**Dead to the world – James 1:27**

**Focal Truth: Believers must live in purity in an impure world**

**Observations**

1. **Every believer must live in purity in the world of sin 1:27**

*Keep oneself unstained by the world*

1. Keep oneself – **Every believer is responsible for their life of holiness**
2. Rom 12:1 – present yourself to God a living & holy sacrifice
3. 1 Pet. 1:15 – but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves in all your behavior
4. **The world of sin stains the mind & conscience 1:27 -** *Unstained by the world*
5. Unstained = spotless – **Every believer lives in the world that stains by sin**

**Every believer has been stained by sin**

1. Tit. 1:15 – to the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled **= stained** & unbelieving, nothing is pure, both their mind and their conscience are defiled = **stained – nothing is pure to those who are stained by worldly sinfulness**
2. The world of sin stains the mind

The world stains the memory

The world stains the thoughts

The world stains the will

 Tit. 1:15 – all their memories, thoughts & will are defiled

1. The world of sin stains the conscience

The world stains the emotions

The world stains the affections

The world stains the desires

1. The world of sin leaves a lasting mark on the mind & conscience of every person in the world – unbeliever& believer

Jer. 2:22 – although you wash yourself with lye and use much soap, the stain of your iniquity is before me declares the Lord

1. The stain of worldly sinful thinking produces worldly sinful ways of living

Mk. 7:20 – 23 – that which proceeds out of the mouth that is what defiles. 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 & defile the man

1. **The stains of world are washed clean through salvation in Jesus Christ Tit 3:5**

*He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit*

1. The believer is saved, born again & the stains of worldly sin are washed out of the mind& conscience

washing = bathing of the regeneration – being born again

Heb. 9:14 – how much more will the blood of Christ…cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve God

Heb. 10:22 – let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience & our bodies washed with pure water

1. The believers mind & conscience are renewed by the work of the Holy Spirit

Col. 3:10 – you have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. Consider yourself dead to worldly sin that stains your mind & conscience – Col.3:5

Col. 3:5 – consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed which amounts to idolatry

1. Salvation in Jesus Christ washes out the stains of worldly sin from your mind & conscience - Tit. 3:5

Tit. 3:5 - *He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit*

1. Daily repentance & confessing of our sins keeps us spotless in a world that stains James 1:21

James 1:21 therefore putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness

1. Daily time in God’s word renews & cleanses our minds from the stains of worldly sinfulness – James 1:21

James 1: 21 -22, 25 – therefore putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls

1. Living by God’s word will keep you spotless from the stains of sinful worldliness James 1:22,25

But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. But the one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effective doer this man will be blessed in what he does

**Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans & widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world**

**To the glory & honor of the Lord Jesus Christ – the Lord is at the door – Come Lord Jesus**