

Dear Grace Church,

January 14,2024

In preparation to make the most of the means of grace this Lord's Day, to live together in the presence of the Triune God, I encourage you to read Ezekiel 36-37 for familiarity. Then read Ezekiel 36:22-32 several times very carefully for the flow of thought. Finally read Ezekiel 36:26-27 and pray through it with the outline. Please pray for me as well as I seek to prepare my own soul to do you the greatest good possible for the glory of Christ.

Seeking to live by faith upon the graces of God's covenant with you,

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Ezekiel 36:22-32

²² “Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “I do not do *this* for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name’s sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went. ²³ And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I *am* the LORD,” says the Lord GOD, “when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. ²⁴ For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do *them*. ²⁸ Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God. ²⁹ I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. I will call for the grain and multiply it, and bring no famine upon you. ³⁰ And I will multiply the fruit of your trees and the increase of your fields, so that you need never again bear the reproach of famine among the nations. ³¹ Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that *were* not good; and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight, for your iniquities and your abominations. ³² Not for your sake do I do *this*,” says the Lord GOD, “let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel!” (NKJV)

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I. The Promise of the New Heart (26)

A. The giving of the new heart (26a)

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1. that we may be able to walk in his ways (27b)

2. that we may really walk in his ways (27c-d)