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Purity Is What God Expects of Us

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Throughout Bible history, great emphasis has been placed upon purification. Old Testament worship, offering of sacrifices and participation in leadership of God's people required that those involved be pure. They were not necessarily pure of their own accord; therefore, God ordained procedures whereby they could be reckoned as having been made pure and worthy of entering into His presence.

Of how much greater importance it is for us to be pure today as we strive to present ourselves a "living sacrifice" (Rom. 12:1) to God after having been purified (vs. 2ff). Consider the following areas where purity must exist in our lives today:

- The heart, being the seat of all our affections, is to be made clean by purging of sin (Prov. 20:9; Matt. 5:8).
- Purge the conscience from dead works to become a fit servant of God (Heb. 9: 13; Prov. 21:8).
- Our bodily affections need to be purged by avoiding lusts (2 Tim. 2:21-22; I Cor.6:9-20; 2 Cor. 5:10).
- Purge our souls by rendering obedience to the truth (I Pet. 1:22a).
- Weld relationships through purity unto the "unfeigned love of the brethren" (I Pet. 1:22b).
- Our fruit bearing process is purged so it can bring forth more fruit, now that it is free of dead branches (Jn. 15:2).
- The words proceeding forth from our mouths need to be pure (Prov. 15:26; Isa.6:7).
- Check the attitude for purity, because as we think, that we are (Prov. 23:7).
- We must be pure in doctrine, in teaching, and in that which we believe. God's
- Word is very pure; therefore, thy servant loveth it (Ps. 119:140).

Peter described the pure nature of God's servant in I Peter chapter two. He said, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a *spiritual* house, an *holy* priesthood, to offer up *spiritual* sacrifices, *acceptable* to God by Jesus Christ...But ye are a *chosen* generation, a royal *priesthood*, an *holy* nation, a *peculiar* people for *God's own possession*; that ye should *show forth the praises* of him who hath called you *out of darkness into his marvelous light*" (I Pet. 2:5, 9). We should each aspire to honor those above attributes that are italicized. God will help us with it.



PRAYER LIST

Bill Lyon, has been diagnosed with arthritis in his spine. He will begin therapy soon.

Luther Williams, brother-in-law of *Perry Jones* is having health problems.

Mary Alice Holloway, friend of the *Marques'* is scheduled for brain surgery March 7th.

Jean Drummond, will see a doctor at Campbell's Clinic in Memphis on the 16th about her right knee.

Continual Prayer

Eleta Grimmett, Teresa Clark, Tony Cross, James McDonald, Johnny Garrett, Charles Hodges, Chris Isbell, Eli Williams, Jack Dunlap, Norman Brown, Dick Young, Tauso Branch, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Corrine Hall, Anna Davis, Mattie Golden

Military List:

David & Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



March 10. Richard Jennings
March 12. Leah Lambert
March 13 Olivia Pounders
March 15. Masey Kate Adams
March 15. Andy Clemmer
March 17. Patricia Crow
March 17. Laura Mae Harris

"I BELIEVE"

...That people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will NEVER forget how you made them feel.



TIME CHANGE!

Do not forget to set your clocks forward Saturday evening. The time changes Sunday, March 11th @ 2:00A.M. You do not want to be late to Bible class!

SR. BIBLE BOWL

We will be hosting the Sr. Bible Bowl Sunday, March 18th. Our members are asked to bring canned drinks for this event. Our parents of the participants will be bringing desserts. Thanks for your help!

YOUTH NEWS

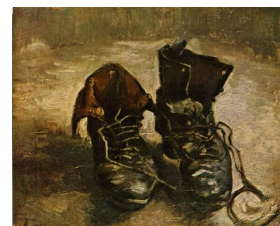
- Area Wide Youth Meeting March 11th, at the Mayfield congregation.
- Senior Bible Bowl will be held March 18th, here at the New Albany Church of Christ.
- Jr. Bible Bowl will be held March 24th, at the Antioch Church of Christ.
- Lads to Leaders participants will meet each Sunday afternoon at 4:30 for practice.

