



Review – Committed to Purity – Part 1

- 1.) Purity is set apart from immoral sexual behavior (v. 3).
- 2.) Purity is set apart from immoral speech (v. 4).
- 3.) A life of immorality is headed for hell (v. 5).
- 4.) A life of immorality is a life of idolatry (v. 5).
- 5.) A life of purity is satisfied completely with God (v. 4).

Five Truths about Impurity

1.) Impurity is _____ (v. 5).

- God's grace comes not only with the gift of forgiveness but also with the power to transform His people (1 Thessalonians 1:5).
- A life of persistent impurity is evidence of lostness.

2.) Impurity is _____ (v. 6).

- v. 6 – "...empty words..." = rationalizations about unrighteousness
 - Too many Christians, churches, and Christian leaders treat God's grace like it is a license for immorality (Jude 3-4).
- v. 7 – "Therefore do not be partners with them."
 - This verse is a warning to people/churches who disguise sin and distort the grace of God with empty words (rationalizations).
 - Don't be partners with people who rationalize or justify unrighteousness.
 - We are commissioned to proclaim God's righteousness, not our own.

3.) Impurity is _____ (v. 3, 4, 8).

- Rather than being legalistic, Paul is urging us to renew our minds by realizing who we really are (v. 3, 4, 8, Ephesians 4:1).
- Once we know who we are in Christ, we will be so delighted in Him that the sinful pleasures of this world will lose its power in our lives.

4.) Impurity is _____ (v. 11).

- It's fruit is folly, it's pay off is pain, it's pleasures are poison, and it's delights bring only destruction, disaster, disease, and death.
- A life of impurity is an utterly wasted life.

5.) Impurity is _____ (v. 17-18).

- A life lived in impurity reveals ignorance about the true purpose of life.
- The only holy way to give up control is to give it to the Holy Spirit.

How do we do live lives of purity for the glory of God?

1.) _____ the light (v. 6-7, 10, 17).

- Notice the repeated need for spiritual understanding running throughout the text (v. 6, 10, 14, 15, 17).
- Until anyone stops choosing an impure life, he will never be able to find out what pleases the Lord (v. 17).
- If we are going to live in the light of true purity, then we have to know what God's Word says about it (Psalm 119:92-93).

2.) _____ the light (v. 11-14).

- The world is desperately lost in darkness.
 - So much of the world is dedicated to convincing us that the darkness is really the light (John 12:46, John 3:19).
 - God is calling the church to bless the world by helping it see its sin.
- Purity among Christ's followers might be the only light of truth that will ever shine on otherwise lost lives (v. 14).
- This light of Christ must never be legalistic or "holier-than-thou," but an honest pursuit of personal purity for God's glory.

3.) _____ as the light (v. 8-10, 15-16).

- If we are living in the light of Christ, then we will increasingly walk in goodness, righteousness, and truth (v. 9).

v. 15-16 – Practical implications:

- 1.) Establish and commit to _____ of purity.**
- 2.) _____ opportunities to fail (Romans 13:14).**
- 3.) Be _____ (James 5:16).**
- 4.) Count the _____ of impurity (v. 5).**

Conclusion

- Only in Jesus Christ is there the possibility of purity (John 12:35, 46).
- We will never shine the light of Christ as we are called to do as His body unless we commit together to walk in purity.
- Let this be the sincere conviction of our hearts: "I will not tolerate personal impurity in my life, so help me God."