

1 John 3 - Purifying Ourselves

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1 John 3:1-3

1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, **WHEN HE SHALL APPEAR, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM; FOR WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS.**

3 And **EVERY MAN THAT HATH THIS HOPE IN HIM PURIFIETH HIMSELF, EVEN AS HE IS PURE.**

1 Corinthians 2:13

"Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; **COMPARING (to combine & compare) SPIRITUAL THINGS WITH SPIRITUAL.**"

2 Corinthians 7:1

"LET US CLEANSE OURSELVES FROM ALL FILTHINESS OF THE FLESH AND SPIRIT, PERFECTING HOLINESS IN THE FEAR OF GOD."

James 4:8-10

"CLEANSE YOUR HANDS, YE SINNERS; AND PURIFY YOUR HEARTS, YE DOUBLE MINDED."

Isaiah 64:6

"But **WE ARE ALL AS AN UNCLEAN THING**, and **ALL OUR RIGHTEOUSNESSES ARE AS FILTHY RAGS**; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."

Galatians 2:16

"Knowing that **A MAN IS NOT JUSTIFIED BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW**, but **BY THE FAITH OF JESUS CHRIST**, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for **BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW SHALL NO FLESH BE JUSTIFIED.**"

We cannot perform the actual cleansing, but God cannot cleanse us without the initiation of our choice and submission.

IDENTIFY & CONFESS

1 John 1:5-9

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **GOD IS LIGHT**, and **IN HIM IS NO DARKNESS AT ALL**.

6 **IF WE SAY THAT WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM**, and **WALK IN DARKNESS**, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But **IF WE WALK IN THE LIGHT, AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT, WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP ONE WITH ANOTHER, AND THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST HIS SON CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN.**

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 **IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AND TO CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.**

TARGET

Hosea 14:1-6

1 **O ISRAEL, RETURN UNTO THE LORD THY GOD; FOR THOU HAST FALLEN BY THINE INIQUITY.**

2 **TAKE WITH YOU WORDS** (*speech, account, statement, happening, event*), **AND TURN TO THE LORD: SAY UNTO HIM, TAKE AWAY ALL INIQUITY, AND RECEIVE US GRACIOUSLY:** so will we render the calves of our lips.

3 Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye are our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy.

4 **I WILL HEAL** (*rapha - healed, repaired, make whole, mend, restoration of health or a right state after disease or injury*) **THEIR BACKSLIDING, I WILL LOVE THEM FREELY: FOR MINE ANGER IS TURNED AWAY FROM HIM.**

5 I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.

6 His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon.

MEDITATE ON THE WORD

James 1:21

"Wherefore **LAY APART** (*to put off, put away, stop, get rid of*) **ALL FILTHINESS AND SUPERFLUITY OF NAUGHTINESS**, and **RECEIVE** (*to accept, welcome, take hold of, grasp, deliberate & ready reception*) **WITH MEEKNESS THE ENGRAFTED WORD, WHICH IS ABLE TO SAVE** (*save, rescue from destruction*) **YOUR SOULS.**"

Psalms 19:7

"The law of the LORD is perfect, **CONVERTING** (*turn back, restore, repair*) **THE SOUL**: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple."

YIELD TO THE SPIRIT OF GOD

Romans 6:12-13

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

13 **NEITHER YIELD** (*to place or stand aside, to appear, present, be at hand, provide*) **YE YOUR MEMBERS AS INSTRUMENTS OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS UNTO SIN: BUT YIELD YOURSELVES UNTO GOD**, as those that are alive from the dead, and **YOUR MEMBERS AS INSTRUMENTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS UNTO GOD.**

Galatians 5:16

"This I say then, **WALK IN THE SPIRIT, AND YE SHALL NOT FULFIL THE LUST OF THE FLESH.**"