

Artist Name: Rick Spooner

"Child Bride" - The featured painting for this year's exhibit is intended to call attention to the ongoing abuse and exploitation, estimated to affect over 50 million children worldwide. The final sale price for this piece, will be matched by the artist, up to \$5,000, as a donation to Child Impact International. This organization offers safe houses, education and vocational training, to children who would otherwise be caught up in forced child marriages (ages 8 to 10 are not uncommon), sexual exploitation, bonded servitude, abandonment and physical abuse. Go to ChildImpact.org to learn more about how you can make a difference.

"Proverbs 30:17" Of the Ten Commandments, found in Exodus 20, one comes with a promise. "Honor your father and mother, that your days may be long..." Proverbs 30:17 has an "interesting" warning, related to that commandment, which has been portrayed in "Proverbs 30:17". "The eye that mocks his father and does not listen to his mother's instructions, will be plucked out by the ravens of the valley and eaten by the scaring vultures."

"Heart of Stone - Heart of Flesh" Chapter 36 of Ezekiel, promises a day of restoration. At that time, God promises to "take away the stone heart out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." God has "restored my 'stone heart' with a 'heart of flesh,' by His Word and the healing power of Jesus' death and resurrection. Hebrews 3:7-8 reads, "Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: 'Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts...' Jesus offers a new life, free from the guilt and bondage of sin.

Bow your knees to Him today and receive the new life and freedom only He can give.