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SALVATION

Part 12

Reconciliation and Purity

Various Verses

We have studied the *gospel, justification, sanctification, glorification and redemption*. Then we looked at *peace and hope, adoption, being eternally secure and Delivered*. Last time we looked at the *Imago Dei* or the *Image of God*. We were created in God's image but it was **tainted** because of sin. We are made in Adam's image now yet retain part of God's image...

A. Reconciliation

1. The Meaning

...A verb meaning to cover, to forgive, to expiate, to reconcile. This word is of supreme theological importance in the Old Testament and it is central to an Old Testament understanding of the remission of sin. At its most basic level, the word conveys the

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1. The Meaning

notion of covering but not in the sense of merely concealing. Rather, it suggests the imposing of something to change its appearance or nature... The word also communicates God's covering of sin. Persons made reconciliation with God for their sins

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by imposing something that would appease the offended party (in this case the Lord) and cover the sinners with righteousness (Ex. 32:30, Ezek. 45:17, Dan. 9:24). In the Old Testament, the blood sacrifices was most notably imposed (Ex. 30:10). By this

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1. The Meaning

imposition, ins was purged (Ps. 79:9, Isa. 6:7) and forgiven (Ps. 78:38). The offenses were removed, leaving the sinners clothes in righteousness...

The Complete Word Study Dictionary: Old Testament, p. 521.

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1. The Meaning

Leviticus 8:15 - ...Then he (Moses) took the blood, and put *some* on the horns of the altar all around with his finger, and purified the altar. And he poured out the blood at the base of the altar, and consecrated it, to make atonement (***reconciliation***, *covering*) for it.

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Daniel 9:24 – Seventy weeks (*sevens*) are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make **reconciliation** for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy (*Place*).

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1. The Meaning

...to change. To reconcile. Used of the divine work of redemption denoting that act of redemption insofar as God Himself is concerned by taking upon Himself our sin and becoming an atonement. Thus a relationship of peace with mankind is

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1. The Meaning

established which was hitherto prevented by the demands of His justice... God is the subject, man the object.

Holman Treasury of Key Bible Words, p. 373.

A. Reconciliation

1. The Meaning

Matthew 5:23-24 – Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be **reconciled** to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

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1. The Meaning

Romans 5:10 – *In context of Christ dying in our place* – For if when we were enemies we were **reconciled** to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

A. Reconciliation

2. The Application

...**Colossians 1:19-22** - For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20and through him to **reconcile** to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making **peace** by the blood of his cross. 21And you (*Gentiles*), who once were **alienated** and

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2. The Application

hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22he has now **reconciled** in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you **holy** and **blameless** and **above reproach** before him...

A. Reconciliation

2. The Application

We were ***alienated*** from God – estranged, or not participating with God, and were ...***enemies*** *in our mind* – hostile, foe or adversary in our deep thoughts, or disposition. By ***wicked*** actions – degeneracy, malice, disease or vicious. But God brought

A. Reconciliation

2. The Application

us back. He **reconciled** us by *grace, through faith* to make us **holy**, (set apart for God's purposes), **blameless** (*without blemish* – a ceremonial reference to animals sacrificed in the Old Testament that were clean and **without blemish**) and **above reproach** (no

A. Reconciliation

2. The Application

one can accuse us of something, and have that accusation stick), and to *present us* or stand near or beside in the same way to Himself. This idea is *an exhibit*, like in a *museum*.

B. Purity

1. The Meaning

In *Colossians 1:19-22* Paul spoke of being holy, blameless or living a *pure* life, because God has *purified* us in Christ. One Hebrew word for *pure* means to be “*bright*” and can be translated: *unadulterated, blameless, free, guiltless, uncontaminated, cleansed, clean in*

B. Purity

1. The Meaning

a physical, chemical, ceremonial, or moral sense. In the Greek it means clean, innocent, clear, sanctified. It was used to describe ceremonial purity, like the “pure oil” for the Menorah in the Tabernacle and Temples: Leviticus 24. It referred to something morally

B. Purity

1. The Meaning

good or pure: *Psalms 24:4, Proverbs 15:26, Matthew 5:8* (Blessed are the **pure** in heart).

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1. The Meaning

Psalm 12:6 – The words of the LORD *are* **pure** words... and ***119:40***.

1 John 3:2-3 – Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall

B. Purity

1. The Meaning

see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him **purifies** himself, just as He is pure.

Titus 2:11-14 - or the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12training us to renounce

B. Purity

1. The Meaning

ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live **self-controlled, upright, and godly lives** in the present age, 13waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14who gave himself for us to **redeem** us from all lawlessness and to **purify** for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works...

B. Purity

2. The Application

a. *What does living a pure life look like?*

b. *How do we live a pure life?*

Parable of the Doughnuts...

Eternal Perspective Ministries

Imagine someone whose weakness is eating doughnuts. His doctor says, "No more doughnuts." He vows to God, "No more doughnuts." He promises his family "No more doughnuts." He calls the church and gets on the prayer chain. He even goes to a doughnut deliverance ministry to have the demon of doughnut desire cast out of him. Here's a guy who means business, right?

But then what does he do? Well, if he's like a lot of us, he goes right on reading about doughnuts, listening to doughnut music, and watching television programs about making doughnuts. He spends his time with other doughnut lovers talking about doughnuts, joking about doughnuts at the office, where he often glances at the doughnut calendars on the wall. He looks through the newspaper for doughnut coupons and subscribes to *Doughnut Desires*, with its glossy, color photos.

It's not long before he's driving to work the long way that "just happens" to go by a doughnut shop. He rolls down the window and inhales. Pretty soon he's buying the morning paper from the rack right outside the doughnut shop. He's lingering just long enough to check out doughnuts through the window.

Then he remembers he has to make a phone call, and hey, what do you know, the doughnut shop has a pay phone. And since he's there anyway, why

not have a cup of coffee?

Now, remember, this man has no intention of breaking his vow and eating doughnuts. But the totally predictable and inevitable result is - what? *That he will give in and eat doughnuts!*

And can't you just hear his sad lament? *"What went wrong? I prayed! I asked others to pray. I asked God for deliverance. Why try? I give up. You do your best and look what happens!"*

B. Purity

1. We are **vulnerable**: **Proverbs 16:18**,
1 Corinthians 10:12
2. Your **body** belongs to God, not you: **1**
Corinthians 6:20
3. Purity begins in the **mind**: **Matthew 15:19-**
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B. Purity

4. *Our purity is **essential** in our walk with the Lord: **Titus 2:11-14***

5. *The LORD is always **watching**: **Psalm 14:2** and **53:2***

6. *We must think **long term** and not short term: **Galatians 6:7***

B. Purity

*7. If we give in to lust, sexual or otherwise, it becomes more and more difficult to **resist** that temptation the next time: **John 8:34***

*8. God asks this of us and gives His **power** to us: **2 Peter 1:3-4***