

**GOSPEL OF MARK**  
**Know Your Heart**  
**Mark 7:14-23**

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**1. It is vital to understand that being defiled and rendered unacceptable to God, does not come to man from the \_\_\_\_\_ but from within his heart.**

a. It is easy to assume that outward religious observances will make a person \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

1) It is important to make \_\_\_\_\_ of the means of grace God has provided, but participation does not automatically make a person Christian.

2) It is wise to \_\_\_\_\_ tempting situations when possible, but this does not automatically make a person pure.

b. It is difficult to come to grips with the reality that sinful defilement comes from within a person's \_\_\_\_\_.

*"The \_\_\_\_\_ of true defilement in men is the human heart, and the tragedy of man's having to sin reaches its demonic fulfillment in man's wanting to sin. There is no heart in which this radical evil has failed to take root." - William L. Lane*

**2. It is vital to understand that \_\_\_\_\_ evil thoughts, words and actions have their beginnings in the heart.**

*"If these come from within, then not from without; they are not by imitation, or are the mere effects of example in \_\_\_\_\_: example may indeed, and often does, draw out the evil that is within; but it does not produce it there; if it was not there before, it could not draw it out thence." - John Gill*

**3. It is vital to understand that in Christ, God has provided a \_\_\_\_\_ that addresses the heart needs of man.**

a. God \_\_\_\_\_ our heart to us and shows us we are under His judgment.

b. Christ has paid the full price for \_\_\_\_\_.

c. As the One who has overcome sin, Christ is able to \_\_\_\_\_ with the struggles we have with temptation.

d. Christ provides the \_\_\_\_\_ we need to cling to Him in faith and follow in obedience.