

WHAT IS PURE RELIGION?

James gives us the definition of what pure religion is in James 1:27 NASB, “**This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father, to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.**” Since God has stated that pure religion is essential to please Him ([Matthew 7:21-24](#); [Hebrews 11:6](#); [Revelation 22:14](#)), how then can we be sure our religion is pure?

Pure Religion Must Have A “Pure Object of Worship” God is light without darkness ([1 John 1:5](#)). Jesus in fending the temptations of Satan said, “You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only you shall serve” ([Matthew 4:10](#)). God himself condemned the worship of idols and false gods ([Exodus 20:3-6](#)).

Pure Religion Must Have a “Pure Sacrifice” Under the Old Testament system, animal sacrifices were to be pure, unspotted and in excellent condition. Christ, in giving of His life, is the perfect sacrifice for sin. ([Hebrews 10:10](#); [2 Corinthians 5:21](#)).

Pure Religion Must Have “Pure Doctrine” Paul stated that the gospel was “the power of God to salvation” ([Romans 1:16](#)). In [Galatians 1:6-9](#), we are warned not to preach any gospel except that which is received from God or we will be “accursed”. Paul exhorted Timothy to “preach the Word” because the time would come when many would not endure “sound” or healthy doctrine ([2 Timothy 4:1-5](#)).

Pure Religion Must Contain “Pure Worship” We are to worship God “in spirit and in truth” ([John 4:24](#)). In other words, we are to worship with the right heart and in the right way. We are to worship God according to His commands ([1 John 2:3-5](#)) and not according to our desires ([Colossians 2:19-23](#)).

Pure Religion Must Have A “Pure Institution” That institution is the church of our Lord. This is the church that Christ promised to build ([Matthew 16:18-19](#)). This is the church that Christ purchased with His blood ([Acts 20:28](#)). This is the church that has Christ as its only head ([Ephesians 1:22-23](#); [Ephesians 5:22-32](#)). This is the church that one is added to through obedience to the gospel of Christ ([Acts 2:41-47](#)).

Pure Religion Must Have A “Pure Membership” Pure members have their sins washed away ([Acts 22:16](#)). Pure members purpose in their hearts not to sin ([Daniel 1:8](#)). Pure members abstain from all forms of evil ([1 Thessalonians 5:22](#)). Pure members meditate on that which is pure and heavenly ([Philippians 4:8](#); [Colossians 3:1-2](#)). Pure members show love for Christ by keeping His commandments ([John 14:15](#)).

The pure religion of Jesus teaches us to be:

- (1) pure in heart ([Matthew 5:8](#); [1 Timothy 5:22](#)).
- (2) pure in speech ([Ephesians 4:29](#); [Colossians 3:8-9](#); [1 Peter 4:11](#)).
- (3) pure in conduct ([Matthew 5:16](#); [Philippians 1:27](#)).
- (4) pure in service ([Matthew 20:26-28](#); [Matthew 23:11](#); [James 1:27](#)).

Do we practice pure religion? If not, why not? Our Lord has given us an example to follow ([1 Peter 2:21-24](#)). Will we follow?

Mike Riley

BIRTHDAYS:

SEPTEMBER:... 23-Jimmy Kelly 23- Jay Cruz Rogers 25-Betty Jo Sullivan 26-Rita Foster

OCTOBER: 1-William Moore, 3-Barry Moore, 6-Linda Sydnor, 12-Margaret Barlowe, 14-Tim Rogers, 14-Wanda Smith, 17- Katie Lindsey, 17- Kellie Lindsey, 19-Zachary Chrisman, 19- Cailey Lanciloti , 21-Lori McClain, 23-Jacob Peevyhouse, 23-Scarlet Peevyhouse, 25-Ben Holmes, 28-Sharon Wright

ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER:... 30-Dale & Rhonda Aden **OCTOBER:** 21-Benji & Nichole Lawrence

LET TIM OR RITA FOSTER KNOW IF WE DO NOT HAVE YOU LISTED HERE ON YOUR MONTH.

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

We must hear the word of God. Romans 10:17
 We must believe the word of God. Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; Mark 16:15-16
 We must repent of our sins. Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38
 We must confess Christ before men. Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10
 We must be immersed for the remission of our sins. Acts 2:38; 22:16; I Peter 3:21
 We must live faithfully until death. Revelation 2:10; Romans 12:1-2

•THOSE TO SERVE – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER LIST IN FOYER

(Please check for your assignment and PLEASE contact one of the Deacons if you know you are going to be absent on that date).

