

**HOW CAN WE KNOW IF WE ARE SAVED?
HAS YOUR HEART BEEN CLEANSED?
Matthew 5:8**

I. THE CONTEXT REVIEWED:

- A. The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)
- B. The beatitudes so far (5:1-7)
 - 1. What does blessed mean in this context?
 - 2. Who are the blessed?

II. REALIZE THE SAVED (BLESSED) WILL HAVE A CLEANSED (NEW) HEART (5:8a)

A. THE BLESSED HAVE HAD THEIR HEARTS CLEANSED IN CHRIST (5:8a, Misc passages)

- 1. **We must ACKNOWLEDGE OUR NEED OF CLEANSING:** Man has a defiled, deceitful, sinful heart, which separates him from a Holy God (various Scriptures)

- 2. **We must ACCEPT GOD'S PROVISION OF CLEANSING,** repenting of sin and trusting in Christ (various Scriptures)

B. GOD CONTINUES TO CLEANSE THE HEARTS OF THE BLESSED IN CHRIST (5:8a, Misc passages)

C. WHEN THE BLESSED SEE CHRIST WE WILL BE ETERNALLY CLEANSED (5:8a, Misc passages)

III. REJOICE IN THE RESULT: The blessed will see God (5:8b)