

Pure

- * Do not mistake True purity for what humans consider pure
- * Purity is Based on God, nothing added or nothing taken away

Purity is a mandatory characteristic of Christians that will be shown (or not) in HOW a person lives - Titus 1:15-16 - **15 TO THE PURE, all things are pure**, but to **THOSE WHO ARE CORRUPTED** and **do not believe, nothing is pure**. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted. 16 They claim to know God, but **by their actions they deny him**. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

Make no mistake, Purification is from God - 1 John 1:8-10 - 8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 **If we confess our sins, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST AND WILL FORGIVE US OUR SINS AND PURIFY US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS**. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

It is the blood of Christ that actually cleanses us and those that are truly cleansed will show it in how they live - 1 John 1:5-7 - 5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. 7 But **if we walk in the light**, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

We Gain purity by receiving and OBEYING God's Word –

John 17:15-21 - 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but **THAT YOU PROTECT THEM FROM THE EVIL ONE**. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; YOUR WORD IS TRUTH. 18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. 19 For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. 20 "My prayer is not for them alone. **I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message**, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

1 Peter 1:22-23 - 22 Now that you have purified yourselves BY OBEYING THE TRUTH SO THAT you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. 23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, **through the living and enduring word of God**.

Purity leads the path to eternal life - Rom 6:22-23 - 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the **benefit you reap leads to holiness**, and **the result is eternal life**. 23 For the **wages of sin is death**, but the **gift of God is eternal life** in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Do not mistake Purity with living by Works, Purity is a product of Grace - Acts 15:6-11 - 6 The apostles and elders met to consider this question. 7 After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: "Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. 8 God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. 9 He made no distinction between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. 10 Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of the disciples a yoke that neither we nor our fathers have been able to bear? 11 No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are."

We must understand that grace is more than just forgiveness of sins - Titus 2:11-14 - 11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. 12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope — the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to PURIFY FOR HIMSELF a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

It is our choice IF we will be pure or Impure and how we will be used by God - 2 Tim 2:20-21 - 20 In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. 21 **IF a man CLEANSSES HIMSELF FROM THE LATTER, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work**.

Description of Pure religion is Helping the helpless in their needs and making sure we are not contaminated - James 1:26-27 - 26 If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. 27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

A major ingredient of Godly wisdom is Purity - James 3:17 But the **wisdom that comes from heaven is FIRST OF ALL PURE**; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

A major part of our life ministry is purity - 1 Tim 4:11-12 - 11 Command and teach these things. 12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

We must make sure our relationships are pure and not based on anything else - 1 Tim 5:1-2 - Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, 2 older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.

We must be aware of our Spiritual relationship with others when it concerns our purity - 1 Tim 5:22 Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, and do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure.

Train the young men to live based on the Bible only - Titus 2:6-8 - 6 Likewise urge the young men to be sensible; 7 in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with PURITY IN DOCTRINE, dignified, 8 sound in speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us. NASU

Part of the training for young women is purity - Titus 2:4-5 - 4 Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, 5 **to be** self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

A major ministry of wives to husbands is the wife displaying herself COMPLETELY living for God - 1 Peter 3:1-5 - Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, 2 when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. 3 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. 4 Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

A major focus of all Christians must be purity - Phil 4:8-9 - 8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things.

Impurity

Impurity comes in many different forms, so we must be careful not to allow any of them - Eph 5:3 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

A major dangerous form of impurity is sexual sin, and God says they will not go unpunished - 1 Thess 4:3-8 - 3 It is God's will that **YOU SHOULD BE SANCTIFIED**: that you should avoid sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, 5 not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; 6 and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord WILL PUNISH men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. 7 For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. 8 Therefore, **he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit**.

Evidence that a person is unspiritual is impurity - Gal 5:19-21 - 19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

We must literally put impurity to death - Col 3:5-6 - 5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 **Because of these**, the wrath of God is coming.

We must recognize the things that we ALLOW to make us impure - 2 Cor 11:2-4 - 2 I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him. 3 But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. 4 For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.

- **The Preaching you receive is not completely from the Bible**
- **You listen to people based on other things other than testing the Spirit (1 John 4:1-3)**
- **You allow false gospels to be preached instead of the Good news of Christ.**

Allowing False teachings and teachers which are dangerous and misleading - 1 Tim 1:3-7 - 3 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men not to teach doctrines any longer 4 nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These promote controversies rather than God's work — which is by faith. →

→5 The goal of this command is love, which comes from a **PURE HEART** and a good conscience and a sincere faith. 6 Some have wandered away from these and turned to meaningless talk. 7 They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.

God makes clear the destination of the impure - 1 Cor 6:9-11 - 9 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? **DO NOT BE DECEIVED:** Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and **by the Spirit of our God.**

TAKE NOTE; there is a warning to the pure who CHOSE not to be pure - Heb 10:26-31 - 26 If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, 27 but **only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.** 28 Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 **How much more severely** do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who **HAS TREATED AS AN UNHOLY THING THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT THAT SANCTIFIED HIM,** and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know him who said, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," and again, "The Lord will judge his people." 31 It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

We must become and Stay Pure

Our purpose must be for COMPLETELY for God - James 4:7-10 - 7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and **PURIFY YOUR HEARTS, YOU DOUBLE-MINDED.** 9 Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

We must currently Live purified as Christ lived purified because we are Children of God - 1 John 3:1-3 - How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 Everyone who has this hope in him **PURIFIES HIMSELF, JUST AS HE IS PURE.**

How we use to live, serving the flesh, we must now live serving righteousness - Rom 6:19 I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness.

Recognize the specific things the pure avoids and goes after –

2 Cor 7:1 - Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, **perfecting holiness** out of reverence for God.

2 Tim 2:22 **Flee** the evil desires of youth, and **pursue** righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

1 Peter 2:2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

We must follow Jesus lead

John 8:15-16 - 15 You judge by human standards; **I PASS JUDGMENT ON NO ONE.** 16 But if I do judge, my decisions are right, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me.

John 14:31 but the world must learn that I love the Father and that **I DO EXACTLY WHAT MY FATHER HAS COMMANDED ME.** "Come now; let us leave.

In the end, only the pure will see God - Matt 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.