

SINGLE ALLIANCE

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PURE OF HEART

I. Intro

- A. We continue with the beatitudes
- B. Blessed is the pure in heart for they shall see God
- C. Each beatitude has a past and present fulfillment in our life

II. What is the heart?

- A. If our heart is to be pure what is our heart
- B. Heart is a comprehensive term for the inner part of man. This includes man's spirit and soul. We see them as separate but they are very much linked together.
- C. The only thing that can divide the soul and spirit is the Word of God- Hebrews 4:12
- D. Before salvation we had a single heart against God
- E. When we got saved we actually received a divided heart- Our spirit was toward God, but our soul still away from God
- F. The goal of the Christian life is to become single hearted toward God by renewing our mind and consecrating our wills to God.

III. Purity Past

- A. God's holy demands perfection of purity- none of us could meet this demand
- B. We must all come as sinners to God's grace to receive cleansing and his purity- This is called righteousness.
- C. Acts 15:9- Our hearts are purified by faith- Our spirit was reborn and was made completely pure before God. Our spirit is our most inmost being and what defines our true identity. We are a spirit, that has a soul, that lives in a body.
- D. Hebrews 10:14- For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

IV. Purity Present

- A. We need our hearts purified
- B. James 4:8- purify your hearts you double minded. This verse tells us how we as Christians, we who have been made pure by grace how our hearts should be

purified in the present- It is by renewing our minds. We purify our hearts when we become single minded.

- C. Our mind is the eye of our heart
- D. Ephesians 1:18- Eyes of your understanding
- E. Matthew 6:21-23- The eye is where we see. It receives light. If the two eyes are not focused on the same thing then there will not be accurate sight.
- F. We get cross eyed so often. Illus. Look at your nose and tell me how many fingers I am holding up. We all can become near sighted
- G. What is double minded? It is having a mind that is not set on just one thing. We entertain impure thoughts.
- H. Many thing having a pure heart has to deal with actions. It begins in the thought life before our actions.
 - 1. Matthew 15:19-20
- H. In the simplest form how do I purify my heart? How can I see God in my life. To see someone you must be looking at them and focusing only on them. When you do that you automatically are single minded, single focused, and will be able to see clearly.
- I. We need to look for God in every situation.