A. Where is Your Heart Planted? (Romans 10:8-10)

1. The passage quoted from Deuteronomy continually speaks.
2. “Here the reference is not to the whole Bible as such, but to the individual scripture which the Spirit brings to our remembrance for use in time of need, a prerequisite being the regular storing of the mind with Scripture.” There is always a verse, passage of scripture, or a Bible story that can enter a person’s heart. God said He also reveals Himself through nature (Romans 1:18-21).
3. The word of God is in the inner most personal parts of a person’s life so that it affects their affections and mindset concerning the will of God.
4. Faith becomes a living reality in and through our lives when we remain steadfast in our convictions with complete confidence in the truth of God’s Word. This leads to total surrender to God that He will be faithful to His Word.
5. This is when a believer once and for all makes an emphatic public proclamation of their inward conviction that Jesus is Lord.
6. This is a conviction that Jesus in His full humanity (1 John 4:2) has all authority, power and dominion while He seeks to establish for mankind a renewed relationship with God.
7. This is when we have a deep commitment to place all our trust in Christ based on the knowledge we have of Him.
8. This is when the Word of God is in the inner most parts of our lives so that we place our full trust in Christ to the point it affects the affections and our mindset moving us to a deep conviction to do the will of God.
9. God, and all that He is, resurrected Christ from being dead.
10. Jesus Christ, who is Lord, was brought back into fellowship with God (Matthew 27:46) after being separated from God (1 Peter 3:19-23) when He took on the sins of mankind.
11. The Holy Spirit draws us to Christ (John 6:44) so that we are delivered from death to life from the bondage of sin to freedom in Christ (John 8:31-32).
12. The Holy Spirit examines our inner most thoughts and affections to see if we have a sincere desire to do the will of God.
13. Conviction and confident trust in Christ is not sincere unless a person continually, to the point of it becoming a habit, demonstrates a deep commitment, from their inner most thoughts and affections, desire to do the will of God.
14. Salvation inputs the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13-14) who brings the righteous nature of God. Therefore, a person who is saved demonstrates a desire (2 Corinthians 5:17) to
live in conformity to the divine standards of God. Our new nature, as adopted children (Romans 8:12-17), drives us to want to live in holiness. 15. To continually, to the point it is habitual, make verbal proclamations about our deep convictions in Christ, comes from the righteousness that was imputed into us. This outward display of our inner transformation results in a believer being delivered from the effects of sin (Romans 6:10,17-19; 8:10-11).

B. What Does Your Heart Produce (1 John 3:7-9)?

1. We must make sure, on a continuous basis, that no one causes us to wander away from the truth that led us to Christ, so that we begin to believe falsehood as if it is the truth.
2. This is where people put on a form of godliness, but their hearts are far from God. These people can deceive us into thinking they are saved and therefore cover our eyes from the truth (2 Timothy 3:1-13).
3. If a person’s outwards actions demonstrate a continuous commitment to habitually apply God’s divine standards, it must be that righteousness was imputed and therefore they are saved.
4. By having a heart to practice righteousness, and to do so in plain view of everyone, there is no way anyone should be able to deceive us.
5. The desire to continually obey the standards of God is evidence that the person is a new creation and therefore, because of the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives, has the same divine nature that leads to righteousness (2 Peter 1:3-4).
6. The person who makes it a continuous habit to willfully disobey God’s Word has not been transformed into a new creation, no matter how many times they confess that they have.
7. The devil a deceiver and his nature is to be a liar (John 8:44). Anyone who continuously lives with no desire to obey the truth exposes his nature, not the nature of Christ.
8. Anyone who has been delivered from the bondage of sin and is now in a completed state of transformation because they have the new life of God through the Holy Spirit, the divine nature of God in them, can continually and purposefully disobey the Word of God.
9. This is the presence of the Holy Spirit completely poured into a person’s inner being (Ephesians 1:3-4; 3:16, Titus 3:4-6). This transformation is a powerful conformation to the nature of God.
10. The Holy Spirit is permanent (John 14:16; Ephesians 1:13-14) in a believers’ inner being.
11. A believer cannot continuously purposefully disobey the Word of God to the point of becoming evil because they are in a completed state of being in the very nature of God and they have the permanent presence of the Holy Spirit in them.
C. Will God Accept it’s Fruit (Matthew 7:21, 16-23):

1. Anyone who continuously verbally communicates their acknowledgement of Christ being Lord.
2. Not anyone who gives verbal recognition to the authority, power and dominion of Christ in an effort to expose their belief that He dominates their lives each day will truly submit to His rule over their lives.
3. Not anyone who acknowledges the Lordship of Christ will enter into the ‘sphere of God’s rule.’ This means that while we live on earth, we are constantly conscious of God’s rule over our lives.
4. If a person’s outwards actions demonstrate a continuous commitment to habitually apply God’s divine standards, it must be that righteousness was imputed and therefore they are saved.
5. It is who, from the inside, has a sincere desire to practice God’s Word, enters into the presence of God.
6. God’s focuses in on the heart because unless the heart is transformed by God, there is no hope for anyone to have a desire to do God’s will. Also, if they are not saved they have shown no interest to love God on earth, so they will not share His presence in heaven (John 3:16-21).