

What is the Solution?

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Looking for Answers in all the Wrong Places...

<u>POLITICAL</u> Approach:	Change what people <u>DO</u>
<u>EDUCATIONAL</u> Approach:	Change what people <u>KNOW</u>
<u>MATERIAL</u> Approach:	Change what people <u>HAVE</u>
<u>PSYCHOLOGICAL</u> Approach:	Change what people <u>FEEL</u>
<u>SOCIOLOGICAL</u> Approach:	Change how people <u>RELATE</u>
<u>BIOLOGICAL</u> Approach:	Change people's <u>BODIES</u>
<u>BIBLICAL</u> Approach:	Change <u>HEARTS.</u>

*I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you.
Ezekiel 36:26 (NIV)*

Why Do I need Inner Transformation?

Human **HEART** Diseases

◆ **GUILT**

I was so swamped by guilt I couldn't see my way clear. More guilt in my heart than hair on my head, so heavy the guilt that my heart gave out. Psalms 40:12 (Message)

◆ **ALIENATION**

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. Colossians 1:21 (NIV)

◆ **CAPTIVITY**

Jesus replied, I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. John 8:34 (NIV)

How does Christ Transform my Heart?

Through the **CROSS**....

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 (NIV)

◆ He **TOOK** My **PUNISHMENT**

*God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
2 Corinthians 5:21*

◆ He **BOUGHT** My **FREEDOM**

*For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.
1 Peter 1:18-19*

◆ He **RECONCILED** My **RELATIONSHIP** with God

and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation Colossians 1:20-22

◆ He **GAVE** me a **NEW IDENTITY**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17

because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Romans 8:14-16