

## **A PURIFIED PEOPLE**

“Who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people of His own possession zealous of good deeds.” (2:14)

We will study our lesson text by the following five homiletical points.

- Passion (who gave Himself) – personal (Himself for / substitution / us)
- Purchased (redeem / lutoo / a.a.subj) – price (gave Himself)
- Purify (katharizo / a.a.subj) – people (for Himself)
- Possession (periousios) – particular (of His own)
- Purpose – production of God (zelotes kalos ergon / zealous of good deeds)

Today’s lesson will study the doctrine of **purification** as a milk doctrine of salvation. “Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk so that by it you may grow in your salvation.” (1 Pet.2:2) “Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.” (Heb.5:13)

But we will also develop **purification** into a meat doctrine for the Christian way of life (CWL). “But solid food (meat) is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.” (Heb.5: 14)

<b>This lesson will study SIX aspects of the doctrine of purification entitled, Purified People.</b>
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### **1. Purification is 1 of the 50 things that every church age believer receives in grace salvation that he can never lose in time or eternity.**

In our booklet, “So Great a Salvation,” purification (cleansing) is listed as 1 of the 9 communion factors (1 John 1:7-9).

The Greek word for purification is (katharizo). It refers to being cleansed or purified from anything that the word of God declares makes one unclean. Levitical purification of the Old Covenant required animal blood sacrifice (Heb.9:12-22).

“And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.” (Heb.9:22)

“And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord.” (Luke 2:22; 21-24; Lev.5: 11; 12:1-8)

### **2. The one sacrificial offering of covenant blood of Jesus Christ brings complete purification from the defilement of all sin (Heb.8-10; Titus 1:15; 2:14).**

“How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” (Heb.9:14)

“Therefore even the first covenant was not inaugurated without blood.” (Heb.9:18)

“So Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.” (Heb.9:28) (10:1-2,10-14,18)

**3. The procedure for purification from the defilement of Adam's original sin (AOS) is faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).**

Peter was taught the New Covenant doctrine of purification in Acts 10-11. "What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy." (10:15; 11:8-11) "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life." (11:18)

**4. The procedure for purification from defilement of personal sin in Christian Way of Life (CWL) is confession of sin in order to walk by indwelling Holy Spirit (1 John 1:9; Gal.5: 16-19).**

The old sin-nature (OSN) is the source of defilement of personal sin in CWL (James 1:14-15).

Confession of personal sin brings the carnal believer back into spiritual fellowship with the Lord (1 Cor.3:1-3; 2 Tim.2:19-21).

**5. The procedure for purification from defilement of old man cosmos diabolicus in CWL is putting it off by the renewing of your mind and putting on new man divine viewpoint (Eph.4:22-24; Rom.12:2).**

"Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." (2 Cor.7:1) (2 Cor.12:20-21)

"See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled." (Heb.12:15) (James 4:8; Col.3:5-10) (Lev.11:44)

**6. Pharisaical legalism defiles old man with religious cosmos diabolicus (Matt.23:25-28).**

"That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man." (Mark 7:20-23) (Prov.23:7)