

Living Pure In An Impure World

Matthew 5:8 ~ October 1, 2006

When it comes to our own purity, we regularly **wear a mask**, but...

The Lord can see our hearts so we **cannot really** mask what is inside of us.

What is purity?

☞ Greek word – *katharos* = **catharsis**: cleansing of the mind and emotions

- **Physical**
- **Unmixing**, no **double** allegiance (Matthew 6:24)

☞ A person of purity is one who has been cleansed in **character** so that the way they look in **public** is the way they look in **private**.

5 Types of Purity

6. **Godly** or **divine** purity
7. **Created** purity
8. **Positional** purity
9. **Practical** or **everyday** purity
10. **Ultimate** purity

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“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.” ~ Matthew 5:8

The heart of the problem is that maintaining purity is a **heart problem**.

As water reflects a face, so a man's heart reflects the man. ~ Proverbs 27:19

What is wrong with our heart that makes it so problematic?

3. **Deceitfulness** of the heart
4. **Disease** of the heart

The cure for our heart problem: **heart transplant!**

Our attempts to change our heart:

- ☞ **Legalism**
- ☞ **Modernism**
- ☞ **Activism**
- ☞ **Monasticism**

God's path to purity:

- ☞ **Admit** our sinful impurity
- ☞ Pray for purity and ask God **for a new heart**
- ☞ **Draw close** to God