

A Pure Heart

Proverbs 20:9-Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin? (KJV)

The desire for a pure heart comes consciously from deep within a believer. The believer must be willing to put forth the effort required for a pure heart. The help of the Lord God is absolutely essential for the heart to be pure. Vigilance of all that is allowed to enter the heart is a basic requirement. Effort to expel from the heart all that is not of Jesus Christ is fully expected.

Matthew 5:8- Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. (KJV)

Having a pure heart enables the believer to see God according to the Gospel. The Holy Gospel proclaims the known teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. God's Holy Church proclaims the Gospel to benefit believers seeking purity. Life is much different when the heart is pure and filled with Jesus Christ. Relationships are dramatically different when the heart is filled with Christ.

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. (KJV)

Believers learn from the Holy Apostle Paul about the presence of a pure heart. Achieving a pure heart is possible for those firmly united with Jesus Christ. Unity with Jesus Christ results from the firmest of faith and strongest desire. Complete interest in Jesus Christ is necessary for the heart to remain pure. That which is not of Jesus Christ has no place in the heart, mind and soul.

2 Timothy 2:22- Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. (KJV)

The believer is baptized into Jesus Christ and is expected to follow Jesus Christ. The baptized believer is prayerfully sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. The contents of the heart, mind and soul govern the believer's daily actions. A pure heart leads the believer faithfully on the path to God's Kingdom. The Kingdom of God and eternal life are the destinations of the pure in heart.

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. (KJV)

Love characterizes relationships of believers fervently having a pure heart. The Jesus Prayer is instrumental in fully cleansing the impurities in the heart. Repentance and confession are constructive steps to take to purify the heart. The Lord God welcomes repentant believers seeking to have their hearts purified. God's Holy Church is where believers have the heart nourished and purified.

Holy Galacteon and Epistemis; Holy Apostles Patrobus, Hermas and Others.
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