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THE PURE IN HEART

Our Sunday morning service, our Church on the Net, broadcasted a message on The Beatitudes which is found in Matthew 5:3-11. Verse 8 says, ***“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”*** The original word for “pure” is the Greek word “katharos” which means clean, clear, or pure.

How do we obtain a pure heart? Our inner man, our heart or spirit, must be purged of all inhibiting fleshly desires and ungodly thoughts. This purging is done through the circumcision of the heart.

Romans 2:25-29 speak of this circumcision. Verses 25 and 26 tell us that circumcision of the flesh that was given in the Mosaic law, does not benefit the believer. What does count is the only circumcision that is befitting the believer. This circumcision is found in Romans 2:29 which says, ***“which is one inwardly, and [a] circumcision is that of the heart, in the [human] spirit... ”***

We search our hearts to see if there is anything in us that is not of God. We do our part, and God does His part as Daniel 12:10 says, ***“Many shall be purified and made [clean] white...”*** This is the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It is written in Philippians 1:6, ***“He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ [his returning].”*** [NKJV]

God will bring his true believers to the fullness of spiritual maturity. There might be times when He must chastise [discipline] us to conform us to His perfect plan but be rest assured that He will get us there.

We are to be like soft clay in the potter’s hand. Let God mold you. Then He will allow you to be tested. This testing is like gold placed in the refiner’s fire pot. This testing by fire will bring you to completion with a pure spirit after being tried in the fire. This purification process [sanctification, holiness, purity] removes any impurities in our lives and allows us to see God and be with Him eternally.