

# PURE AS HE IS PURE

(Motivation for Clean Living: or Becoming As He Is)

I John 3:1-3

1. WHAT MANNER OF LOVE TO BE CALLED SONS OF GOD.
  1. Now are we the sons of God--not just seed.
  2. *"That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world"* (Phil. 2:15).
  3. It does not yet appear what we shall be like.
    1. When He shall appear, we will be like Him.
    2. For we shall see Him as He is.
  
2. EVERY ONE THAT HATH THIS HOPE PURIFIED HIMSELF.
  1. Hope is expectation of something still yet future.
  2. Not hope of uncertain, secret rapture that motivates us to be pure.
  3. Hope of being as He is--is motivation for becoming pure as He is pure.
  
3. THE WILL OF GOD THAT WE BE CONFORMED TO CHRIST'S IMAGE.
  1. Rom. 8:29 - *"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."*
  2. We were created originally in the image of God, but are now being conformed.
  3. Jacob was created and Israel was formed - Is. 43:1 - *"But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not, for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine."*

4. The new creation man is being conformed.
  1. Col. 3:10 - *"And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him."*
  2. Eph. 4:23-24 - *"And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."*
  
4. HOW ARE WE CHANGED OR CONFORMED: II COR. 3:18.
  1. With open face beholding as in a glass the glory of God.
  2. What do we see when we look into the mirror or glass?
  3. What is the glass?
    1. Ther perfect law of liberty--the Word of God.
    2. See what manner of man we are - James 1:23-24.
  
5. THE LOOKING GLASS OR WORD IS CLEANSING AGENT.
  1. Cleansed by washing of water of Word (Eph. 5:26) - *"That he might sanctify it (church) by washing of water by the Word."*
  2. *"Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you"* (John 15:3).
  3. The laver of brass in the outer court of Moses' Tabernacle.
    1. Ex. 30:17-21.
    2. Ex. 38:8 - made of women's looking glasses--which means mirrors.
  4. When we behold the glory of God in the mirror, changed into same image.
  
6. PROMISE OF SONSHIP RELATIONSHIP MOTIVATE TO PURITY OR CLEANLINESS (II Cor. 6:16-18).
  1. I will dwell in them; will be their God, and they shall be my people.
  2. Will be their Father, they shall be my sons and daughters.

3. Having these promises, cleanse ourselves from all filthiness (II Cor. 7:1).
  
7. IF WE WOULD JUDGE OURSELVES, WE SHOULD NOT BE JUDGED (I Cor. 11:31-32).
  1. Let a man examine himself.
  2. When we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord.
  3. That we should not be condemned with the world.
  4. We have one standard to measure ourselves by.
  5. *"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me"* (Ps. 51:10).
  6. Earth will be under law of judgment for 1000 years.
  7. After this cleansing, there will not be rebellion, for it will have been forever dealt with.
  8. Then will come new heavens and new earth wherein will dwell righteousness forever and ever.
  
8. SEEING ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE DISSOLVED.
  1. What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness.
  2. When these things are dissolved, holiness and righteousness will be all there will be. Why not begin practising it right now?
  3. Looking for (having hope) and hasting unto the coming of the day of God wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, elements melt with fervent heat.
  
9. THE WORD OF GOD IS ONLY THING THAT WILL STAND.
  1. The Word of God is indestructible; incombustible.

2. The foundation of gold, silver is upon the word of God.
3. Wise man built upon foundation (hearing and doing the Word) and stood pressures.
4. mal. 3:2 - *"Who may abide the day of his coming?"*
  1. He is like a refiner's fire and fuller's soap.
  2. Sit as a refiner and purifier of silver.
  3. Purge as silver and gold, nothing left of flesh, so that offering in righteousness will be made.
5. Is. 26:9 - *"When thy judgments are in the earth, then will inhabitants learn righteousness."*
  1. Ps. 19:9 - "Judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."
  2. Ps. 12:6 - *"The words of the Lord are pure words; as silver tried in a furnace of earth purified seven times."*
6. Pure as he is pure as we look into the Word of God.