

Understanding Holy and Common, Clean and Unclean

Ezekiel 44:23 (AMP)

The priests shall teach My people - - the difference between The Holy ... and The Common, ... and teach them to distinguish {discern (nkjv)} between the (Ceremonially) Unclean ... and The Clean.

Let's Get an Understand of this Principle of Clean and Unclean

Clean defined

Hebrew

Ez. 44:23 ... Strong's H2889 - Tahowr - adjective

Pure (in a physical, chemical, ceremonial or moral sense) ... Clean ... Fair ... Pure(-ness) ... Unmixed ... Unalloyed as in pure gold

Root Word (Etymology) - - Strong's H2891 - Taher - verb

A primitive root - properly - To Be Bright ... As in (by implication) - To be Pure (Physical Sound), clear, unadulterated - - Levitically: Uncontaminated ... Morally: Innocent or Holy)

Be (make, make self, pronounce) clean, cleanse (self), purge, purify(-ier, self) ... To be clean, be pure

(Qal) - To be clean (physically of disease) ... To be clean ceremonially ... To purify ... Be clean morally ... Made clean

Leviticus 21:16-23 (TLB)

And the Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron that any of his descendants from generation to generation *who have any bodily defect may not offer the sacrifices to God.* ... 18 For instance, if a man is blind or lame, or has a broken nose or any extra fingers or toes, ... 19 or has a broken foot or hand, ... 20 or has a humped back, or is a dwarf, or has a defect in his eye, or has pimples or scabby skin, or has imperfect testicles ... 21 although he is a descendant of Aaron he is not permitted to offer the fire sacrifices to the Lord because of his physical defect. ... 22

However, he shall be fed with the food of the priests from the offerings sacrificed to God, both from the holy and most holy offerings. ... 23 But he shall not go in behind the veil, ... nor come near the altar, ... because of the physical defect; ... this would defile my sanctuary, ... for it is Jehovah who sanctifies it.”

Well, that doesn't pertain to us now - right ... That was under the Law - - We are under Grace
Romans 7:7 (TPT) The Purpose of the Law

7 So, what shall we say about all this? ... Am I suggesting that the law is sinful? ... Of course not! ... In fact, it was the law that gave us the clear definition of sin. ... For example, when the law said, “Do not covet,” it became the catalyst to see how wrong it was for me to crave what belongs to someone else. Romans 7:12 So then, we have to conclude that the problem is not with the law itself, ... for the law is holy ... and its commandments are correct ... and for our good

1 Peter 1:16 (NLT)

For the Scriptures say, “You must be holy because I am holy.”

1 Peter 2:9 (VOICE)

But you are a chosen people, ... set aside to be a royal order of priests, ... a holy nation, ... God's own; ... so that you may proclaim the wondrous acts of the One who called you out of inky darkness into shimmering light.

Matthew 5:21-24 (TPT) - - Anger

“You're familiar with the commandment that the older generation was taught, ‘Do not murder or you will be judged.’ ... 22 But I'm telling you, if you hold anger in your heart toward a fellow believer, you are subject to judgment. ... And whoever demeans and insults a fellow believer is answerable to the congregation. ... And whoever calls down curses upon a fellow believer is in danger of being sent to a fiery hell. ... 23 “So then, if you are presenting a gift before the altar in the temple and suddenly you remember a quarrel you have with a fellow

believer, ... 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar and go at once to apologize with the one who is offended. ... Then, after you have reconciled, come to the altar and present your gift.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (AMP)

23 Now may the God of peace Himself **sanctify you through and through** ... [that is, separate you from profane and vulgar things, ... make you pure and whole and undamaged ... consecrated to Him ... set apart for His purpose]; ... and may your spirit and soul and body **be kept complete** and [be found] blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

060919

Practical Definition of Clean

You are Acceptable (clean) before the Father and Fit for Spiritual (ceremonial) Service (ready / equipped) for a Particular Task / Period of Time.

Personal Illust. - - The Lord sent me to LAG on Mountain Rd ... His purpose for doing so (what He told me at that time) was to move the ministry across the river. ... Many of you here today really don't understand what that would mean to the members of LAG ... See, He gave me a particular task / period of time. ... I was acceptable - ready and equipped for that particular task at that time. ... That mission also radically changed me.

Now, that He has placed us here - He told me we are to start a kingdom movement and plant house churches ... New mission for a new time

Hebrews 12:28 (NKJV)

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, ... let us have grace, ... by which **we may serve God acceptably** ... **with reverence and godly fear.**

1 Chronicles 28:9 (TLB)

Solomon, my son, ... get to know the God of your fathers. ... Worship and serve Him ... with a clean heart and a willing mind, ... for the Lord sees every heart ... and understands and knows every thought. ... If you seek Him, ... you will find Him ... but if you forsake Him, ... He will permanently throw you aside.

