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Message Series: Finding... Joy

Today's Message: Happiness In Purity

Three Approaches People Try To Get To God:

- 1) **Head Path**—trusts in creeds and religious knowledge (memorizing Babylonian Talmud—5432 pages)
- 2) **Hand Path**—trusts in good deeds
- 3) **Heart Path**—trusts in what Christ did on the cross

Ephesians 1:7 “We have redemption thru His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.”

Matthew 5:8 “Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.”

Happiness In Purity

#1. The Importance of Purity

Truth: The problem of sin is not mainly the world around us, but the world _____ us.

1 John 1:8, 10 “If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth... If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar...”

Purity: Negative—Our hearts are to be _____ and cleaned out from sin’s dominion.

Purity: Positive—We are to be pure in our actions and _____ with all that is pure.

Colossians 3:5, 8, 12, 14 “So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust and evil desires. Don’t be greedy... now is the time to get rid of anger, rage... slander, and dirty language... Since God choose you to be the holy people He loves, you must clothe yourselves with tender hearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Above all, clothe yourselves with love...”

* Religious people often work from the “outside in”, not “inside out”

* Matthew 23:27

* Mark 7:21, 22

#2. The _____ For A Sin-Sick Heart

“No man _____ how bad he is till he has tried to be good” ~C.S. Lewis

Reality: Stop Trying → Start Relying

Isaiah 58:6-8, 9, 10

John 3:19-21 “... people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants.”

Note: I may not "feel" a new heart but by "faith" count it to be true

#3. Those Who Get To See God

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

Literal: "They shall be continuously seeing God for themselves"

Get This: "Purity of heart cleanses the eyes of soul so that God becomes visible."

John 14:21 "*Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love Me. And because they love Me, My Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal Myself to each of them.*"

⇒ Joy Now —▶ Joy Forever!