

Pure

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Introduction

1. Matthew 5:8
2. What would you like to see?
 - a. Grand Canyon, Rocky Mountains
 - b. Family growth, physically, mentally, and spiritually
 - c. Do you want to see God
3. Some have vision problems: cross-eyed, near-sighted, far-sighted, color blind, cataracts, “magic eye” puzzles.
4. Purity is emphasized in the Bible Matt 5:8; Acts 20:26; Rom 14:20; Phil 4:8; 2 Cor 6:6; 1 Tim 1:5; 3:9, 4:12, 5:2, 22; 2 Tim 1:3, 2:22; Titus 1:15; Heb 10:22; James 1:27, 3:17; 1 Peter 1:22; 2 Peter 3:1; 1 John 3:3; Rev 15:6; 21:18, 21; 22:1
5. Let us notice the meaning of purity, the standard of purity and obtaining purity.

II Discussion

1. The meaning of purity
 - a. Pure from defilement, not contaminated (same root word as “holy”) Phil 4:8; 1 Tim 4: 12; 5:22; James 3:17
 - b. Pure as being cleansed Matt 5:8; 1 Tim 1:5; 2 Tim 1:3; 2:22
 - c. Unalloyed, pure Phil 1:10 “sincere” 2 Peter 3:1
2. The standard of purity
 - a. Man is not our standard Luke 18:11; 2 Cor 10:12
 - b. God is our standard 1 Peter 1:15-16
 - i. Single purpose Col 3:1-2; James 1:6-8; Heb 12:1
 - ii. Sincerity 2 Tim 2:22; 1 Peter 1:22
 - iii. Deep seated-convictions (not this kind Matt 23:23-26) James 1:27 Rom 6:16-18
 - iv. Shepherd of the mind Phil 4:8
 - v. Sentinel of the eyelids Matt 5:27-28; 1 Cor 6:18; 2 Tim 2:22
 - c. We cannot mix light and darkness; this would be alloyed, or impure 2 Cor 6:14-15
3. How do we obtain purity
 - a. Desire to have a pure heart Matt 5:8; Ps 51:10
 - b. We must to the Mirror of the soul James 1:23-25
 - c. We must marinate our hearts in faith 1 Tim 1:5
 - d. We must take a bath Heb 10:22; 1 Peter 1:22
 - e. We must have pure religion James 1:27
 - f. We must have hope 1 John 3:2

III Conclusion

1. Are you pure? You know the meaning, standard and how to obtain purity.
2. If not what are you waiting for?
3. Come now!

Source: ICYC camp material by Allen Webster; Vines Dictionary; Key of the kingdom by Tom Holland sermon outlines on Matthew; Living Soberly, Righteously and Godly ETSOPM 1977; Denton lecture 87 & 96