

The Sermon On The Mount
The Heart Of A Believer
Matthew 5:1-8

Matthew 5:1 Seeing the **crowds**, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his **disciples** came to him.

Matthew 5:2 And he opened his mouth and taught **them**, saying:

Matthew 5:3 “**Blessed** are the **poor in spirit**, for **theirs is the kingdom of heaven**.

Matthew 5:4 “**Blessed** are those who **mourn**, for **they shall be comforted**.

Matthew 5:5 “**Blessed** are the **meek**, for **they shall inherit the earth**.

Matthew 5:6 “**Blessed** are those who **hunger and thirst for righteousness**, for **they shall be satisfied**.

Matthew 5:7 “**Blessed** are the **merciful**, for **they shall receive mercy**.

Matthew 5:8 “**Blessed** are the **pure in heart**, for **they shall see God**.

Jeremiah 17:9 The **heart is deceitful above all things**, and **desperately sick**; who can understand it?

Today’s Focus: There are two kinds of hearts, good ones and bad ones. If you are a Christian you have a good, pure heart given to you by God in order to love Him and worship Him.

pure: *katharos* - clean, pure, unsoiled, clean from guilt, guiltless, innocent, sincere, upright, virtuous, void of evil, clean ceremonially and morally

heart as used in the O.T. : the inner person, self, the seat of thought and emotion: conscience, courage, mind, understanding.

heart as used in the N.T *kardia* :regarded as the seat of feeling, impulse, affection, desire, the heart, as the seat of intellect, as the inner and mental frame.

flesh: sarx - the human body, flesh, human nature, human frame, human beings, flesh as the seat of passion and frailty, carnality, sin nature.

Matthew 15:1 Then **Pharisees** and **scribes** came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said,

Matthew 15:2 “Why do your disciples break the **tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat.**”

Matthew 15:3 He answered them, “And **why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?**

Matthew 15:4 For God commanded, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’

Matthew 15:5 But you say, ‘If anyone tells his father or his mother, “What you would have gained from me is given to God,”

Matthew 15:6 he need not honor his father.’ So **for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God.**

Matthew 15:7 **You hypocrites!** Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:

Matthew 15:8 ““This people honors me with their lips, **but their heart is far from me;**

Matthew 15:9 in vain do they worship me, **teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.**”

Matthew 15:10 And he called the people to him and said to them, “**Hear and understand:**

Matthew 15:11 **it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person.**”

Matthew 15:12 Then the disciples came and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?”

Matthew 15:13 He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up.

Matthew 15:14 Let them alone; **they are blind guides.** And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.”

Matthew 15:15 But **Peter said to him, “Explain** the parable to us.”

Matthew 15:16 And he said, “Are you also still without **understanding?**

Matthew 15:17 Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled?

Matthew 15:18 But what comes out of the mouth **proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person.**

Matthew 15:19 For **out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.**

Matthew 15:20 **These are what defile a person.** But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone.”

Matthew 9:4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “**Why do you think evil in your hearts?**

Matthew 12:34 You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, **when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.**

Jeremiah 17:9 The **heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick;** who can understand it?

Jeremiah 24:7 **I will give them a heart to know that I am the LORD,** and they shall be my people and I will be their God, **for they shall return to me with their whole heart.**

Jeremiah 31:33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: **I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.** And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Ezekiel 11:19 And **I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh,**

Ezekiel 36:24 I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land.

Ezekiel 36:25 **I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.**

Ezekiel 36:26 **And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.**

Ezekiel 36:27 **And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.**

Ezekiel 36:28 **You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.**

Hebrews 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: **I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts,** and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Hebrews 10:22 let us draw near with a **true heart** in full assurance of faith, **with our hearts sprinkled clean** from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Deuteronomy 30:6 **And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.**

Romans 2:29 But a Jew is one inwardly, and **circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit,** not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

Romans 5:5 and hope does not put us to shame, because **God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.**

Romans 6:17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin **have become obedient from the heart** to the standard of teaching to which you were committed,

Romans 10:9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and **believe in your heart** that God raised him from the dead, **you will be saved.**

Romans 10:10 For **with the heart one believes** and is **justified**, and with the **mouth one confesses and is saved**.

2Corinthians 1:22 and who has also put his seal on us and **given us his Spirit in our hearts** as a guarantee.

Galatians 4:6 And because you are sons, **God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”**

1Timothy 1:5 The aim of our charge is love **that issues from a pure heart** and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

2Timothy 2:22 So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with **those who call on the Lord from a pure heart**.

1Peter 1:22 **Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth** for a sincere brotherly love, **love one another earnestly from a pure heart**,

Luke 1:51 He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the **thoughts of their hearts**;

Ephesians 2:3 among whom we all once lived in the **passions of our flesh**, carrying out the **desires of the body** and the **mind**, and were **by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind**.

(NLT) Ephesians 2:3 All of us used to live that way, following the **passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature**. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else.

Ephesians 4:17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, **in the futility of their minds**.

Ephesians 4:18 They are darkened in their **understanding**, **alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance** that is in them, **due to their hardness of heart**.

Ephesians 4:19 They have become callous and have given themselves up to **sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity**.

Romans 7:5 For while we were living in the **flesh**, our **sinful passions, aroused by the law**, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death.

(NLT) Romans 7:5 When we were **controlled by our old nature, sinful desires were at work within us**, and the **law aroused these evil desires** that produced a harvest of sinful deeds, resulting in death.

Romans 7:18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. **For I have the desire to do what is right**, but not the ability to carry it out.

Romans 7:22 For **I delight in the law of God, in my inner being**,

Matthew 13:15 For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and **understand with their heart** and turn, and I would heal them.'

Luke 8:15 As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an **honest and good heart**, and bear fruit with patience.

Luke 12:34 For where your treasure is, **there will your heart be also**.

What our mind considers valuable is determined by our hearts.

Philippians 3:8 Indeed, **I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord**. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, **in order that I may gain Christ**

Acts 10:15 And the voice came to him again a second time, **“What God has made clean, do not call common.”**

Matthew 5:8 **“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.**