Let's clear up some "Theological" Misunderstandings

Christians really don't understand what happened at their conversion nor this issue of sanctification - - In a Nut-shell

We were all born with a non-functioning spirit man

Our spirit man was dead in trespasses and in sin. ... Because of our spirit's condition it needed to be made alive.

Why? ... We are a spirit being made in the image of God. ... God originally designed us to function as "spirit-beings" here on this earth ... A person with a dead spirit is "malfunctioning" according to the original design. ... So, we need to be made alive in Christ so that we may function as originally designed.

On a side note - - Let me ask a question - - Why would a person who is now born again - - Seek the advice, council or any other form of wisdom from a "malfunctioning" human being? ... A malfunctioning human being can only help you to manage or cope in your malfunction.

1Cor. 6:1-6

Titus 3:5 (NLT)

He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, ... but because of his mercy. ... He washed away our sins, ... giving us a new birth ... and new life through the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 2:4-5 (TPT)

But God still loved us with such great love. He is so rich in compassion and mercy. ... 5 Even when we were dead and doomed in our many sins, ... **he united us into the very life of Christ** and saved us by his wonderful grace!

1 Corinthians 6:17 (TPT)

But the one who joins[welded] himself to the Lord is mingled into one spirit with him.

Now once you are born-again, your spirit has been made alive in Christ

BUT you still have work to do ... This is called the process of sanctification - - “Working out your own salvation with fear and trembling”

Let me illustrate - - Look at your body as a house filled with different rooms. ... I dare say like the temple, which it is called. ... Just like Solomon’s temple which had 99 room I believe. Now, because you were dead (a malfunctioning spirit being) your house was not maintained nor kept up properly. ... You probably had squatters occupying some of your rooms (demons) ... Your mind was trashed with ungodly filth flowing in through all the “gates” of your flesh. ... Your heart (emotions) were broken and fragmented by all the traumas you faced in life. ... Your will is wholly selfish and self-centered due to the trashing of your mind and heart ... Your body is experiencing all the effects of your malfunctioning lifestyle.

So, sanctification which is “working out your own salvation with fear and trembling” - - in a nutshell is - - Cleaning Up Your House (temple). ... You making your temple holy for the holy occupants - the Eternal God-Head ... You cleaning up all the rooms so that you are acceptable, approved, and clean for the God-Head to use to manifest His Kingdom here on earth.

Philippians 2:12 (AMP)

So then, my dear ones, just as you have always obeyed [my instructions with enthusiasm], not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence, ... **continue to work out your salvation** ... [that is, cultivate it, ... bring it to full effect, ... actively pursue spiritual maturity] ... **with awe-inspired fear and trembling** ... [using serious caution and *critical self-evaluation {with self-doubt}*] ... to avoid anything that might offend God or discredit the name of Christ].

Ephesians 2:10 (TPT)

We have become His poetry, ... **a re-created people that will fulfill the destiny He has given each of us**, ... for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. ... **Even before we were born**, ... **God planned in advance our destiny** ... and the good works we would do to fulfill it!

Re-new my Mind

Romans 12:1-2 (TPT)

Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God's marvelous mercies? ... I encourage you to surrender yourselves to God ... to be His sacred, living sacrifices. ... And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights His heart. For this becomes your genuine expression of worship. ... **2 Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you**, ... but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. ... This will empower you to discern God's will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes.

Guard my Heart

Proverbs 4:23 (TPT)

So above all, ... guard the affections of your heart, ... for they affect all that you are. ... **Pay attention to the welfare of your innermost being**, ... for from there flows the wellspring of life.

Three Steps to Emotional Healing

1. Identify the painful emotion that is associated with the negative event
2. Ask the Lord to remove the painful emotion from your soul (heart)
3. Ask the Lord to heal the wound that the painful emotion caused in your soul (heart)
4. Think about the event again. ... If another emotion surface then repeat the process until all negative emotions are gone and you are at peace in your heart

Submit your Will

James 4:7 (NKJV)

Therefore, **submit to God**. ... Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

How do you submit to God and resist the devil?

Romans 6:11 (TPT)

So, let it be the same way with you! Since you are now joined with him, ... **you must continually view yourselves - - as dead and unresponsive to sin's appeal** ... while living daily for God's pleasure in union with Jesus, the Anointed One.

Discipline your Body

1 Corinthians 9:27 (AMPC)

But [like a boxer] **I buffet my body** [handle it roughly, discipline it by hardships] and **subdue it**, for fear that after proclaiming to others the Gospel and things pertaining to it, ... **I myself should become unfit** ... [not stand the test, **be unapproved and rejected** as a counterfeit].

How do I pull all this Off? ... How do I work out my salvation in a transformational way?

