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THE SEEN AND THE UNSEEN

learning to flex your spiritual muscle

Ephesians

1:20-23 & 6:10-12



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A Heart Check-Up For You

A church deacon and his son were driving down a country road and saw a watermelon patch a little way off the highway. The deacon told his son to keep a lookout while he went to get a melon. He snuck into the patch, took a melon and called to the boy, "Is anyone coming? Look both ways." The boy wisely responded, "But Daddy, shouldn't we look up too?"

Matthew 5:8 - Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Word Study: *Blessed* means fortunate or happy. We sometimes think of happiness is an experience of elation fueled by feelings and circumstances, but Jesus says that it is – to have an inward contentedness unaffected by surrounding conditions. It's to be graciously approved by God and to receive the applause of heaven.

The heart is the chief organ of physical life AND the seat of moral nature and spiritual life, the seat of grief, joy, the desires, the affections, the perceptions, the understanding, the reasoning powers, the imagination, conscience, the intentions, purpose, the will and faith!

BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART!

"To be blessed isn't a superficial feeling of well-being based on circumstances, but a deep supernatural experience of contentedness based on the fact that one's life is right w/ God." (MacArthur) When we have a pure heart, there is a catharsis – a cleansing of one's mind and emotions. It is to be purified, which is a removal of dirt, filth, or contamination like metals being refined by fire until they were free from impurities. Purity is being unmixed, having no double allegiance.

A person w/ a passion for purity is one who has been cleansed in his character so that the way he looks in public is the way he is in private. You're just like Jesus even when no one is watching.

Here are some verses about the heart:

"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

"All a man's ways seem right to him, but the Lord weighs the heart." Proverbs 21:2

"As water reflects a face, so a man's heart reflects the man." Pr. 27:19

Above all else, guard your heart, for it affects everything you do. Psalms 4:23

THE PROMISE – THEY WILL SEE GOD!

Those who possess purity w/in their hearts will receive a wonderful blessing – they will see God.

Word Study: *they shall see God* – future indicative tense – meaning that people w/ a pure heart shall be continuously seeing God at work in their lives. That is, the pure in heart shall experience intimate fellowship w/ God on a moment-by-moment basis.

HOW DID YOU DO ON THIS CHECK UP?

The Shepherd of My Heart graduating Pre-K class of 2012 has officially moved on to Kindergarten! This past Monday, the class met in the preschool classroom for the very last time for a "Remember When Day." It was an afternoon of favorite activities, stories and playtime; and also included listening, following direction, taking turns, remembering to raise their hand to speak, and learning to wear shoes again! It was a nice way to ease back into the school routine in a familiar environment. We discussed some apprehensive feelings about starting Kindergarten. More importantly, we prayed with the children, encouraged them with God's Word and reminded them that God is with them wherever they go and they have nothing to be afraid of.



"Fear not: for I am with thee." Isaiah 43:5 "What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee." Psalm 56:3

Pulpit News

The sermons over the summer months have been delivered from the Book of Ephesians. Four messages remain. They are **THE SEEN AND THE UNSEEN** on September 2, **LIFE CHANGE** on the 9th, **SOME MAN AND WIFE ADVICE** on the 16th and **AMBASSADORS IN CHAINS** on the 23rd. A new sermon series entitled **REVIVE MY HEART, O LORD** will begin September 30 and continue through October 28. Mark your calendar: Sunday September 30 is a fifth Sunday which means there will be one worship gathering at 10:15. Chapel Hour will not be held.

Thank You – I would like to thank the Church leaders who handled ministry matters while I was away on vacation. A special thanks goes out to Terry Hartman and Jake Klutinoty who preached on August 19 and 26 respectively. I have heard good reviews about both messages. We had a great vacation and it is good to be back home! I am looking forward to getting busy for the sake of the kingdom.

Pastor Bob

In Appreciation:

Gratefully acknowledging and thanking you for your kind expression of sympathy. The flowers were beautiful!

The Rader Family

Don't Forget Sunday September 30th is the 5th Sunday of the Month.

The Week of September 2nd - 8th

Sunday 2

9:00 Sunday School

10:15 Gathering for Worship

Monday 3

Office is Closed for Labor Day

NO Worship Team Rehearsal

NO Freedom Meeting

Tuesday 4

~NO Ladies Bible Study

6:30 Elders Meeting

Wednesday 5

6:30 Youth Group

Thursday 6

10:00 Ladies Bible Study

Friday 7

10:00 Ladies Bible Study

Saturday 8

Community Meal 5:00



Children return to school and mom's
return to quiet times. More time to

Humbly Serving Today

Sunday School at 9:00

Nursery:

Kathy Twerdok & Diana Bowman

The Gathering at 10:15

Communion Preparation:

Michelle Cousins

Greeter:

Michelle Cousins

Nursery:

Kathy Twerdok, Mia Rader &

Emily Bilowich

Children's Church:

Room 102 during

Offering Report

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General \$ 2387.29

Designated \$ 341.00

Total \$ 2,728.29

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\$212,158.82