

SOTM 6 – Blessed Are The Pure In Heart

Mat 5:8 Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

1. The new covenant is based on the heart, not just the outer actions. In the old covenant, you were not guilty of adultery unless you committed the physical act. Under the new covenant, you are guilty if you commit adultery in your heart. That is why God gave us the new birth, the very nature of Christ ... to purify our hearts.
2. Notice the pure in heart shall "**see God.**" Purity in heart produces true holiness:

Heb 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

At the new birth, you are created "from the git go" in righteousness and true holiness:

Ephesians 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

"after God" means "created in God's image. It is Genesis all over again. Just like Adam was originally created in God's image, you are now created in God's image at the new birth. In your spirit, you have the very life & nature of God. [Gen 1:26] You "put on the new man" by renewing the mind to agree with the regenerated heart. Without that transformation process, you will continue to be conformed to the world. [Rom 12:1-2] However ... you will be most miserable. Your regenerated heart and sin are incompatible. Your conscience will constantly condemn you unless your mind yields to the purity of your heart. Nobody can live in constant misery forever. Habitual sin leads to habitual misery, until finally the light is extinguished so sin can be fully enjoyed again. That's what happened with those Jude wrote about. At one time they were born again, fruit bearing trees in the kingdom of God. But they came to the place where they stood against the teachings of Jesus and the result:

Jude 1:12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds *they are* without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

- a. fruit withereth (you have to have fruit to begin with for it to wither.
- b. then without fruit

- c. Then dead again.
 - d. Even the very roots plucked up. [no access to water ... analogy ... no life]
3. The pure in heart are "blessed" by God. He wants not only a pure heart, but notice the following verse:

1 Timothy 1:5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

A. The "end" the "conclusion" the "desired end result" is:

- a. **LOVE out of a pure heart** ... God is love ... you are in His image.
- b. **A good conscience** ... meaning a mind renewed to always yield to the promptings of the new nature and the leadership of the Holy Spirit.
- c. **Faith Unfeigned.** [feigned synonyms: fake, sham, make a pretense of, to play at, to go through the motions, plastic.] The apostle John says when our heart "condemns us not" ... THEN have we confidence toward God. Real faith that flows from the love of a pure heart is always accompanied by appropriate works. Faith is love in action. Notice the flow of love, then love demonstrated by deeds, which produces a pure conscience, which results in confidence (faith) toward God. Why? Because we are living our faith by allowing the love of God to flow through us to others. These things are pleasing in His sight!

1 John 3:17-22 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? (18) My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. (19) And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. (20) For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. (21) Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. (22) And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

1 Peter 1:22 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:

1Jn 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Jas 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.