LIVING PURE IN HEART June 22, 2014 Matthew 5:8-9 by Mark Lundgren The Truly Liberated Life, Part 5

MAIN IDEA: Main Idea: When you receive Jesus into your life He purifies your heart and your eyes are opened to see God. As you continue walking with Him you resemble Him more and more.

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

Those who's hearts are pure and clear are strikingly lucky, for God's kingdom will be visible to them.

PURE IN HEART

double minded.

Pure - Katharos - as being cleansed

 Pure, cleansed, unadulterated, undivided having no mixture, clear conscience, without blemish, spotless

Psalm 24:3 – 5 Who may stand in his holy place, he who has clean hands and a pure heart...he will receive blessing from the Lord.

James 4:6 – 10 God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Submit to God. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands you sinners and purify your hearts you

John 13:6 – 11 Jesus needed only to wash the disciples feet because they were already clean.

GOD WANTS US TO HAVE A PURE HEART.

The first step in having a pure heart is to <u>confess</u> Jesus as Lord and Savior.

The next step is just maintaining the pure heart we received with the first step by continuing to <u>submit</u> to God and his cleansing. (John 6: 68 - 69; I John 1:9)

When our eyes are opened to see God and His kingdom we see things from a different perspective. We are able to see where He leads, hear what He says, and do what He does. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Matthew 5:9

Those who work for reconcilliation and peace between others are unexpectedly graced for they bear the family seal, perhaps the family resemblance, and are already working in heaven's family business.

PEACEMAKERS

Isaiah 9:6 Jesus is known as the prince of peace.

As we walk with God he will lead us to be peacemakers because that is what He is. It is part of the family business.

II Corinthians 5:17 – 20 God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

"The peacemaker, as the person whom Jesus blesses, seeks to reconcile-not by pretending there are no differences or by suppressing differences, but by creating love of the other that transcends differences or that permits the people to join hands in spite of differences."

-Scott McKnight

We will not just bring peace between people but between people and God.

If you've received Jesus as Lord and Savior, God has purified your heart. But you, me, we, need to keep submitting to Jesus cleaning our feet so we can continue living pure in heart.