TODAY'S MESSAGE: $_THE_$ PURIN OF JESUS

MATTHEW 15:1-20

SERIES: FOLLOWING JESUS

Why don't your disciples wash their hands before they eat? - Pharisees talking to Jesus

Why do you break God's command to honor your father and mother? - Jesus to the Pharisees

The Heart of the Matter *Purity and Righteousness come from the heart!*

"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship is a farce, for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God." Matthew 15:8-9 (Jesus quoting Isaiah 29:13)

David coming to God in repentance and seeking a pure heart

"Create in me a pure heart, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." Psalm 51:10

We are surrounded by man-made ideas in our world that are often contrary to God's truth.

"At the beginning the Creator made them male and female, and said, for this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate." Matthew 19:4-6

On any and every issue... Go to the Bible, and then go with the Bible!

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: Sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these.

Galatians 5:19-21

CREATE IN US A CLEAN HEART, OH GOD!

"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever, the Spirit of Truth."

John 14:15-16



JESUS

CAN! WILL! HAS! Rescued us from these things. What do you need rescued from?

What is keeping you from having a clean and pure heart before God?

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