, and corruption, paying them the reward of sin not life, which is death.

James 2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law, and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

Jesus himself expressed the impossibility for humans under sin meeting the law's requirments perfectly:

Matt.5:19 Whoever, therefore, shall break one of these least commandments, and teach others to do so, shall be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven; but whoever shall do and teach them shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven

Matt.5:27 "You have heard that it was said, {TR adds "to the ancients,"} 'You shall not commit adultery;'{Exodus 20:14}

5:28 but I tell you that everyone who gazes at a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Christ Jesus showed that breaking the perfect law of God was a “heart condition” not a law problem; no sinful human could master completely in order to be rewarded eternal life by the law. Subsequently, man must have God's help to survive God's righteous wrath under the judgment of His law. Christ Jesus is that help, but prior to his coming God provided away to appease His anger by animal blood, a temporary fix's until Christ Jesus gave his righteous life blood to atone for our sins.

Heb.10:1 *For the law, having a shadow of the good to come, not the very image of the things, can never with the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer continually, make perfect those who draw near.*

10:2 *Or else wouldn't they have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having been once cleansed, would have had no more consciousness of sins?*

10:3 *But in those sacrifices there is yearly reminder of sins.*

10:4 *For it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins.*

Is The Heart Deceitful and Corrupt in Christ Jesus?

This then brings us to the cruxes of the matter, that is, in Jesus Christ is a Christian's heart deceitful and corrupt? Moreover, is a Christian's heart examined under the light of the Old Law finding fault, and sin?

Those wanting control of others would say, yes, it is very corrupted and exceeding wicked! But they would be wrong, why? Because when a group or individual uses this verse in Jeremiah, what they are not teaching is; Christ Jesus replaced the righteousness of the Old Law with his own righteousness, and that is why a Christian can truthfully say Christ Jesus is my righteousness. So has Christ Jesus righteousness then become sin and corruption, if we are “in Christ Jesus”?

1Cor.1:30 *But of him, you are in Christ Jesus, who was made to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption:*

Thus, our wisdom, sanctification, redemption, and righteousness comes to us now as Christian's through Christ Jesus, and no longer the Old Law, so why does this make a difference, and why should this matter? Simply put, it matters because we are no longer judged by the Old Law, the Old Law, and its judgment are not found in Christ Jesus. So why is that important too us?

It is important because Christians now become a part of Christ Jesus, as the nation of Israel had become a part of Moses and the Old Law, we become part of Christ Jesus, and the New Law of love or the New Covenant, when we are baptizes into him by Holy Spirit.

***1Cor.10:1 Now I would not have you ignorant, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;
10:2 and were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
10:3 and all ate the same spiritual food;
10:4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.***

Mark 1:8 I baptized you in{The Greek word (en) translated here as "in" could also be translated as "with" in some contexts.} water, but he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit."

Thus, in Christ we have been freed from the Law and its condemnation and judgments our baptism is in the New Law, the Law of Love.

Comparing Christ too The Old Law

Christ Jesus is life, he is eternal life to us as Christians, but the Old Law in Moses was death, it could only exposes us to our sins, and produce death, it could not bring us too perfection, and eternal life because it could not remove our sins from us. The Old Law of Moses was life, but none were found on earth able too met it and gain life by it, and its perfect righteous standards.

Psalms 49:7 none of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give God a ransom for him.

Romans 4:15 For the law works wrath, for where there is no law, neither is there disobedience.

Romans 5:13 For until the law, sin was in the world; but sin is not charged when there is no law.

Galatians 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under a curse. For it is written, "Cursed is everyone who doesn't continue in all things that are written in the book of the law, to do them." {Deuteronomy 27:26}

Christ Jesus completed the Old Law by his own righteousness; he became life, no death exists in Christ Jesus, thus, our becoming a part of his body, we gain his life working in us and through us; We are members of his body, but not the heart of the body in Christ Jesus, we receive the life giving blood of the body through Christ Jesus heart, which is, the Holy Spirit of God. Moreover, the love of God by Christ Jesus heart, which creates in us a new heart.

Claiming our heart as deceitful and corrupt is saying that death and corruption still rules in Christ Jesus, which he is now eternal life; incorruptible life, who has become our life as Christians. Moreover, death's law does not reside in the body of Christ Jesus, because sin does not exist in life.

John 1:4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John 4:14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never thirst again; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

John 5:21 For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom he desires.

John 5:24 "Most certainly I tell you, he who hears my word, and believes him who sent me, has eternal life, and doesn't come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

John 6:47 Most certainly, I tell you, he who believes in me has eternal life.

John 5:26 For as the Father has life in himself, even so he gave to the Son also to have life in himself.

1 John 5:20 We know that the Son of God has come, and has given us an understanding, that we know him who is true, and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

We as Christians no longer exist as the old person under the judgment of death's law, which is the Old Law.

