Letting Your Light Shine Through Purity

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INTRODUCTION

- The topic that I was given to speak about was letting our lights shine through purity.
- So many times purity is approached, and I've done this, but purity is seen in a negative light.
- Purity is a positive thing. It's not simply staying away from some bad things, it is being something that God wants and that God intended it for us to be.

1 We Were Once Pure

Genesis 1:26; John 4:24; Psalm 89:14

- Let us make man in our image according to our likeness.
- We were once like him. We were created in his likeness.
- Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne. Loving kindness and truth go before you.
- Not only was man created with a spiritual aspect to him, but that spiritual aspect was completely pure.
- Man was righteous because God was righteous, and man was created in his image. Man was holy because God is holy.

2 Sin Made Us Impure

Genesis 3:24; Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:1–3

- Sin made us impure. Sin tarnished all that. Sin changed all that.
- Man had to be cast out of the garden because he was no longer like God.
- For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- The glory of God is the essential nature of who God is.
- We were nothing like God anymore. We were old and corrupt.

3 In Christ We Are Purified

Isaiah 1:18; John 1:29; Romans 6:1–4

- It is in Christ that we are purified. This was God's will, because only God could, in fact, cleanse us.
- Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
- Because we are purified by the very blood of Christ. He made us pure. And we must not go back and to live in those things any further.
- May it never be. How shall we who died to sin still live in it?
- So that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

4 In Christ, We Are Also Holy

Ephesians 4:24; Galatians 5:22–24; Matthew 5:13–16

- But what God wants of us is not simply a homogeneous substance. He wants something that's truly valuable.
- He didn't just forgive me in my sins. He makes of me something better, something holy, something purely valuable.
- The call of purity is much more than simply not sinning.
- You're a better person because you're becoming like He is in His likeness. And friends, that's what truly shines.
- When they see these positive aspects of who God is magnified in your life, they can then give glory to God.
- Though your sins be as scarlet, you shall be as white as snow.

THE CHALLENGE

Determine today that you'll be a representative of God here on this earth. That you'll be representational of God to the people who know you.

MY NOTES