

How we purge ourselves of anything that blocks our relationship with God?

Where exactly “in me” does Jesus live?

John 14:16–17; John 14:23; John 1:12

* Paul speaks of the inner self and the outer self: 2 Corinthians 4:16

The inner man is made up of two components: spirit and soul 1 Thess 5:23; Heb 4:12

* Within the spirit being of man lives our God consciences. Our soul is the drive of our spirit: our volition, our direction, our ambitions.

* Where does Jesus, and the Father in connection with the Holy Spirit live?

* He resides in very center of our spirit self.
“the sanctuary of the center.”

* All relational sin starts with fear.

*** We must see our sins before we can purge ourself from our sins.**

* The easiest way to see our sin is to look honestly at the way we relate to others, to ourself and to God.

* If we are not open to seeing what’s wrong and if we are not motivated by holy desire to love God and others we will not be able to deal with our sins.

*** We must abandon ourselves to holiness.**

Holiness is not first and foremost about doing or not doing bad deeds. It is about abandoning ourselves to be WHOLLY the Lords. Therefore sin is putting anything in the center of my life except Christ.

* **Sin** is valuing something more than God.

* **Relational sin** is anything we do for the primary purpose of getting something for ourselves rather than trusting God to provide for our needs.

* The fact that we do not often see our sin as relational shows up in the way we confess our sins.

* We tend to confess and lament the deed that we have done but ignore the relational issue attached to the deed.

* When we focus on the deed, our sorry is most likely not a Godly sorry. It is a sorry that we can’t do the deed with out struggling with guilt.

“We must come to see that our health, our family’s health, our marriage, our ministry, our bank account, even whether our children are walking with God, are all second things in comparison to the first thing of knowing God, of enjoying Him and trusting Him and serving him and becoming more like Him.”

~ Larry Crabb The PAPA Prayer