We are put to death in Christ Jesus, what does this mean? It means because Christ Jesus died for our sins, in that he completed the Old Law, he become the life of God, now given too us; he is God's righteousness. Thus, our sins of our flesh are accounted as dead in Christ Jesus.

In other words, the tool used to judged us has been removed in Christ Jesus, which is the Old Law. God did not remove our sins, He removed the Law condemning us as sinners to death.

Romans 7:4 Therefore, my brothers, you also were made dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you would be joined to another, to him who was raised from the dead, that we might bring forth fruit to God.

Romans 7:6 But now we have been discharged from the law, having died to that in which we were held; so that we serve in newness of the spirit, and not in oldness of the letter.

Romans 10:4 For Christ is the fulfillment{or, completion, or end} of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Walking in Love

Walking in love is a very misused term among Christians now days, God is Spirit, and He is love, so when we walk in love we are walking in the very personality of God. There is also the spirit of law, which the spirit of the law demands justice, but God's Spirit is love. When we walk in love there is no corruption or deceit in our hearts, because we have the life of Christ in us, and we in him, our will and thoughts do not matter, the heads of the body thought direct it's own members.

So walking in love or Christ Jesus we are judged by love and we produce the fruits of love:

Gal.5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith,{or, faithfulness}

5:23 gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

5:24 Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts.

Walking in Corruption and Distrust

No one would argue that there is plenty of corruption and sin in the world, but treating Christ Jesus body members as deceitful and corrupt produces nothing good, it only produces evil and more corruptions. God does not see his Children in Christ Jesus as deceitful and corrupt because He is love and love produces the fruits of love:

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Stating God sees His Children as evil, and views them with great distrust is proclaiming God a failure in His own love, which conceived us as His children. But more than this it is a lie and a tool of the Devil too enslave Christians by those with a lack of faith in God's own goodness. Love cannot fail it is impossible, as much so, as stating God Himself is a failure for trusting His own Children; Christ Jesus himself, of course, being the foremost of them.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, nor turning shadow.

1:18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

1John 3:14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. He who doesn't love his brother remains in death.

1John 3:23 This is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, even as he commanded.

3:24 He who keeps his commandments remains in him, and he in him. By this we know that he remains in us, by the Spirit which he gave us.

How Does God View His Children?

God trust and loves His Children, and hopes only what is best for them, He does not see their sins any longer because He has removed their sin in Christ Jesus, how has He done that? As already stated, God's judgment, or wrath does not exist in Christ Jesus, because Christ Jesus replaced the Old Law with his own righteousness; so God sees the blood of Christ Jesus that covers our sins.

So does this mean we no longer are sinners?

No it does not; we have been left in our sinful flesh. But the law against our sins has been removed by Christ Jesus, when he faithfully completed the law through his death upon a torture stake.

If one removes the stop sign there is no longer transgression for not stopping, but it does not make it OK to run the stop sign because it endangers the lives of those we are to love. God does not go back on His promises when we run the stop sign and judges us again by the law He removed in Christ Jesus, no! What He does is trust in His love written in our hearts that we will correct our sin in faith in His Son Christ Jesus.

What does that mean, God believes love never fails because He is love, if He does not He has no faith in love, so then He would be no better than law that condemns us as wicked person with a corrupt heart. This would make God someone changing from light to darkness who cannot be trusted with our eternal lives. God says: "Writing love in the hearts of my children means they will stop because they love me, they don't need to be made to stop by a law producing an obligation to me, they will stop because they love me."

Ezekiel 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

Jeremiah 31:31 Behold, the days come, says Yahweh, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

John 13:34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, just like I have loved you; that you also love one another.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new.

Ephesians 2:15 having abolished in the flesh the hostility, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man of the two, making peace;

Colossians 3:10 and have put on the new man, who is being renewed in knowledge after the image of his Creator,

So God then views us as sinless in Christ Jesus, we are in life, which has become Jesus Christ too us, He has given us a seal of Holy Spirit, a piece of His incorruptible life, that is, his Son in our hearts so that we may overcome the world in Christ Jesus life working in ours.

Because God is love He does not live in fear of our failure, as those under law, moreover, when we sin, we can approach God in complete openness, and faith that He will not reproaches us, but forgive us our sins in Christ Jesus, who is now our high priest. Whereas, those in law see imperfection as a total failure as unforgivable by their doctrines, the fear of failing drives them into a life of deceit, and corruption, living a lie about their true heart condition.

James 1:5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach; and it will be given to him.

Thus, our remaining in God's love, and walking in love means we walk in God's Spirit, which gives us wisdom from God, and righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. On every level of our spiritual lives we have every thing God supplies to met and continual in God's love, in overcoming our sinful flesh, thus, conquering this world in our faith.

