

Summer In The Red- Week 2

HEART SURGERY

What bliss you experience when your heart is pure! For then your eyes will be opened to see more of God.

Matthew 5:8

Pure = clean

See = to perceive; to attend to- in past, present & future tense

When we have a pure heart, we can view our past, present & future through our God, not our experience.

David's prayer after the prophet Nathan had exposed his adultery with Bathsheba

Keep creating in me a clean heart.

Fill me with pure thoughts and holy desires, ready to please you.

Psalms 51:10

Create = same word as used in Genesis 1

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness...So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:26 & 27

How do we keep a heart in an impure world?

-We need heart surgery to reset us back to our original design.

Preparing for heart surgery:

1. Xrays/EKG- the surgeon needs to see into the heart to plan the procedure so that it can be the most effective

Spirit of God

-We have to invite the Holy Spirit to examine our hearts-

Search me, God, and know my heart;

test me and know my anxious thoughts.

See if there is any offensive way in me,

and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalms 139:23-24

2. Fast- doctors ask patients to fast because the anesthesia is more effective on an empty stomach

Fear of God

-If we want to be ready for heart surgery with God, we have to decide to live lives that are set apart- we can't keep consuming the same diet and expect the heart surgery to fix the problem
-God is giving us the anesthesia of His presence during our heart surgery, but when we try to supplement that with our own ways of numbing the pain, it makes what should be a gentle, loving process a painful, long one. Keep yourself in His hands and exclude anything that pulls you away from the presence of God.

[...Live your lives with great reverence and in holy awe of God.](#)
[1 Peter 2:17](#)

3. Sterilization of the area- cleaned with bacteria-killing soap

Word of God

-If the area is not first sterilized before the patient is opened up, it puts the patient at risk for infection, illness and disease/ it compromises the integrity of the procedure and the surgeon's reputation

-We have to allow the water of the Word of God to wash the bacteria of this world away

[Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.](#)
[John 17:17](#)

Want to see more of God? See more from His perspective? We have to place ourselves in the surgeon's hands. We have to trust Him, allow Him to examine us, turn from alternate sources and to His Word.

[I stand silently to listen for the one I love, waiting as long as it takes for the Lord to rescue me. For God alone has become my Savior. He alone is my safe place; his wraparound presence always protects me. For He is my champion defender; there's no risk of failure with God...](#)
[Psalm 62:1-2](#)

RESPONSE:

- 1- Meet Jesus- give the great Surgeon your heart- trust Him with it
- 2- Recognize the areas of impurity, repent & prepare for heart surgery
- 3- Lean into a lifestyle of the Spirit, His presence & the Word like never before