**Sunday, May 6, 2012**

**Welcome** – Greg Snow

**Give Thanks Unto The Lord –**Psalm 107

**O let us give thanks to the Lord,
For the love of God will never end.
Let we who love God be unashamed to declare it,
Because God has answered our cries for help.
The Lord our God has met our every need,
We will therefore proclaim the love of the Lord.**

**Join me as we lift up songs of praise to our risen Lord and Savior.**

**Song of Praise** – *For All Y ou’ve Done/Lord, I Lift Your Name On High*

**The Way Of Salvation –** J.C. Ryle

Christ came from heaven to earth; from earth to the cross; from the cross to the grave; and from the grave to the sky. Let us never forget that Christ has purchased a full forgiveness, if we are only willing to receive it. He has done **all**, paid **all**, suffered **all** that was needful to reconcile us to God. He has provided a garment of righteousness to clothe us. He has opened a fountain of living waters to cleanse us. He has removed every barrier between us and God the Father, taken every obstacle out of the way, and made a road by which the vilest may return. All things are now ready, and the sinner has only to believe and be saved, to eat and be satisfied, to ask and receive; to wash and be clean.

**Song of Worship** – *Fountain of Life (Nothing But the Blood of Jesus/There Is A Fountain)*

**Saved By God’s Amazing Grace** –Ephesians 2:4-7

*But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*

May you become a monument of redeeming grace, and mingle your everlasting praises with the ransomed hosts above.

**Song of Worship** – *Amazing Grace*

**Offering**

**Ye Must Be Born Again *–***Charles H. Spurgeon (From the sermon The Sixth Beatitude; April 27, 1873)

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

The teaching of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, was continually aimed at the hearts of men. Other teachers had been content with outward moral reformation, but he sought the source of all the evil, that he might cleanse the spring from which all sinful thoughts, and words, and actions come. He insisted over and over again that, until the heart was pure, the life would never be clean.

The memorable Sermon upon the mount, from which our text is taken, begins with the benediction, “Blessed are the poor in spirit,” for Christ was dealing with men’s spirits, with their inner and spiritual nature. He did this more or less in all the Beatitudes, and this one strikes the very center of the target as he says, not “Blessed are the pure in language, or the pure in action,” much less “Blessed are the pure in ceremonies, or in raiment, or in food;” but “Blessed are the pure in heart.”

O beloved, His message, to all men still is, “Ye must be born again;” that is to say, the inner nature must be divinely renewed, or else you cannot enter or even see that kingdom of God which Christ came to set up in this world. If your actions should appear to be pure, yet, if the motive at the back of those actions should be impure, that will nullify them all.

But perhaps you ask, “What is it, to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ?” It is to trust him, to rely upon him; oh, that, we could all rely upon Jesus Christ now! Oh, if that troubled young man over there could come and trust in Jesus! You will never get rid of your troubles till you do; but, dear friend, you may be rid of them this very moment if you will but believe in Jesus.

Yes, though you have struggled in vain against your evil habits, though you have wrestled with them sternly, and resolved, and re-resolved, only to be defeated by your giant sins and your horrible passions, there, is One who can conquer all your sins for you. There is One who, is stronger than Hercules, who can strangle the hydra of your lust, kill the lion of your passions, and cleanse the Augean stable of your evil nature by turning the great rivers of blood and water of his atoning sacrifice right through your soul. He can make and keep, you pure within.

Oh, look unto him! He hung upon the cross, accursed of men, and God made him to be sin for us, though he knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. He was condemned to die as our Sin-offering that we might live forever in the love of God. Trust him, trust him! He has risen from the dead, and gone up into his glory, and he is at the right hand of God pleading for transgressors.

Trust him! You can never perish if you do trust him, but you shall live, with ten thousand times ten thousand more who have all been saved by grace, to sing of a mighty Savior, able to save to the uttermost all

them that come unto God by him. God grant that you may all be thus saved, that so you may be among the pure in heart who shall see God, and never leave off seeing him, and he shall have all the glory. Amen

**Songs of Worship –** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus/The Look*

**Message** – *“Blessed are the Pure In Heart”*
 *Scripture Reference: Matthew 5:8*

 *“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”*

1. **Social Context: Then & Now**
	* Human guilt was heavy, and as of today, they were trying to make themselves pleasing to God by human & religious achievement.
	* Sin clouds our hearts from seeing our God, who alone is our solution, sufficiency, & sovereign King.

2. **The Meaning**

1. Heart speaks of the inner man – our thinking, will, & emotions.
2. Pure – to make pure by cleaning from dirt, filth, & contamination.
3. Purity – unmixed, unalloyed, unadulterated, pure in motive of single-mindedness, undivided devotion, spiritual integrity, & true righteousness. “*It is to will one thing & to have one desire.” (John MacArthur)*
4. Six types of purity:
	1. Primal Purity – Exists only in God
	2. Created Purity – Creation before the fall
	3. Positional Purity – Purity of righteousness given in the New Birth (Romans 4:5, Galatians 2:16, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Hebrews 9:14)
	4. Actual Purity – Every believer is a New Creation so there is no justification without sanctification.
	5. Practical Purity – Call to participate (2 Corinthians 7:1, 1 Peter 1:14)
	6. Ultimate Purity – Home in heaven (1 John 3:2)

3. **The Means of Purity**

* New Birth – We must be born, again! (Proverbs 20:9, Jeremiah 13:23)
* Expose ourselves to the scripture (stay in His word)
	+ The problem is sin within.
	+ Men love to measure themselves by others.
	+ We need a right standard.
* War – We must see ourselves in a war every day. Put on the Armor of God.
* Discipline – Ourselves – God – Saints
* Pray – David prayed *“create in me a clean heart” (Psalm 51:10)*

4. **The Manifestation of Purity**

* Pure heart – single devotion & desire of heart is that we will continually see God by faiths eyes. We now have new eyes & our soul can see Him.
* Impure heart cannot see because sin clouds the eyes of the soul.
	+ Ignorance – John 3:19-20
	+ Self centeredness – Revelation 3:17
	+ Pleasure in sin – 2 Timothy 3:4
	+ Unbelief – Hebrews 3:12
	+ Hatred of purity – Micah 3:2
* Motivated to purity – this is the child of God’s true heart desire to be pure as He is pure (Matthew 5:48, 6:24). It should permeate every area of life (Psalm 24).

**Time of Prayer**