***Eph.1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ;
1:4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and without blemish before him in love;***

***1:5 having predestined us for adoption as children through Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his desire,
1:6 to the praise of the glory of his grace, by which he freely bestowed favor on us in the Beloved,
1:7 in whom we have our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.***

So does this mean if we still have sin than our hearts are wicked? No! All things in Christ Jesus are made new, that is, our old heart which is wicked, but is now killed in Christ Jesus, or put too death, was made new by God Holy Spirit.

So can we do wickedness still? Yes! But even in our sin we are under the new command of love, not the Old Law, God will discipline us because He loves us as our earthly father does his children, but we are not under condemnation, and the judgment of death, as those who teach corrupt hearts in Christ Jesus, believing they will be mislead into death by their corrupt hearts under laws.

Heb.12:5 and you have forgotten the exhortation which reasons with you as with children, "My son, don't take lightly the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when you are reprov'd by him;

12:6 For whom the Lord loves, he chastens, and scourges every son whom he receives."{Proverbs 3:11-12}

12:7 It is for discipline that you endure. God deals with you as with children, for what son is there whom his father doesn't discipline?

So in claiming Jer.17:9 applies to the body of Christ Jesus, will only brings us under the condemnation of law through doctrines based on the Old Law, not love. Once a person believes God is looking at them as wicked in condemnation, their view cannot translated into love, why?

11:32 But when we are judged, we are punished by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

Because law condemnation bring with it fear, and fear comes from judgment, but love puts fear outside, and God is love.

Fear and darkness breeds more works of the flesh creating more law to control every aspect of a person life, so when those in Christ Jesus are viewed as wicked rather than declared righteous in Christ Jesus by God's love; evil will be produce by more law.

***Rom. 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who don't walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.{NU omits "who don't walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit"}
8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death.***

***Gal.5:19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious, which are: adultery, sexual immorality, uncleanness, lustfulness,
5:20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, strife, jealousies, outbursts of anger, rivalries, divisions, heresies,
5:21 envyings, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these; of which I forewarn you, even as I also forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God.***

Trusting God by Faith

So Faith, what is it? This seem like a very strange question for those walking under rules of doctrines their faith has been defined for them by the rules of their group in concrete terms, but this question is the key too our eternal life. Putting faith in Christ Jesus that our sins are not accounted against us, and we believe we our in God's love without condemnation, is our faith, it takes great faith to walk on water, but it takes far greater faith to live in sinful body, and believe God has removed our judgment in His love for us.

And above all that our Heavenly Father will finished what he started in us, a good work because He is faithful, and He is love; which we have come to know by our Faith, our love never fails.

God is not negative, he does not exist in the past as too our sins, he does not exist in fear, He is life, and all those believing in Him as good, have life now in Jesus Christ.

He is not negative toward us at all, He is positive in life, He see us with Him in eternal life, by not holding our sins and past sins against us, we are new each day in Christ Jesus, found in God's grand mercies.

May none of us deprive anyone of the undeserved kindness of Christ Jesus by enslaving them to one verse of His word in the bible.

Let us promote love in freeing people in Christ Jesus, so God can remove their guilt by sin in Christ Jesus, where they become God's children loved and treated with tender mercy, not harshly by law written upon stone hearts.

Let us teach truth that God will start and finish our training, no matter what we encounter in this life. And let us please know when we are judged for our sins; it is with life in view not death, and may we come to know God is bigger than our hearts, which means, when our hearts condemn us as unworthy at times. God is bigger than our hearts, because in Christ Jesus there is no condemnation.

Let us instead be consumed with God's love that He has placed in Christ righteousness, instead of our righteousness and judgments, so that He may deal with us in love. Let us rejoice in the good things God has done for us in Christ Jesus.

And let us know we have the heart of Christ Jesus pumping into our spiritual veins the incorruptible life of Our Father Jehovah God.

1Cor.1:25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

So in conclusion, stating that Jer.17:9 applies to those of God's anointed children is a falsehood that enslaves Christians into life of sin and wickedness through the power of man's doctrines by self-doubt of being declared righteous in Christ Jesus. Moreover, it puts one in a position of proving their hearts are not wicked by laws of religious doctrine, instead living in the justification God freely given us, which, is Christ Jesus, and his righteousness.

It is a most negative view of what God Himself has paid for us in releasing us from the bondage of sin and death through the precious blood of His Son Christ Jesus into His Great Sabbath Day of Rest.

Yes, we enter into rest with God, when we have no sin. Our rest in Jesus Christ, where we are sinless with a holy heart, where the Holy Spirit of God reside upon earth for mankind.

Furthermore, let us prayerfully consider the love God has given us in this freedom from judgment by his undeserved kindness.

Romans 6:14 For sin will not have dominion over you. For you are not under law, but under grace.

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