Zechariah 4:6 (NLT)

Then he said to me, "This is what the Lord says to Zerubbabel: It is not by force ... nor by strength, ... but by my Spirit, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies.

Luke 24:49 (TPT)

And I will send the fulfillment of the Father's promise to you. ... So, stay here in the city ... **until the mighty power of heaven falls upon you and wraps around you.**"

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

But **you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you**. ... And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Ephesians 4:25-32 (TPT)

So, discard every form of dishonesty and lying so that you will be known as one who always speaks the truth, for we all belong to one another. ... 26 But don't let the passion of your emotions lead you to sin! Don't let anger control you or be fuel for revenge, not for even a day. ... 27 Don't give the slanderous accuser, the Devil, an opportunity to manipulate you! ... 28 If any one of you has stolen from someone else, never do it again. Instead, be industrious, earning an honest living, and then you'll have enough to bless those in need. ... 29 And never let ugly or hateful words come from your mouth, but instead let your words become beautiful gifts that encourage others; do this by speaking words of grace to help them. ... 30 The Holy Spirit of God has sealed you in Jesus Christ until you experience your full salvation. ... **So never grieve the Spirit of God ... or take for granted his holy influence in your life.** ... 31 Lay aside bitter words, temper tantrums, revenge, profanity, and insults. 32 But instead be kind and affectionate toward one another. Has God graciously forgiven you? Then graciously forgive one another in the depths of Christ's love.

Unclean defined

Hebrew

Ez. 44:23 Unclean ... Strong's H2931 - tame' - - adjective

Foul in a religious sense ... Defiled ... Infamous ... Polluted(-tion) ... Unclean. ... Impure - ethically and religiously ... Ritually of places

Root Word (Etymology) from Strong's (H2930) - Tame' - verb

A primitive root - **To Be Foul** - Especially in a ceremonial or moral sense (contaminated) ...

Defile (self) ... Pollute (self) ... Be (make, make self, pronounce) unclean

to be unclean, become unclean, become impure

(Qal) - To be or become unclean - sexually; religiously; ceremonially

(Niphal) - To defile oneself ... Be defiled - sexually; by idolatry; ceremonially ... To be regarded as unclean

(Piel) - To defile - sexually; religiously; ceremonially ... To pronounce unclean, declare unclean (ceremonially) ... To profane (God's name)

(Pual) - To be defiled

(Hithpael) - To be unclean

(Hothpael) - To be defiled

Practical Definition

You are Unacceptable (unclean) before the Father and Unfit for Spiritual (ceremonial) Service (not ready nor equipped) for a Particular Task / Period of Time.

Unclean does not necessarily mean sinful. ... It can mean sinful depending on the context in which it is being used in a particular portion of the Scripture. ... But unclean clearly means unfit for service unto the Lord. ... We see the term “ceremonially unclean” used many times in Scripture. ... Ceremonially unclean means unfit for service unto the Lord for a particular purpose at a particular time.

Leviticus 12: 1-5 (NLT) Purification after Childbirth

The Lord said to Moses, ... 2 “Give the following instructions to the people of Israel. ... If a woman becomes pregnant and gives birth to a son, ... she will be ceremonially unclean for seven days, ... just as she is unclean during her menstrual period. ... 3 On the eighth day the boy’s foreskin must be circumcised. ... 4 After waiting thirty-three days, she will be purified from the bleeding of childbirth. ... During this time of purification, ... she must not touch anything that is set apart as holy. ... And she must not enter the sanctuary until her time of purification is over. ... 5 If a woman gives birth to a daughter, ... she will be ceremonially unclean for two weeks, ... just as she is unclean during her menstrual period. ... After waiting sixty-six days, she will be purified from the bleeding of childbirth.

1 Chronicles 22:6-10 (VOICE) compare with 1 Chronicles 17

6 Then David called for his son, Solomon, and instructed him to build a house for the Eternal God of Israel.

David: 7 My son, I had intended to build a house honoring the reputation of the Eternal One my God, ... 8 but the Eternal spoke to me.

“The blood on David’s hands makes him ritually impure to build a holy structure and house like the Jerusalem temple.”

Eternal One: You have shed much blood and waged great wars, ... My Wars. ... But because of your conquests and the amount of blood you spilled on My behalf, ... you will not build a house honoring My reputation. ... 9 You will have a son named Solomon, who will be a man of rest. He will not fight wars for Me—I will give him rest from all his enemies on every side. I will give peace and quiet to Israel during his reign.

“The name “Solomon” has a similar spelling and sound to Shalom, the word for “peace.”

10 He will build a house honoring My reputation, a place where I shall dwell and where your people will worship Me. He will be My son and I will be his Father. I will establish his kingdom as My representative of My rule in Israel forever.

