

# Like a CHILD

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Eph 3:7

How does Jesus fit inside our heart?

0. What makes a home somewhere enjoyable for you to live in?

1. Read **1 Cor 6:19-20**. What sort of physical being are we?

Do you not know that your \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit, who is \_\_\_\_\_ you, whom you have \_\_\_\_\_ from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

2. Discuss the following verses. In what ways God wants to make a home in you?

- **John 17:20-26**
- **Ephesians 3:16**

3. Cultivating the interior world of the heart by following the law alone doesn't work. Paul realizes when he tried to keep all of the law, it condemned him.

- Read **Gal 2:15-18**. Why would Paul say in v16 that "by the works of the law no one will be justified"?
- Instead, he says in **Gal 2:19**: "I died to the law so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me." How do you die to the law and live for God – how does this happen?

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4. What changes in our hearts welcome Jesus to make a home in us?

**Read 2 Cor 4:4-10 (NIV).** The god of this age has \_\_\_\_\_ the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel that displays the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who said, "Let light \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_,"[a] made his light shine in our \_\_\_\_\_ to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. 10 We always carry around in our \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus, so that the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus may also be revealed in our \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Childlike questions takes us back to things most important – by asking how does Jesus fit inside our hearts. Discuss in what ways will you prepare the interior world of your life for Jesus to feel at home?

Consider areas to take action, such as:

- **Accept** and connect with Jesus if you haven't yet – let Him in and He will (**Rev 3:20**)
- **Ask** for help – others who follow Jesus, learning together to realign hearts, letting the image of Christ form inside our interior world, or relate with followers on a faith journey
- **Test yourself.** Do an internal audit of the heart (**2 Cor 13:5**) to examine yourself; to see whether you are in the faith; test yourself. Find where you need to "clean house", clear out any areas of our internal world that push Christ away.