

Sermon - November 13, 2016 - Pentecost 26,

Healing Worship

Prepare Our Hearts to Offer Thanks to You, O God!

Various Texts

Introduction:

- 2 Corinthians 13:14
- God provides
- We worship in thanksgiving with offerings.

I. Satan shackles our hearts to stay in one place with our giving.

- God desires that we should be grateful.
- Deuteronomy 8:18
- 2 Cor. 8:5
- 2 Cor. 9:12
- 2 Cor. 9:7
- There are times when God seems more absent than present.
- Psalm 121:8
- How train an elephant, shackle it so it can stand in one place.
- Satan makes people think they always need to stand in one place when it comes to worshipping God even with our offerings.

II. But God has given us new hearts, implanted with his Spirit in our Baptism.

- God also provides us with something else that helps us to see the beauty of his provision but that we also become thankful people.
- He operates in us with a heart transplant
- Ezekiel 36:26
- He implants His Spirit
- He washes us with water
- Ezekiel 36:25

III. Now God has prepared some steps by which the new heart offers thanks to him.

- First step: gives you clear, straight thinking about your offering and more
- 1 Pet 1:13
- 1 Corinthians 16:2
- Second step: put your offering "aside and store it up."
- Third Step, prepare your thank offering in proportion to how God has blessed you

IV. This is the baptismal newness of life, including a new way to offer thanks to God.

- Some give 10% of their income following the Old Testament standard,
- Others give more as God has blessed them
- Romans 6:4

Conclusion:

- And even when satan, our sinful flesh tries to rob of the joy in giving, God renews our hearts, and gives us His spirit so we can be free, and in a strong intimate relationship with him
- God prepares your heart to thank him for all this he does for you