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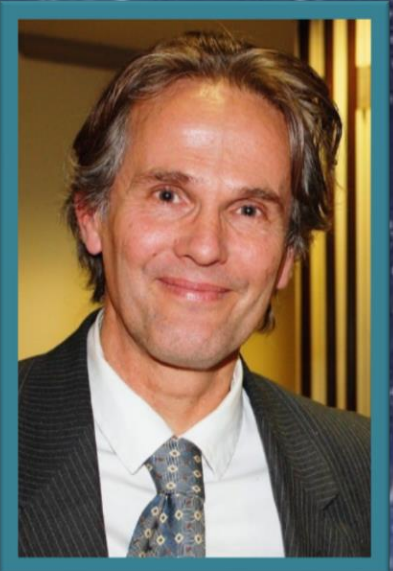
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#### *To Change the Heart: A Biblical Defense of Pope Francis*

If there is one message that the Bible imparts it is that it is impossible for humanity, unaided by the grace of God, to change its heart. Thus in Scripture we read how people can see miraculous healings, the dead raised, amazing displays of divine power, be warned by prophets of coming judgment, and yet for all of that they stay unchanged. But God made the promise through the prophets that the new covenant *would* result in new hearts, only how is this new heart to be brought about? The simple answer is through mercy, a key word in the pontificate of Francis, a pontificate dogged by controversy and opposition. At the heart of the controversy is the question: how *does* mercy operate so as to change the heart? And this requires us to understand something of the complex and mysterious ways in which mercy operates. This talk attempts to answer something of this mystery and to do so by reference to the keys entrusted by Jesus to St Peter and his successors. Our primary text will be the Gospel of St Matthew, though reference will be made to other biblical books.



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