

## Blessed are the Pure in Heart

### 1) Introduction

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Matthew 5:8

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Morally: Free from corrupt desires, innocent blameless, free from sin and guilt, sincere, genuine

Physically: purified by fire, like a vine cleansed by pruning and so fitted to bear fruit,

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Psalm 51: 4

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Psalm 51:17

The Lord has sought out a man after His (God's) own heart. And the Lord has commanded him to be prince over His people. 1 Samuel 13:14

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? Jeremiah 17:9

### 2) The Heart – a rotten core

The Heart is that thing that is at the center of your life.

<sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” Genesis 3:4-5

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1 Corinthians 13:4

There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the thing that comes out of a person is what defiles him. ...<sup>21</sup> For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup> coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.” Mark 7:15,21

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

### 3) With Jesus: The outside doesn't make the inside, it is the inside that handles the outside.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you ... <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad. Matthew 5:11

<sup>44</sup> But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. ... <sup>48</sup> You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew 5:44,48

<sup>26</sup> And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules Ezekiel 36:26-27

<sup>3</sup> And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. <sup>4</sup> Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, 1 John 2:3-4

No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning, no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him. 1 John 3:6

### 4) You can't fake this, the real deal changes our hearts.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? Psalm 42:2

<sup>29</sup> How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? Hebrews 10:29

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

### 5) Real heart in a real world

Wretched man that I am, Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin. Romans 7:24-25

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Romans 8:1-4

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through the spirit who dwells in you. Romans 8:11

**You don't have to fake it, the Living God has done it!**

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:12-14