



## Serve God With A Pure Heart

### Text:

**1 Peter 1:21** Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. (KJV)

- We do error when we deviate from the scripture to human reason.
- We choose between the road of self justification or God justification.
- God has an answer to all sin, it is the blood of Jesus the Christ.
- We reach for things that we should not have and go in ways we should not go and then at the end of it all we expect to put on a robe of righteousness and a crown of life.

But the Bible says :

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. Gal 6:7-8 (KJV)

- There is no magic to all of this, if you want to know him, he is at the door knocking, and if you don't want to know him all you need to do is not take heed to the one who stands knocking at the door.

**Matt 5:8** Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. (KJV)

- Revelation comes not from slick thinking or being endued with supreme intelligence. Revelation comes from serving God with a pure unassuming heart.
- God said it we must believe it.
- I will not question God, only serve him with a pure heart.
- One must not say that I am in this for gain but I desire to KNOW HIM by whom the worlds were created!
- To grow in revelation of Spiritual trues we must fervently seek to keep our hearts pure.
- **WE HAVE A MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION NOT ONE OF RATIONALIZATION!!!!**
- Repentance is the FIRST STEP to a pure heart. This is the act of turning around.

**Ps 24:3-5** Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?

4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. (KJV)

- We have plenty to discourage us but if you can only keep your eyes on Jesus. You will do Great Things!
- When the disciples were out in the boat there came a figure to them walking on the water. They were sore afraid at the thought of what this could have been. But then a familiar voice was heard calling to them saying “Be of good cheer” and they recognized that it was Jesus coming to them on the water.
- Peter did OK as he kept his eyes fixed on the Master.

28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. 29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. (KJV)

- When he saw the troubled waters he let fear get a hold of him, and focusing on your troubles will only cause you to sink.

Our motives CANNOT BE SELF SERVING BUT PURE AND KINGDOM MINDED.

If you wonder about the true Church listen to the Man of God.....

**2 Tim 2:19-22** Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

**22** Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. (KJV)

A Psalm of David, “A man after God's heart” (Acts 13:22)

A man who had gotten entangled with an adulterous sin with Bathsheba

**Psalm 139:23-24** Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (KJV)

**Psalm 51:7** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

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

11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. (KJV)

- The need to consecrate. To the Angel of the Church at Ephesus Jesus said: Rev 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. (KJV)

- **Consecration** The act of devoting or setting apart anything to the worship or service of God.

**1 Pet 2:9** But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now

have obtained mercy. (KJV)