

The Law Of God Is In The Heart Of The Righteous

I. Introduction:

A. When Moses instructed the children of Israel, he taught them to keep God's word in their hearts (**Deuteronomy 6:1-7**).

1. They had to set their hearts for this to occur (**Deuteronomy 32:46**).
2. Consider the difference between Rehoboam and Ezra (**II Chronicles 12:13-14** and **Ezra 7:10**).

B. While no one is under the Law of Moses today, we are still under a law (**Romans 8:1-2**, **Galatians 6:2**, **James 1:27**, and **James 2:12**).

1. The law of Christ teaches us to have the words of our Lord in our hearts and live under the authority of those words (**Colossians 3:16-17**).
2. As of old, having the words of our Lord abiding in us is an aid to our faithfulness (**I John 2:24**).

II. Body: **Psalms 37:28-31**

A. Today, who are the righteous (**I John 2:28-29** and **I John 3:8-10**)?

1. In contrast, all unrighteousness is sin (**I John 5:17**).
2. Those that are unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom, but saints are not supposed to be of that number (**I Corinthians 6:9-11**).
3. It is up to you to choose to be righteous based upon what you do (**Romans 6:13; 6:16**).

B. Of the reasons to have the word of God in your heart, we find that doing so is beneficial in avoiding sin (**Psalms 119:11**).

1. How can I lie, be proud, devise evil, etc.; when I know how God views such (**Proverbs 6:16-19**)?
2. How can I allow this world to dictate my actions when I know how God views that which is highly esteemed among men (**Luke 16:15**)?
3. How can I disobey God, commit actions of unrighteousness, knowing what will happen as a result (**Romans 1:18** and **II Thessalonians 1:7-9**)?
4. How can I do anything sinful [unlawful; **I John 3:4**], when I know what that does to my Lord (**Genesis 6:5-6** and **Luke 19:41-42**)?

C. Use the word of the Lord, that you commit to your heart, as your roadmap so that your steps will not slide (**Psalms 37:23**).

1. Don't try to navigate the strait and narrow (**Matthew 7:13-14**) by your own thoughts (**Jeremiah 10:23**).
2. Obediently follow the steps of the Savior (**I John 2:3-6**).
3. Do so in a manner wherein you take pleasure, not bondage, in the will of our Lord (**Psalms 119:24; 119:47; 119:92**).

III. Conclusion: What's in our heart (**Deuteronomy 30:14** [**Romans 10:8**] or **Isaiah 32:6**)?