

Sermon Notes

What Comes Out Of Your Heart

Matthew 15:10-20

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

Starting issue: The Jewish elders' tradition of hand-washing

The crowd called to understand what really makes one impure

Ritual impurity - being unacceptable in God's sight

The disciples concern with the Pharisees stumbling over Jesus

Jesus explains the problems with the Pharisees

Not of God (not going to believe in Jesus)

Let them go

Dangerous as teachers

The disciples need an explanation about Jesus' stance on impurity

Dirty hands and food don't affect one's standing with God

What comes out of the heart affects one's standing with God

Examples of some sins that have their source in the heart

Application:

Heart-trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior

Deal with your heart to become more pleasing to God

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

Application questions for 3/23/14 sermon
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Do you think anything at all can make someone who trusts Christ “unacceptable” in God’s sight?

(I want you to discuss it first, but to make sure the end conclusion on this is right I’m going to put the answer here. The answer is “no”; if we trust in Christ we are permanently accepted by God. We can be more or less “pleasing” to God in our behavior, see Col. 1:10, Eph. 5:10.)

Do you see behaviors in your life that are hurting you and/or other people?

What have you been doing to try to fix that stuff?

What do we need to deal with first?

(The source. Our hearts. Is your heart right with God, is your heart close to Him so you are wanting to be pleasing to Him?)

Do you think you have been more of a person practicing religion, or a person pursuing God from a heart of love for Him?

What kind of Christian teachers do you listen to/read? What interests you in them?

Are they really teaching the Bible faithfully?

Are you growing in spiritual maturity at the pace you think Jesus would want (see Heb. 5:12)?

Are you in the practice of reading your Bible?

Are you getting to where you could disciple someone?

When you talk to non-believers about Jesus, do you try to tell them what they want to hear to try to attract them to Jesus, or do you tell them the truth of the gospel?

Which one should we do, based on what Jesus did?

What should our attitude be if the truth scares them away?

Bonus:

What is your understanding of how the Old Testament commands apply to Christians?

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?