

# Does 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 Christian 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 Christian 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 trusting even their own judgments on most matters in life 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 needing correction from those in group; in short order this verse in Jeremiah 17:9 is reinforced and a life time of distrust for their own heart and others is established in finality.

Subsequently, this verse will be called upon as authoritative when some is in disagreement with company doctrines as being misled by their own treacherous heart allowing others to us 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 found in God's words is applied in many ways, but the main point of corruption is used in context of being a sinner, 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 eternal life because it thoughts are based in sin. Our ways are not God's ways, His ways are higher than ours because He 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.

***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**

Jeremiah 17:9 express the true condition of man's heart under God's righteous Law given to Moses, which was the purpose of God's Law given to mankind. And that was to see their sinful condition in light of eternal life. What does it take to obtain eternal life with God, the perfect life lost by Adam and Eve in 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 keep the Law perfectly so I convicted them of being unrighteous a sinner and death is the reward for sin.

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

Jesus himself was to express the impossibility for humans under sin to met the law 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 shows that breaking the perfect law of God was a heart condition that no human being could master completely in order to be rewarded eternal life. Subsequently man must have God's help to survive God righteous wrath under the judgment of God's law. Christ Jesus was that help, but prior to his coming God provide 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; 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 or the New Covenant of love?

Those wanting control of others would say, yes, it is very corrupted and exceeding wicked! But they would be wrong, why? When groups or individual using this verse in Jeremiah don't teach is; Christ Jesus replaced the righteousness of the Old Law with his own righteousness, and that is why Christian can truthfully say Christ Jesus is my righteousness.

***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 Christians 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 this important to us?

It is important because Christians now become a part of Christ Jesus, as the nation of Israel became a part of Moses and the Old Law, we become part of Christ Jesus and the new law of love or New Covenant.

***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.***

Thus, in Christ we have been freed from the Law and its condemnation and judgments.

## **Comparing Christ by 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 sin and death it could not bring us to perfection and eternal life. The Old Law of Moses was life, but none were found on earth to meet it and gain life by it.

***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}***

Because Christ Jesus completed the Old Law by his own righteousness; he has become life, no death exist in Christ Jesus, our becoming a part of his body, thus, gives us the life of Christ working in us and through us; we are not the heart of Christ Jesus as body members, but we receive the life giving blood of the body through Christ Jesus heart, which is, the Holy Spirit of God.

Claiming our heart as deceitful and corrupt is saying that death and corruption exist in Christ Jesus, which he is eternal life and incorruptible life, who is our life as Christians.

***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 were 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 became the life of God to 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 judge us has been removed in Christ Jesus, which is the Old Law. God did not remove our sins. He removed the Law condemning us of sin.

***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 a spirit of law, and 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 us, because we are at the same time in Christ Jesus.

Walking in love or Christ Jesus we are judged by love and we produce these 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 but evil and more corruptions. God does not see his Children in Christ Jesus as deceitful and corrupt because He is love and love produces this:

***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.***

Stating God sees His Children as evil and views them with great distrust is proclaiming God a failure in love. But more than this it is a lie and a tool of the Devil to enslave Christians to those with lack of faith in God's own goodness. Love cannot fail it is impossible as much as stating God Himself is a failure for trusting His own Children; Christ Jesus being 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 them 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 see the blood of Christ Jesus that covers our sins. So does this mean we know longer sin?

No it does not because we are left in our sinful flesh the law against our sins was removed by Christ Jesus faithful life on earth. If one removes the stop sign there is not 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. But God does not go back on His promises and judges us as though the stop sign is still their what He does do is trust in His love.

What does that mean, God believes love never fails because He is love, if He does not put faith in love then He is no better then a word we cannot absolutely trust God with our eternal lives. God says: "Writing love in the hearts of my children means they will stop because of my love, they don't need to be made to by a law producing an obligation".



***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,***

God then views us as sinless in Christ Jesus, we are in life, which has become Jesus Christ, 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 overcome the world in Christ Jesus life in us. God is love so He does not live in fear of failure, moreover, when we do sin we can approach God in complete openness and faith that He will not reproach us.

***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.***

Remaining in love and walking in love means we walk in God's Spirit, which gives us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption. On every level we have what we need to continue in God's love and overcome our sinful flesh and this world.

***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 new, yes, our old heart was wicked, but it was killed, or put too death in Christ and made new by God Holy Spirit. Can we do wickedness still? Yes! But evn in our sin we are under the new command of love, God will discipline us in love as our earth father does his children, but we are not under condemnation and death as those teaching that those in Christ Jesus have deceitful and corrupt hearts that misleads them into death.

***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?***

What is wrong with their approach is, it bring 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 with condemnation in view they cannot translate anything 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 fear and fear comes from judgment, but in 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, because they are veiwd as wicked by rather than declared righteous in Christ Jesus by God's love.

***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 in Faith**

Faith in what? This seem like a very strange question to those walking according to rules of doctrines, but it is the key too our eternal life. Putting faith in Christ Jesus that our sins are not accounted against us, and we are under God's love. But above all that He will finished what he started in us a good work because He is faithful and love; and as we know 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 in life not in our past.

May none of us deprive anyone of the undeserved kindness of Christ Jesus in enslaving them to one verse of God's word the bible. Let us promote love in freeing people in Christ Jesus, so God can get read of their guilt in Christ Jesus, where they can feel loved and wanted.

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 sin it is with life in view not death and may we know God is bigger than our hearts that condemn us as unworthy at times. but let us not be consumed with self.

Let us be consumed with God's love that He has placed Christ righteousness in our judgment so that he has taken it out of the way. 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.***

In conclusion stating that Jer.17:9 applies to those of God's anointed children is a falsehood to enslave Christians into life of sin and wickedness through the power of men's doctrines.

It is a most negative view of what God Himself has paid to release mankind from the bondage of sin and death through the precious blood of His Son Christ Jesus. Furthermore, let us prayerfully consider the love God has given us in freedom from judgment by his underserved 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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