

Sermon Series: "Counter Culture"

Text: Matthew 5-7

Message 8: Beatitude #6 – "A Clean Heart"

* KEY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 5:8

* Question: Why do people wear "masks" in life?

- 1 Samuel 16:7 / Proverbs 21:2 / Proverbs 27:19

* The biblical concept of the TOTALITY of our HEART:

- EMOTIONS - (feel) – John 14:1

- INTELLECT - (think) – Mark 2:8

- WILL - (do) – Daniel 1:8

* Proverbs 4:23 - (guard your heart)

* Jeremiah 17:9 / Genesis 6:5 / Matthew 15:19 -- (the sinful side of our heart)

* Greek – "PURE" = "**katharoi**"

- to be cleansed from dirt, filth & sinful / worldly contamination – to make CLEAN

* PURITY is **DIVINE** (God's holiness), **IMPUTED** (placed within us) & **PRACTICAL** (sanctification)

* How to obtain a pure heart:

1) DIAGNOSIS of the illness

- "legalism" = Pharisees – play by the rules

- "modernism" = Sadducees – truth is relative

- "activism" = Zealots – social change & cultural upheaval

- "monasticism" = Monks/Hermits – retreat from worldly distractions

2) The CURE:

"Create in me a clean (pure) heart, O God, and renew a right (steadfast) spirit within me. Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation." – Psalm

51:10-12a
