

July 20

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that before coming to Christ my life was in need of total transformation? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one that owes his to the Lord? Does my life demonstrate that I am an obedient servant that is subject to God's will?

1 **God determined to cleanse a people for Himself** — *Ezekiel 36:25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. 26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.*

Why did I need to be changed from inside rather than have external changes?

What transformations has God made in my life for which I praise Him?

2 **I am born again through the will of God** — *John 1:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

What comfort do I find in the fact that my salvation is an act of God's will?

Why does the devil want me to think that I'm in charge of all that happens?

3 **I am now to seek to do God's will in the way servants were to obey their masters** — *Ephesians 6:5 Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; 6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart....*

What are the good characteristics of a faithful and obedient servant?

Which of these characteristics are a part of my life? Which ones need to be?

Spirit of Wisdom, how do you want to apply these verses in my life today?

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Acts 22

Evening: Psalms 26, 27, 28