

Why does God choose to convict some of sin but not others? Why are some convicted of their sins and come to faith but others are left with a hardened heart?

God works to draw an individual to himself by convicting him of sin (Jn 16:8–11). After one repents (Jb 33:4, Ac 2:37, 38) he can have a right relationship with God (1 Jn 1:3) and the brethren (1 Jn 1:7). The Holy Spirit then renews him (Is 32:15, Eze 36:26, 2 Co 5:17).

When one humbles himself before the Lord, he can be saved (Lk 15:17–21, 18:13, 14). God will not demand that an individual love him. Each person chooses life or death (Josh 24:14-1).

Unfortunately, few accept God's offer of life (Deut 30:19, Mt 7:13-14). Men prefer darkness to light because their deeds are evil (Jn 3:19). Humanists live for today and place little value on the things of God (Ge 25:29–34, Judg 17:6).

God asks all men everywhere to repent (Ac 17:30) and he has graciously given men the time that they need to do so (Jer 8:20. 2 Pe 3:9).

Pharaoh chose rather than allowing his heart to melt like wax to harden like clay in the presence of light (Ex 4:21–23). Men today do the same. God exposes what is in (Ps 44:21) a one's heart (Jer 17:9).

The wicked heart is described as: blind (Eph 4:18), darkened (Ro 1:21), covetous (2 Pe 2:14), full of evil (Ge 6:5), unrepentant (Ro 2:5), lustful (Pr 6:25), proud (Jer 49:16), rebellious (Jer 5:23) and uncircumcised (Ac 7:51); whereas the righteous heart is describes as: circumcised (Ro 2:29), contrite (Ps 51:17), enlarged (Ps 119:32), enlightened (2 Co 4:6), joyful in God (1 Sa 2:1) meditative (Ps 4:4) perfect (Ps 101:2), pure (Ps 73:1; Mt 5:8), prayerful (1 Sa 1:12, 13), glad and sincere (Ac 2:46), steadfast (Ps 57:7), tender (2 Ki 22:19), a treasury of good (Mt 12:35) and wise (Pr 10:8).¹

As a man thinks in his heart so is he (Pr 23:7).

¹ Thomas Nelson Publishers. (1996). Nelson's quick reference topical Bible index (p. 279). Thomas Nelson Publishers.