

CHIEF MINISTRIES

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“Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from sin?” Proverbs 20:9 *No one could ever say that they have made their own heart clean or that he has purified himself of his own sins.* Only if we've asked the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ to wash over our sins can we say that we're pure. Matthew 5:8 says, *"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."* This cleansing takes place at the new birth. *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."* (IICor. 5:17)

So.... What old things are you hanging on to? The lust of the flesh? The lust of the eyes? The pride of life? The works of the flesh? The world? Vile affections? The lust of the mind? The god of this world? Do an inventory and ask yourself. Yes men, I know we're not perfect, God help us if we had to be. But, do you find yourself leaning more towards the good or the bad? You see, more often than not, there will usually be an outward sign of the inward thoughts. I'm guilty too! But at the end of the day my prayer is "Father, please let the good I've done today outweigh the bad", because this, my brothers, is what we will be judged on. In Matthew 25:31-46. There is a story of the judgment of the living nations at Christ's second coming.

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” (Matthew 25:31-46 ESV)

Thank God it's by His grace we are saved. But why? Just so we can say, I'm saved and you're not to those around that we don't feel measure up? This past week in a chapel service, I sat there and a homosexual man sat a couple of chairs away and I noticed a couple guys rolled their eyes. As they did that I reached over and shook his hand and felt an urging inside to talk to him. So I did. I asked him

"How are you feeling?" He said, "Well, I feel okay, but I've been told I only have 8 months to live!" Whoa! How do you answer that? Especially when he starts asking me with his eyes "Can you help me?" And I just began to explain how the thief on the cross didn't know how to be anything but a thief. His entire life wasted on himself and what he wanted. And this man then said, "That's how I feel. I've done nothing to even be worthy of God hearing me if I called out to Him." I said, "Trust me, I've been there too."

We're not worthy! We can't purify ourselves! Only Jesus can heal the wounded soul and wash the sinner clean. And as I continued to minister to this man in the back of the chapel, tears came to his eyes as the Spirit of God began to touch him, and then after and during the pre-service entertainment, we were brought an incredible testimony of a four-time female prisoner, drug addict, prostitute, homosexual whom God has redeemed and changed and is fulfilling the call of God in her life by letting the good outweigh the bad. This man was visibly touched, moved, as was the Spirit of God over him as he went forward for salvation. Does it matter how he lived? No, old things are passed away, behold, ALL things have become new.

Wow! What a great feeling to know you've helped someone see the light because of the compassion and mercy you yourself have felt and accepted. Have you? Do you shine with the love of Jesus, see things the way He did? Is there purity in your heart? Ephesians 4:24 says, "*Be clothed with the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*" Titus 2:11-14. "*For the grace of God has appeared bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in the present age, waiting for the blessed Hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.*" We are His treasure, a prized possession and He calls us His very own! He will never leave us or forsake us. What a great dad! Can practical transformation be seen in your life every day? Are you letting your surroundings drag you down, or are you bringing your surroundings up to a higher ground? Every day the choice is yours. I believe in you because I know He believes in you. Wherever you are at, make a difference! Do your best to endure the nonsense around you. Look forward to a bright future. He loves you more than you'll ever know, and so do I.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.(1 John 2:1-6 ESV)

In His footsteps,

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