

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Unshakable Pt. 6 Matthew 5:8

Mercy brought us great **Power!**

- Godly power **must be pure.**

"Blessed are the **pure in heart**, for they shall see God."

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Psalm 18:25-26, "With the **merciful** You will show Yourself merciful; with a blameless You will show Yourself blameless; **with the pure** You will show Yourself **pure**"

- Show = Prove or demonstrate, reveal, make known

Psalm 24:3-4, "Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? **He who has** clean hands and **a pure heart**, who has not lifted up his soul to what is false, nor sworn deceitfully."

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I Timothy 1:5, "Now the purpose of the commandment is **love from a pure heart**, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith"

James 3:17, "But the wisdom from above is **first pure**, then peace-loving, gentle, willing to yield, **full of mercy** and good fruits, without favoritism and hypocrisy."

I Peter 1:22, "Now that you have purified yourselves **by obeying the truth** so that

you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, **from a pure heart.**"

- (Both **O.T.** & **N.T.** come by **obedience**)

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Webster – Pure = unadulterated, absolute, guileless (**John 1:47**)

American Heritage – Of uniform composition (**Matt. 5:3-10**)

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Purity isn't **only the absence** of what doesn't belong...

- It is the presence of everything that does
- **Vs. 3-7 combine** to bring us to purity

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Purity isn't perfect performance

- It's the kind of **heart & mind** David had for God
- It's honesty that wants **what He wants for us...**
- That **He may be blessed** in our lives...
- Like we are in His

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How do we obtain purity?

The **fires of life** purify us

Psalm 12:6, "The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver refined **in an earthen furnace, purified seven times.**"

*I Peter 1:4:12, "Beloved, do not think it strange concerning **the fiery trial which is to try you**, as though some strange thing happened to you"*

- Pray for those suffering through tragedies in these days
- Believers in Afghanistan and other hostile countries
- Tornado victims in Kentucky (Send help – "Convoy of Hope")

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We are purified through our Mind, to our Hearts & Lives

***Romans 12:2**, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of **your mind**, that you may **prove** what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."*

***Philippians 4:8**, "Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, **whatever is pure**, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable—if there is any moral excellence and if there is any praise – **meditate** on these things."*

- Meditation **moves them** from our mind to **our heart**

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***His commandments** purify us... when obeyed*

***Psalm 19:7-11**,*

- ***Vs. 8**, "The commandment of the **LORD** is pure, enlightening the eyes"*

***Psalm 119:11**, I have hidden **Your word in my heart** that I might not sin against You.*

Like the gifts leading to this one..

- ***A heart of purity is a love response to God***
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*"for **they shall see God**"*

***John 1:14 & 18**, "And **the Word became flesh** and dwelt among us, **and we beheld His glory**, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."*

*"No one has ever seen God, but **the One and Only Son, who is Himself God** and is in closest relationship with the Father, **has made Him known.**"*

***I John 4:16-18**, "And **we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us**. God is love, and the one who remains in love remains in God, and God remains in him.*

*In this, **love is perfected with us** so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment, for we are as He is in this world. **There is no fear in love**; instead, **perfect love drives out fear**, because fear involves punishment."*