

“THE BEATITUDE SERIES”
Delivered to **DANVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**
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Mt. 5:8

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

The “Sermon on the Mount” was preached well into the ministry of Christ and it contains the most important principles we are to live by.

Being “**pure in heart**” is arguably one of the most important qualities.

Being “**pure in heart**” is easy to read but more difficult for everyone to practice, not just laymen.

Jesus was teaching many future church leaders on the mountain.

“**Pure in heart**” basically means to be **on the level with God**.

We have to deal with God through many venues today but they all lead back to the written Word.

Your conduct will determine how pure your heart is.

Note: We are aware (more than most) of how many false profession and how few believers there are. Now, how few believers have a pure heart?

What do we really mean when we say **heart**? Primarily 2 Greek words.

1. Kardia - Cardiac
2. psuche – Soul

How you respect the teaching or disrespect the teaching (truth) in God’s Word.

Weakness is prevalent- that’s a fact. Hiding weakness is natural but not spiritual.

We know the Catholics outlawed and burned the word of God in centuries past.

We know Tyndale, "was burned at the stake for the heresy of translating the Greek New Testament into English in 1525."

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The Catholic defended their position with Tyndale:

Phrasing it this way makes it sound as if the heresy Tyndale was condemned for was the act of translating the Bible into English. (try to discredit author of statement.)

First, it saw no real need for a new English translation of Scripture at that time.

Second, it was thought that adding a new English translation would only add confusion and distraction where focus was needed.

Lastly, if the Church had decided to provide a new English translation of Scripture, Tyndale would not have been the man chosen to do it. He was known as only a mediocre scholar and had gained a reputation as a priest of unorthodox opinions and a violent temper (slander). He was infamous for insulting the clergy, from the pope down to the friars and monks, and had a genuine contempt for Church authority. In fact, he was first tried for heresy in 1522, three years before his translation of the New Testament was printed. His own bishop in London would not support him in this cause.

Note: Henry VIII again decreed that "all manner of books of the Old and New Testament in English, being of the crafty, false, and untrue translation of Tyndale . . . shall be clearly and utterly abolished, extinguished, and forbidden to be kept or used in this realm."

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We know Baptist by their own testimony “tip toe” around certain areas of the scriptures.

Jer. 36: 21-23

So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king. ²² Now the king sat in the winterhouse in the ninth month: and there was a fire on the hearth burning before him. ²³ And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, **he cut it with the penknife**, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth.

Destruction of the Word may be a little more subtle today **but** it is just as effective.