

***God's Part In Purifying The Heart (4)***  
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**Introduction**

1. In our study thus far we have examined what the Christian heart is and discussed the subject of purity and how it affects the heart. Today we want to take a look at God's part in purifying our hearts...

**I. Why We Need God For Pure Hearts**

- a. Because An Impure Heart Will Keep Us From God's Presence
- b. Because Sin Separates Us From God
  - i. Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8-10; Romans 3:9; Galatians 3:22; Isaiah 59:2 – they all tell us we are under sin and sin keeps away from God
- c. Because Of The Glory Of God
  - i. In Psalms 15 & 24:3-5 both describe the quality of the one who dwells in the presence of God. It involves "clean hands and a pure heart."
  - ii. Habakkuk 1:13; Proverbs 15:29; Psalm 5:4-5; Isaiah 6:1-6; 1 Peter 1:16
- d. Because We Want To Approach God
  - i. To do so we must have our sins taken care of (Romans 7:24)

**II. God & Our Purification**

- a. He Sent His Son!
  - i. Romans 7:25 gives the answer of what or whom can take away sin and our "wretchedness"
  - ii. John 3:16; Romans 5:6-9; Hebrews 9-10
    1. Jesus provided the sacrifice needed to cleanse our hearts from sin (Hebrews 10:10-14)
    2. His blood purifies us (Hebrews 9:14; Ephesians 2:13; Revelation 1:5)
    3. How do we come in contact with His blood? – Acts 22:16; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Peter 3:20-21; Romans 10:10; Acts 15:9
- b. He Sent His Word!
  - i. The Word of God is PURE (Psalm 119:9,11; 1 Peter 2:2)
  - ii. James 1:21-25 – It is through His word that we can learn HOW to be saved and STAY saved
- c. He Has Given Us A Conscience
  - i. Romans 2:13; 13:5; 1 Timothy 1:5
- d. Continually Needing Purification
  - i. Even after we have been purified by God through obeying the gospel, we get soiled again time to time with sin (1 John 1:7-10; Acts 8:22)

**III. What Does This Mean?**

- a. We Can Have Hope – there is a solution to the problem of sin in our lives (Romans 3:24-25; Ephesians 2:8; Isaiah 1:18)
- b. Our life Can Be Lived With Real Purpose
- c. We OWE Him! – Consider what God has done for us, it is not too much to serve Him with purity of heart (Hebrews 5:9; 1 Peter 1:15-16; 2 Peter 3:14)