AREA EVNETS

- Bible Lectureship at Calvary Hill Church of Christ in Oxford, March 8th. Check the bulletin board for the list of speakers.
- There will be a Gospel Meeting at the Mayfield Church of Christ March 18-21. The guest speaker will be *Todd Clippard*. Please check the bulletin board for times.
- The New Albany Church of Christ invites everyone to join us, March 25th-28th, for our Gospel Meeting. The guest speaker will be *Jimmy Clark* from Bethel, AL.
- Sixth State Singing will be held, Sat. April 21, from 3:00-6:00p.m., at the Church of Christ at Southwind.

Shoes In Church

I got there and sat in a pew just in time.
Bowling my head in prayer as I closed my eyes.
I saw the shoe of the man next to me, touching my own, I sighed.
With plenty of room on either side I thought, "why must our soles touch?"
It bothered me, his shoe touching mine but it didn't bother him much.
A prayer began: 'Our Father' I thought, 'This man with the shoes..has no pride.
They're dusty, worn, and scratched. Even worse, there are holes on the side!'
'Thank You for blessings,' the prayer went on.
The shoe man said a quiet 'Amen.'
I tried to focus on the prayer but my thoughts were on his shoes again.
Aren't we supposed to look our best! When walking through that door?
'Well, this certainly isn't it.' I thought, glancing toward the floor.
Then the prayer was ended and the songs of praise began.
The shoe man was certainly loud, sounding proud as he sang.
His voice lifted the rafters. His eyes were lifted high.
The Lord could surely hear the shoe man's voice from the sky.
It was time for the offering and what I threw in was steep.
I watched as the shoe man reached into his pockets so deep.
I saw what was pulled out. What the shoe man put in.
Then I heard a soft 'clink. 'as when silver hits tin.
The sermon really bored me to tears, and that's no lie.
It was the same for the shoe man for tears fell from his eyes.
At the end of the service as is the custom here,
We must greet new visitors and show them all good cheer.
But I felt moved somehow and wanted to meet the shoe man.
So after the closing prayer, I reached over and shook his hand.
He was old and his skin was dark and his hair was truly a mess.
But I thanked him for coming, for being our guest.
He said, 'My names' Charlie. I'm glad to meet you, my friend.'
There were tears in his eyes but he had a large, wide grin.
'Let me explain,' he said, wiping tears from his eyes.
'I've been coming here for months and you're the first to say 'Hi.'
'I know that my appearance, its not like all the rest.
'But I really do try to always look my best.'
'I always clean and polish my shoes before my very long walk.
'But by the time I get here they're dirty and dusty, like chalk.'
My heart filled with pain and I swallowed to hide my tears.
As he continued to apologize for daring to sit so near.
He said, 'When I get here I know I must look a sight.'
'But I thought if I could touch you then maybe our souls might unite.'
I was silent for a moment knowing whatever was said
Would pale in comparison.
I spoke from my heart, not my head.
'Oh, you've touched me,' I said, 'and taught me, in part;
That the best of any man is what is found in his heart.'
The rest, I thought, this shoe man will never know
Like just how thankful I really am that his dirty old shoe
touched my soul.



OUR RECORD

Sunday School	110
Sunday A M	134
Sunday P.M.	113
Wednesday	96
Contribution	\$3,925.00
Budget.....	\$3,567.55

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Steve Todd
A.M. Prayer.....	Greg Clayton
Closing Prayer...	Mark Jennings
P.M. Prayer.....	Richard Adams
Closing	Bobby Marques
Wed 3/14	Troy Robertson
Wed. 3/14.....	Tyler Weaver
Usher & Lock...	Lonnie Weaver
Greeter	H & D Crowe



PANTRY ITEM

Canned meat

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School	9:30
Morning Worship	10:30
Evening Worship	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00

ELDERS

Richard Jennings	534-6671
Troy Robertson	534-3491

DEACONS

Bill Botts	316-2422
Greg Clayton.....	252-9762
Roger Clayton	534-5240
Andy Clemmer	816-5887
Harold Russell	534-4648
Randy Wall	316-9255
Lonnie Weaver.....	801-8448

MINISTER

Mike King	507-0625
Home.....	534-6872
Office	534-4649

Mr. and Mrs. Marty Downs

and

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jennings

request the honor of your presence

at the marriage of their children

Alyce Roseanne Barton

and

Christopher Mark Jennings

on Saturday, the seventeenth of March

two thousand twelve

at 1 o'clock in the afternoon

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