

**Pure Hearted
Matthew 5:8**

In Scripture we find two types of spiritual hearts: the pure hearted, and the _____ hearted. These are diametrically _____ to each other, both bringing totally different eternal results.

- I. *Blessed*-Encountering, witnessing, feeling, and _____ knowing God's goodness, love, compassion, mercy, grace, and longsuffering
- A. It is the _____ confidence that all is well between God and me because the Holy Spirit confirms such a relationship exists.
 - B. It is the peace of mind that no matter what I am going through, God will _____ forsake me, but will enable me to come out on the other side more like Christ.
- II. *Pure in heart*
- A. Free from impure properties, without _____, spotless (Illustration: Pottery with a crack)
 - B. Titus 1:15 *To the pure, everything is pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; in fact, both their mind and conscience are defiled.*
 - C. 1 Tim 1:5 *Now the goal of our instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith.*
 - D. 1 Tim 3:8 *Deacons, likewise, should be worthy of respect, not hypocritical, not drinking a lot of wine, not greedy for money, ⁹ holding the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.*
- III. Hardness of heart
- A. Psa 95:6-11
 - B. Matthew 23:25-32
 - C. Mark 7:20-23 *And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹ For from within, out of people's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immoralities, thefts, murders, ²² adulteries, greed, evil actions, deceit, self-indulgence, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within and defile a person."*
 - D. Hebrews 3:7b-15
- IV. _____ the hardened heart
- A. We are _____ born with a hardened heart, because we are born into the world as sinners
 - B. We do not have the _____ to change our own heart or that of any other person
 - C. We need _____ intervention
 - D. That supernatural intervention came in the _____ of Christ on the cross
 - E. The transforming of the hardened heart is an act which _____ God can achieve
 - 1. Acts 15:6-9
 - 2. Ephesians 2:1-10
 - 3. Hebrews 9:14 *How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works so that we can serve the living God?*
 - 4. James 4:8-10 *Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be miserable and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.*

- V. Christ, being the source of our pure heart, we are made _____ pure through his finished work
- A. Once we have been made pure by the Blood of the Lamb, we behave completely _____ than we did before we were made pure
 - B. The reason for the changed behavior is that the "motivation center", our heart, has been _____ from a corrupt heart to a pure heart
 - C. 2 Corinthians 5:17; 6:14-7:1
 - D. Each time we do sin against God, after being changed, we confess and _____ it
1 John 1:7-9

- VI. Being pure in heart brings a _____: *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*
- A. The promise is _____-they will see
 - B. The object of the promise is _____-they will see God
 - C. The promise is _____-the only way to see God is to be with Him in Heaven