

Scriptures and Doctrine :: Question: To the Pure all things are Pure?

Question: To the Pure all things are Pure?, on: 2017/8/2 15:17

Titus 1: 15 To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled. 16 They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

What does this scripture mean to you all when he says, "To the pure all things are pure?"

Re: Question: To the Pure all things are Pure? - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2017/8/2 16:01

Hi Sherri

The answer lies in verse 9 I believe:" He must hold firmly to the faithful message as it has been taught, so that he will be able to give exhortation in such healthy teaching and correct those who speak against it."

There were folks, mostly from Jewish background, who were teaching error and not holding fast to the purity of the gospel teaching, thereby defiling many. Their behavior was also not in line with Christian character and sound doctrine.

To be pure is to believe the gospel, to set apart Christ alone as Lord in your heart and to remain sincerely devoted to Him.

Blessings,

Re: Question: To the Pure all things are Pure? - posted by Sree (), on: 2017/8/2 16:11

Quote:

What does this scripture mean to you all when he says, "To the pure all things are pure?"

The pure are those who are pure in conscience. They have a clear conscience before God and man, like how Apostle Paul had (Acts 24:16). It does not mean they are Christ like and perfect. We can only be pure to the level of light that we have. We may still have imperfections that we may not know existing inside us.

For example you might wash your hands and think that they are pure. But if you examine your hand through a microscope, you will find the germs in them. So the more we get closer to God, the more we identify the impurity in us as his light falls on us. Hence the more we cleanse ourselves to be pure (1 John 3:3).

Jesus said if your eye is pure then your whole body is filled with light (Matt 6:22). By eye Jesus meant our conscience. It has to be kept pure like how our eyes are kept pure continuously. If we cut the eye lids of a man, he will go blind very quickly due to impurity.

So going by that, if our conscience is pure then all things are pure to us as we are filled with His light. So if we do not keep a clear conscience, we are defiled and disqualified for every good work.

Re: Question: To the Pure all things are Pure? - posted by Lysa (), on: 2017/8/2 17:34

Quote:

-----by sherri2

What does this scripture mean to you all when he says, "To the pure all things are pure?"

I heard a story once that went something like... a sister went to her brother and said, "I'll give you all of my marbles for all of your candy." And the brother gave her all of his candy. The brother slept like a baby while the sister couldn't sleep for worrying whether the brother did indeed give her all of his candy because she withheld a couple of her favorite marbles.

So, "to the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled." ~ Titus 1:15

And that story helped me and still helps me stay calm with people when they get upset or react weirdly. Does that make sense?

God bless, hope that helps,
Lisa

Re: Question: To the Pure all things are Pure? - posted by Gloryandgrace (), on: 2017/8/26 2:12

When a Christian's heart is right before God, he sees things as God sees them. Meaning God's anointing enables that Christian to understand the world he/she lives in and judge righteous judgment concerning the everyday affairs of life. When the Christian is sinning his eyes are dim, he/she cannot see clearly what is before them. With that dimness comes a tainting, an admixture of flesh and worldly wisdom that adds unbelief in all things.

When a pure Christian judges, he/she judges according to the wisdom found in scripture, comparing spiritual with spiritual whereby God gives insight into things. When the Christian sees the sins and failure of others he is able to meet the sinner where he/she is at and bring the love of God and the gospel to bear. When the Christian is compromised the Christian projects his/her own weaknesses and failures into those they meet and in short are unable to offer gospel wisdom and faith because of their fallen human-ness projects rejection, unbelief, fears, alienation upon that other person. So no matter what the issue may be there is no faith to believe God to see past the sins and weaknesses of humanity and all they can see is the express image of their own failings demonstrated in the lives of others. Their impurity is a guilt and their finding impurity in others is re-associating with more guilt. This is why those who merely decry the failings of societal morals and do not seek to bring Christ into it are a testimony of their own unbelief, not a truth whereby the promise of God is available to aid and help those in need. The lost and sinful just stay lost and sinful because we are condemned in our hearts instead of believing and living in the love of God which is abundant in Jesus Christ.

Re: - posted by twayneb (), on: 2017/8/27 6:46

I believe we find commentary on this verse in Romans 14.