•**SECRET SISTER FORMS IN FOYER** (See Sharon Wright if you have questions)

DATES TO REMEMBER:

•**TODAY: BABY SHOWER LUNCHEON FOR BETHANY (ADEN) DAVENPORT AFTER SERVICE AFTER SERVICE – FELLOWSHIP ROOM**
 (Registered at Target and Amazon)

- Oct. 5th, FRIDAY NIGHT - Annual Singing at Pleasant View Church of Christ (Skullbone)
- Oct. 9th-West TN Children's Home Food Truck will be here to pick up food/perishable items
- Oct. 14-17, Gospel Meeting, South Jackson Church of Christ, Bruce Hatcher, Speaker

SHUT-INS /NURSING HOME:

Martha Nell Reed, Lakeside Retirement Community, 390 Dr. Smith Lane, McKenzie 38201

Elvy Sauls Jr, Life Care of Bruceton, 105 Rowland Ave., Bruceton 38317

PRAYER REQUESTS Keith Peevyhouse has been having back trouble; Wanda Smith, Betty Hodge (Brownsville); Becky Cupples, Joe Butler; Carnell McAlister; Wanda Smith, Penny Warren; Toni Wallace; Shawn Lovelace, George Aylor; Kaffie Green Kristie Deruiter, Gary Wallace, Lacey Appleton, Christophe Dunavan, Jimmy McClain; Dwayne Bateman; Sybil Hamilton, Tom Aden, Doris Haskell, Mary Bryant, Tim Rogers, Harold Hutcherson, Charles Foster, Vicki Murphy (Lexington), Mike Lane, Ruth Bennett, Heather Harris, Chris Bowers; Aaron Sutton; Valerie Allen

CANCER: Tabitha Caviness, T. J. Goodrich; Hattie Brinkley, Billy Arnold, Brent Cox, Dan Foster, Ray Box, Denise Clemmer, Kenneth Foster, Joe Gordon, Linda Cherry; Jackie Smith, Keith Inman. Lynn Harrison, Deborah Browning, Christine Johnson, Jimmy Greene, Lalanie Murphy

(Please provide update. Names normally remain on prayer list for 1 month, unless requested to remain)

Trezevant church of Christ, 114 Church St., Trezevant, TN 38258, 731-669-3448, Tim Rogers, Minister

Services:

Sunday Morning

Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Evening: 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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MISSIONS: Partners in Africa; West TN Children's Home

SEPTEMBER '18

DATES	WEEK OF 09/02	WEEK OF 09/09	WEEK OF 09/16	WEEK OF 09/23	WEEK OF 09/30
PREPARE LORD'S SUPPER	THE SMITHS	THE SMITHS	THE SMITHS	THE SMITHS	THE SMITHS
GREET	DAVID AND PAM	DAVID AND PAM	DAVID AND PAM	DAVID AND PAM	DAVID AND PAM
POWERPOINT	JOSHUA BRASHER	JOSHUA BRASHER	JOSHUA BRASHER	JOSHER BRASHER	JOSHUA BRASHER
ANNOUNCEMENTS	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT
OPENING PRAYER SUNDAY A.M.	TIM ROGERS	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	SHERRILL SMITH	JOHN HENRY LONG	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE
LEAD SINGING SUNDAY A.M.	NICK BRAYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT
PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER	DAVID BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT
PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER	DALE ADEN	DALE ADEN	DALE ADEN	DALE ADEN	DALE ADEN
SERVE LORD'S SUPPER	STEVE FOSTER DAVID BRASHER MARK WRIGHT GREG MCCLAIN	STEVE FOSTER DAVID BRASHER MARK WRIGHT GREG MCCLAIN	STEVE FOSTER DAVID BRASHER MARK WRIGHT GREG MCCLAIN	STEVE FOSTER DAVID BRASHER MARK WRIGHT GREG MCCLAIN	STEVE FOSTER DAVID BRASHER MARK WRIGHT GRREG MCCLAIN
SCRIPTURE READING SUNDAY A.M.	MONTE PAUL MORRIS	DYLAN HOLT	JACK LAWRENCE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JACOB KEEN
CLOSING PRAYER SUNDAY A.M.	DANIEL ROGERS	NOAH BRASHER	TIM ROGERS	WILLIAM MOORE	JACK LAWRENCE
OPENING PRAYER SUNDAY P.M.	GREG MCCLAIN	JOHN HENRY LONG	DALE BALLENTINE	DALE ADEN	CHARLES WACHSMUTH
LEAD SINGING SUNDAY P.M.	DALE BALLENTINE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	DALE BALLENTINE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	DALE BALLENTINE
SCRIPTURE READING SUNDAY P.M.	JACK LAWRENCE	DANIEL ROGERS	MARK WRIGHT	NOAH BRASHER	MONTE PAUL MORRIS
CLOSING PRAYER SUNDAY P.M.	NOAH BRASHER	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	DALE BALLENTINE	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	MARK WRIGHT
OPENING PRAYER WEDNESDAY	SEPT 05 DALE ADEN	SEPT 12 TIM ROGERS	SEPT 19 DAVID BRYANT	SEPT 26 STEVE FOSTER	
LEAD SINGING WEDNESDAY	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	
DEVOTIONAL WEDNESDAY	TIM ROGERS	MARK WRIGHT	DALE BALLENTINE	STEVE FOSTER	
CLOSING PRAYER WEDNESDAY	JACOB KEEN	JOSHUA BRASHER	NOAH BRASHER	DYLAN HOLT	